

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Ross Feldman, Hypertension Canada founding President, appointed to the Order of Canada

Markham, Ontario (January 17, 2019) – Hypertension Canada celebrates the appointment of its founding president Dr. Ross Feldman, as Member of the Order of Canada for his leadership in the prevention and control of hypertension in Canada.

Dr. Feldman was instrumental to Hypertension Canada's establishment, and to the inaugural Canadian Hypertension Congress in 2011, having served as co-chair through 2018. Among past leadership positions, Dr. Feldman served as President of the Canadian Hypertension Society, and as the first Chair of the Canadian Hypertension Education Program, now the Hypertension Canada Guidelines.

The major focus of Dr. Feldman's accomplished research career has been in the prevention and control of hypertension in Canada, and specifically in the knowledge translation of optimal treatment approaches for hypertension management. His clinical research focuses on hypertension management, specifically the development of innovative strategies to improve blood pressure control, and his fundamental research explores the mechanisms in the development of hypertension and atherosclerosis, especially related to identifying the determinants of heart disease in women. Dr. Feldman is presently the Director of the Cardiac Sciences Program, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and Professor of Medicine University of Manitoba.

His leadership and research contributions were recognized with Hypertension Canada's Distinguished Service Award in 2006 and the George Fodor Award in 2010. Dr. Feldman presently serves on Hypertension Canada's Awards and Guidelines Committees, and as Vice-Chair on Research Policy Committee.

"I'm honoured to be included among the ranks of astronauts, giants of industry, and the Tragically Hip," Dr. Feldman said. "There are only about 3,000 living Canadians in the Order of Canada, so it's very humbling."