

Dr. Linda Li

Dr. Li is Professor and Harold Robinson / Arthritis Society Chair at the Department of Physical Therapy, University of British Columbia, and Senior Research Scientist at Arthritis Research Canada. She holds a Canada Research Chair in Patient-oriented Knowledge Translation.

Dr. Li's research focuses on understanding the help-seeking experience of people with arthritis, evaluating the use of models of care, and more recently, studying the experience and benefits of patient engagement in research. She collaborates with digital media experts to create and evaluate online tools, such as patient decision aids for promoting shared-decision making and interactive programs to support an active lifestyle. In 2015, Dr. Li was awarded the Distinguished Scholar Award by the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (a division of American College of Rheumatology) for her achievements in scholarly activities pertinent to arthritis and rheumatic diseases.

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.