

Research Seminar Series

Dalla Lana School of Public Health

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Cancer prevention or cancer treatment? Insights from a high risk registry

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Canada Research Chair in Breast Cancer

Seminar Description:

The impact of genetic testing on the risk of cancer in women with BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations can be measured in Ontario. The talk discusses the potential benefit from a provincial high risk genetic screening program and compares this to the potential benefit from individualised treatment.

Guest Speaker Biography:



Dr. Steven Narod received degrees in mathematics and medicine from the University of British Columbia in 1975 and 1979. He specialized in Community Medicine, and received his FRCPC from the University of Ottawa in 1987. He spent his last year of residency training at U of T in 1986 under the supervision of Dr. Tony Miller. He completed a one year clinical fellowship in medical genetics at the Hospital for Sick Children (1988). On the recommendation of Dr. Miller, he completed a two-year research fellowship in cancer genetics at the International Agency for Research in Cancer (IARC) in Lyon (1988-1990). When in Lyon, he teamed up with Dr. Gilbert Lenoir of IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) and Dr. Henry Lynch of Creighton University, Omaha; to spearhead a program designed to identify the hereditary basis for familial breast cancer. This work led to the identification of BRCA1 in 1994 and BRCA2 in 1995. He returned to Canada as an assistant professor in Medical Genetics at McGill University from 1990 to 1995. In 1995, he accepted the position of Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Chair in Breast

Cancer Research at the University of Toronto and Women's College Hospital. He has remained in Toronto since that time. He was promoted to Professor in 2000 in Public Health Sciences (now the Dalla Lana School of Public Health) and he is a senior scientist at the Women's College Research Institute. Throughout his research career, he has focused on establishing the scientific basis and clinical management of familial cancer syndromes.

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