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Osteoporosis Canada's Scientific Advisory Council

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### Lindy Fraser Award 2021

Osteoporosis Canada's Scientific Advisory Consultants and Osteoporosis Canada would like to announce this year's Lindy Fraser Award winner as chosen by the members of the SAC.

Osteoporosis Canada established this award in 1993 to recognize individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the field of osteoporosis research and education in Canada. The award is named in honour of Lindy Fraser, who in 1981 at the age of 87, started the first self help group for people with osteoporosis. She herself was an inspiration to others as she shared her struggle to get out of bed, into a wheelchair, then to walk again with a cane. In 1982, she answered a call from a small group in Toronto to take part in the first national symposium on osteoporosis. That appearance was the spark that gave rise to Osteoporosis Canada.

This year's award winner has shown immeasurable dedication and determination in the collaborative effort to achieve the common vision of Canada without osteoporotic fractures. We cannot think of a more deserving individual.



Sid Feldman is a community family physician affiliated with the North York Family Health Team. He also works as attending physician in the Toronto Central LHIN Behaviour Support Unit at Baycrest for residents with behavioural symptoms of dementia. His academic and administrative roles at Baycrest include Medical Director, Home for the Aged, Executive Medical Director Residential and Aging at Home Program and Chief, Family and Community Medicine. Dr. Feldman is an Associate Professor and Head, Division of Care of the Elderly in the Department of Family and Community

Medicine, University of Toronto and serves as the Chair of the Health Care of the Elderly Committee, College of Family Physicians of Canada.

Sid has been an active member on many SAC committees including the executive, the guidelines and the knowledge translation committees. He also chairs the CPG Fracture Risk Assessment working group. He also recently received the 2021 Department of Family and Community Medicine (DFCM) Award of Excellence as the Academic Family Physician of the Year from the University of Toronto.

Join me in congratulating Dr. Sid Feldman!



#### **SAC Award Winners**

#### 2021 U of T DFCM Award of Excellence Winners

Dr. Sid Feldman recently received the 2021 Department of Family and Community Medicine (DFCM) Award of Excellence from the University of Toronto as the **Academic Family Physician of the Year. Congratulations Sid!** 

## Osteoporosis Canada Awards

At the recent OC AGM, several SAC members were honoured with the following awards:

#### BackBone Awards

The purpose of the Backbone Award is to recognize those volunteers who, through their actions, efforts and ideas, have made a significant impact to the success of Osteoporosis Canada.

- Dr. Nota Klentrou
- Dr. Wendy Ward
- Shelly Hagen.
- Dr. Teri Charrois

#### **Eleanor Mills Inspiration Award**

The purpose of the Backbone Award is to recognize those volunteers who, through their actions, efforts and ideas, have made a significant impact to the success of Osteoporosis Canada.

- Dr. Bill Leslie
- Dr. Suzanne Morin

#### Volunteer of Distinction Award

Volunteer of Distinction Award honors an exceptional individual who has made outstanding contributions to Osteoporosis Canada and who has provided ongoing, exceptional leadership in numerous capacities within the organization while acting as a catalyst for change.

This year Dr. Sandra Kim is the recipient of the Volunteer of Distinction Award.

#### **New SAC Members**

#### Miranda Boggild

Dr. Miranda Boggild is a Clinician-Teacher in the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism at University Health Network and Sinai Health System (UHN-SHS) and Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto. She completed her medical training at the University of Toronto and has a Master of Science in Community Health, focusing on Health Practitioner Teacher Education from U of T School of Public Health. She is the Education Director for Endocrinology at UHN-SHS and an Education Lead for the Osteoporosis Program at UHN. She has a clinic focus in metabolic bone disease and has published on the topics of osteoporosis and medical education.



#### Genevève Mailhot

Pr. Geneviève Mailhot is a Registered Dietitian, a Full Professor in the Department of Nutrition at the University of Montreal and an independent investigator at the CHU Sainte-Justine Research Center in Montreal, Quebec. She completed a PhD (2004) studying the influence of calcium and vitamin D deficiency on liver and bone metabolism at the CHUM Research Center in Montreal. She then moved to the University of Massachusetts Medical School to complete postdoctoral studies in skeletal and growth plate cartilage biology, from 2004 to 2006. She moved back to Montreal to complete a second postdoc at the Research Center CHU Sainte-Justine in cystic fibrosis. She conducts basic and clinical research primarily focused on bone health, vitamin D and/or cystic fibrosis along a translational continuum from the study of basic mechanisms to clinical practice and back to basic. Other research



interests include nutritional challenges in lung transplant candidates and recipients and cystic fibrosis comorbidities, such as bone disease and diabetes.

#### Josée Villeneuve

Dr. Josée Villeneuve is a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine at Université Laval where she completed her internal medicine residency program in 1991. She completed a postdoctoral advanced course in internal medicine from the Harvard School of Medicine in 1994. She established her practice at the Centre de l'Ostéoporose et de Rhumatologie de Québec.

Her focus over the last twenty years has been in osteoporosis. She has participated as a co-investigator in multiple clinical trials supervised by Dr. Jacques Brown, a Canadian authority in metabolic bone diseases. These trials led to the development of the main treatments now available for patients suffering from osteoporosis. She has also collaborated in the training of family physicians to facilitate the management of osteoporosis in Quebec City.

