HONOURABLE DUSTIN DUNCAN, MINISTER OF HEALTH

Dustin Duncan was elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the constituency of Weyburn-Big Muddy in a hotly contested by-election in June of 2006. In 2007, prior to entering Cabinet, he served as the Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies. In 2009, Premier Brad Wall appointed him to the Saskatchewan Cabinet as Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport followed by appointments as Minister of Environment, Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation and Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated in 2010 and most recently as Minister of Health in 2012. Dustin grew up in Halbrite, Saskatchewan and graduated from the Weyburn Comprehensive High School in 1997. He continued his education at the University of Regina completing an undergraduate degree in Canadian History followed by studies in economics and financial securities through the Canadian Securities Course.

SANJ SINGH, CEO AdeTherapeutics and Vice Chair Emerging Companies Advisory Board, BioteCanada, Board of Directors, BioteCanada

Sanj Singh is the current President & CEO of AdeTherapeutics Inc. and a member of the Board of Directors for BIOTECanada. Sanj received his Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Business of Administration from the University of Saskatchewan with a focus in BioTechnology, Corporate Finance, and Marketing & International Business. Mr. Singh is one of the co-chairs for the Health Opportunities Committee at the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce and also sits on the Board of Directors.
DAVE DUTCHAK, FORMER CEO MD AMBULANCE

Born and raised in Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan, Dave was following in the footsteps of his father (Mike) when he started his career in emergency medical services. He has been involved in EMS in Saskatoon since 1979 and recently retired as the President and CEO of M D Ambulance Care Ltd.

Throughout his career, Dave has been involved in a number of professional associations. His past involvement with the Saskatchewan Emergency Medical Services Association includes serving a term as president. He is also a board member of Canadian Paramedic Chiefs of Canada.

In May of 2007 became president of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. Active in community affairs and committed to working within his community to improve the economic position of the province, Dutchak has played a significant role in the past as a board member for the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce where he supported his Team in the launch of the Heart Safe Program involving the establishment of over 200 Business sites in the Saskatoon area.

As well, he served a term as president of the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce and is currently a co-chair for the Health Opportunities Committee. He was also the past chair of the Saskatoon Planning Commission and was a board member on Saskatchewan Prevention of Handicaps and was a board member of the Saskatoon Prairie-land Park.

COREY MILLER, SASKATOON HEALTH REGION

Corey Miller joined the Saskatoon Health Region senior leadership team as Vice President Integrated Health Services in February 2014. Over the past 22 years, Corey held several different roles within Saskatoon Health Region including Manager of Medical Imaging, Director of Medical Imaging and Nuclear Medicine Services and Director of Practitioner Staff Affairs.

Corey holds a Medical Radiation Technologist designation, is a graduate of Health Care Administration through the University of Saskatchewan, as well as a Master’s in Business Administration from the University of Regina. Corey is actively involved with The Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce – Health Opportunities Committee and Community service initiatives throughout Saskatoon. Corey has a passion and deep commitment for building the health-care system in Saskatchewan.
DAN FLORIZONE, SASKATOON HEALTH REGION

Dan Florizone became President and Chief Executive Officer of Saskatoon Health Region on January 5, 2015. Raised in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, he earned a Bachelor of Commerce (with Honours in Health Care Administration) from the University of Saskatchewan and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Regina.

Dan has amassed 25 years of Saskatchewan healthcare experience and served as Saskatchewan Deputy Health Minister (2008-2013), CEO of the Five Hills Health Region (2003 to 2008), CEO for Moose Jaw-Thunder Creek Health District, the South-East Health District (Estevan and area), CEO Canora-Invermay-Norquay, and CEO of Wilkie Union Hospital. He has also been Chair of Saskatchewan's Health Quality Council and served on the board of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute and Mental Health Commission of Canada.

DR. JENNY BASRAN, INNOVATOR, LECTURER, GERIATRICIAN, AND MEDICAL PANEL MEMBER, CADTH, MEDICAL DEVICES DIVISION

As one of only 200 certified geriatricians in Canada, and the only Royal College certified geriatrician in Saskatchewan, Dr. Jenny Basran was named physician of the year by the Saskatchewan Medical Association in 2015. Dr. Basran is also the clinical co-lead for the Emergency Department Wait Time and Patient Flows project. As a professor and practicing geriatrician, Dr. Basran brings a clinical and academic perspective to the “Turning the Table” panel.
“Imaging the Future”

DR. IVAR MENDEZ, FRED H. WIGMORE PROFESSOR AND UNIFIED HEAD OF SURGERY, DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY, UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN AND SASKATOON HEALTH REGION

Dr. Ivar Mendez is the Fred H. Wigmore Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Department of Surgery, at the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Health Region, Canada.

Dr. Mendez is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the American College of Surgeons. As a Clinician/Scientist, Dr. Mendez is world-renowned for his work in the area of brain repair, stem cells, functional neurosurgery and robotics. He has pioneered the use of remote presence devices to deliver health care to underserviced populations in remote regions of the world.

Dr. Mendez was recognized for his humanitarian activities by receiving the Paul Harris Fellowship Award, the Dr. Gerald and Gale Archibald Medical Humanities Award and the Dr. John Savage Award in International Health.

In 2010, Dr. Mendez received the Canadian Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year award and in 2011, the Health Canada Award for Contribution to the Improvement of the Health of Canadians. Dr. Mendez was named one of 10 most Influential Hispanic Canadians for his clinical research and humanitarian contributions and in 2012 was awarded The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal.

