



Dr. Harvey Chochinov: Winner of the 2015 Eduardo Bruera Award in Palliative Medicine

The Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians is pleased to award Dr. Harvey Chochinov with the 2015 Eduardo Bruera Award in Palliative Medicine. This award recognizes a physician who has made a difference, demonstrating excellence in the field of Palliative Medicine. It honors the achievements of Dr. Eduardo Bruera and is a celebration of his legacy during his tenure as Director of Alberta's Palliative Care Program.

Dr. Harvey Chochinov is a distinguished Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Manitoba and Director of the Manitoba Palliative Care Research Unit, Cancer Care Manitoba. His contributions to the field of palliative care have been recognized widely in the international sphere. He holds the only Canada Research Chair in Palliative Care and has been carrying out research in palliative care since 1990. Both the practice of medicine and our society in general have benefitted from Dr. Chochinov's scientific curiosity about the nature of "dignity" and the elucidation of the determinants of dignity conserving care. His influential publications addressing psychosocial dimensions of palliation have helped define core-competencies and standards of end-of-life care. He has over 200 publications to his name, is the Co-Editor of several books, and the author of *Dignity Therapy: Final Words for Final Days*, which was the 2012 winner of the American Publisher's Association Prose Award for Clinical Medicine.

Dr. Chochinov is a kind and generous person who shares his knowledge, his expertise, his challenges and his entire self with patients, their families, his colleagues and society at large. He is an excellent, encouraging teacher and works collaboratively with others from every discipline. He has been a guest lecturer in most major academic institutions around the world. He has been the recipient of many awards for his work in palliative care including the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's Award for Excellence in Scientific Research (2010), the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology's Lifetime Achievement Award (2010) and Officer of the Order of Canada (2014).

Congratulations to Dr. Chochinov for his excellent scientific contributions, his generous and encouraging teaching and his wholehearted service to the palliative care community.

