



### **Dr. Doris Barwich: Winner of the 2018 Eduard Bruera Award in Palliative Medicine**

The Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians (CSPCP) is pleased to award the 2018 Eduardo Bruera Palliative Medicine Award to Dr. Doris Barwich. This peer-nominated award is named in honour of Dr. Eduardo Bruera and was created to recognize contributions in the field of Palliative Care. It is awarded jointly by the CSPCP and the Division of Palliative Care Medicine at the University of Alberta. This year, the award focused on outstanding administrators/leaders.

Dr. Barwich is an exemplary leader and administrator. In addition, she has many notable achievements in the areas of clinical palliative medicine, research, and palliative medicine education. Here are just a few examples of her administrative accomplishments:

- As founding Executive Director of BC Center for Palliative Care (2014-present), Dr. Barwich was tasked with establishing a Centre of Excellence for palliative care in British Columbia by the Institute for Health System Transformation and Sustainability. The Centre started with an initial investment of \$2 million dollars, and under her leadership has attracted additional funding to improve access to hospice spaces and person-centred care and resources in BC. The Centre coordinates various networks and communities of practice that have developed tools and resources to promote integration of a palliative approach to care and innovation in Advance Care Planning as well as a provincial Compassionate Communities initiative that oversees 68 different projects in 48 diverse communities throughout BC.
- As a CSPCP Board member from (2007- 2015) and CSPCP President from 2012-2014, Dr. Barwich revitalized the CSPCP during a time when the CSPCP was faced with many challenges and opportunities. Using her skills in motivation and collaboration, she established goals and time lines, developed processes, and helped the CSPCP generate observable outcomes. Dr. Barwich lobbied for the Board to hire an executive director and administrative assistant, a key move that propelled the Society into a high-functioning, productive group that we continue to build on today.
- As inaugural Program Medical Director for the Fraser Health Authority End of Life Care Program (EOLC) (October 2001 to March 2014), Dr. Barwich worked with Director, Carolyn Tayler to develop this internationally-acclaimed regional, population-based program with ten (10) palliative care consult teams in all 12 communities, 106 hospice beds, 3 palliative complex care units (30 beds), and 24/7 coverage through the development of an After Hours Nurse Line in association with the Medical On-call Availability Program (MOCAP). She successfully negotiated with the BC Ministry of Health for expanded funding and improved remuneration for palliative care consultants in Fraser Health as well as development of Clinical Practice Guidelines, and the Fraser Health Palliative Care Symptom Guidelines (2006) available on internet and used world-wide. She and her team also developed an ACP program with tools and resources that have been adapted world-wide (2004-2014), led the development of Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) and implementation of ACP/MOST policy across Fraser Health (2010 -2014).

Dr. Barwich has been an influential contributor and leader on many committees, working groups, steering committees, and advisory bodies throughout her career. In addition, she has many notable achievements in the areas of clinical palliative medicine, research, and palliative medicine education. Her work has directly and indirectly benefitted hundreds of palliative medicine professionals and hundreds of thousands of Canadians and their families. We are grateful for her sustained and lasting contributions to palliative care delivery, policy, education, advocacy and research.