



Dr. Diane Lacaille

Dr. Lacaille is Professor and Mary Pack Chair in Arthritis Research in the Division of Rheumatology at the University of British Columbia, and Senior Research Scientist at Arthritis Research Canada.

Dr. Lacaille's research focuses on two areas: 1) Studying the impact of arthritis on employment and preventing work disability, and 2) Evaluating the quality of health care services received by people with rheumatoid arthritis, using a population-based cohort of rheumatoid arthritis for British Columbia. Building on her research on employment and arthritis, she has developed the first comprehensive program specifically designed to prevent work disability in employed people with inflammatory arthritis. This program enhances self-management of problems encountered at work due to arthritis and modifies risk factors for work disability.

In 2013, Dr. Lacaille was the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal for making significant contributions in research and bringing credit to Canada.



Dr. Cheryl Barnabe

Dr. Cheryl Barnabe is a Métis rheumatologist with a graduate degree in Clinical Epidemiology. She is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Community Health Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary. Dr. Barnabe's research program, 'Arthritis Care for Indigenous Populations', is defining the burden of rheumatic disease afflicting the Indigenous populations of Canada, while co-developing promising health services interventions to bridge care gaps that exist. She also performs epidemiologic research in Rheumatoid Arthritis outcomes as impacted by lifestyle and environmental exposures.

Dr. Barnabe has received several national awards, including a CIHR New Investigator Award and a CIHR Foundation Scheme Award (2015-2020), and the Canadian Rheumatology Association Young Investigator Award (2014). She was also named to Calgary Avenue Magazine's Top 40 Under 40 Class of 2015.