Dr. Mendez will be present on “Imaging the Future” following the Key Themes and Introductions on the Morning of Oct. 20.

“Around the World in 80 Minutes”

DR. KELLY EMERTON, PhD, SENIOR DIRECTOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, CLEVELAND CLINIC

Dr. Kelly Emerton, the Senior Director of Product Development at the Cleveland Clinic will be presenting as part of Around the World in 80 Minutes. With a BSE, MS, and PhD in Biomedical Engineering, Dr. Emerton uses her experience in the medical device industry towards the development and commercialization of cardiovascular technology. Dr. Emerton also has a background working across Medtronic business units and regulatory approvals for Class III implantable and combination-product devices for orthopedic and endovascular therapy indications.

Dr. Kelly Emerton will be joining us at the Health Conference to discuss how the Cleveland Clinic is commercializing innovation, including transforming surgeon’s ideas into products. Dr. Emerton will also talk about success stories from the Clinic.
KURT GIELEN, BRIGHTLANDS CHEMELOT CAMPUS, LIMBURG INNOVATION OFFICE, NETHERLANDS

Focusing on Biomedical Materials, Kurt Gielen is the Acquisition Manager for Biomedical Materials at Brightlands Chemelot Campus. He has a master in biochemistry with 15 years of experience in Sales, Marketing, and General Business Management. The Biomedical Materials team is responsible for future development of Brightlands Chemelot Campus in the areas of regenerative medicine, tissue engineering, medical coatings, polymer implants and drug delivery systems.

Mr. Gielen will present as a part of Around the World in 80 Minutes to discuss the Smart Materials in the Netherlands.

JASON DING, EXECUTIVE-IN-RESIDENCE & PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE TEC HEALTH ACCELERATOR, TEC EDMONTON

As the Executive-in-Residence and the Program Director of the TEC Health Accelerator, Jason Ding is responsible for managing the activities of the TEC Health Accelerator with a focus on working with Alberta Health Services and relationships with multi-national strategic partners. Jason Ding is a graduate of the University of Alberta and is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Business Valuator with expertise in the Technology industry. In 2011, Jason founded his company, H2 Technology Consulting Inc., a technology consulting firm that focuses on helping early stage technology start-up companies in the areas of strategy, finance and accounting, purchase and sale transactions, licensing or alliance deals and equity/debt financing.

Jason Ding will be presenting as a part of Around the World in 80 Minutes a long side Brian Bloom of Bloom Burton Investment Banking in Toronto. The main focus of their presentation will be the Edmonton Innovation Project. Brian and Jason have built a health ecosystem for health innovation in Edmonton over the last 3-5 years. The system in Edmonton is modelled after that used in Toronto.
BRIAN BLOOM, PRESIDENT, HEAD OF INSTITUTIONAL SALES & CAPITAL MARKET ACTIVITIES, BLOOM BURTON & CO

Brian Bloom is the co-founder of Bloom Burton & Co, an Investment Banking Firm that works with institutions looking to invest in the healthcare sector, as well as healthcare companies and organizations who seek advice and capital. Brian serves as the President and Head of Institutional Sales and capital market activities. Brian received an Honors Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from McMaster University and studies at the Mount Graduate School for Biological Sciences of New York University with a focus in molecular endocrinology and biophysics. Before founding Bloom Burton & Co, Brian spent time in Equity research groups at Dundee Securities, a New-York based merchant banking firm, SCO Group, and was an investment banking analyst at M&A advisory firm, Molecular Securities.

Brian Bloom will be presenting as a part of Around the World in 80 Minutes with Jason Ding from TEC Edmonton. Mr. Bloom helped develop a health ecosystem in Edmonton, modelled after the system in Toronto.

DR. MUHAMMED HUSSAIN, HEAD OF THE CLEVELAND CLINIC STROKE PROGRAM

Dr. Hussain is the Head of the Cleveland Clinic Stroke Program. He attended Medical School at the University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine and completed his Residency in Neurology at the University of Alberta Hospital. He then went on to do a fellowship in Vascular Neurology at the University of Alberta Hospital and a fellowship in Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology at the Cleveland Clinic.

Dr. Hussain will be a part of Around the World in 80 Minutes and will be doing a 15 minute presentation that will include the discussion of Stroke Awareness in Saskatchewan.
“Simplifying Complexity with Technology”

DR. DAVID DELANEY, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER & HEAD OF US HEALTHCARE TEAM, SAP

David Delaney, MD is the Chief Medical Officer and head of the US healthcare team at SAP. He is charged with building and leading SAP’s strategic plan for healthcare in the Americas. Before joining SAP in 2011, Dr. Delaney was the Chief Medical Officer at MedAptus, a privately held provider of revenue cycle management solutions and was responsible for business development and product management solutions and successfully developed two new products.

Dr. Delaney holds a BA from Wheaton College, and received his medical degree from State University of New York, Syracuse. His postgraduate medical education was completed at Harvard Medical School, including residency training in Internal Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre, the Harvard Combined Fellowship in Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine, and a Harvard/National Library of Medicine Fellowship in Medical Informatics.

Dr. Delaney will be speaking at the 2020 Health Visions Conference on the morning of the 20th. His presentation will be Simplifying Complexity with Technology.

“Homegrown Successes”

DALE KELLY, PRESIDENT & CEO, POS BIO-SCIENCES

Dave Kelly is the President & CEO of POS Bio-Sciences, a contract R&D/Scale-Up Organization that specializes in the extraction, fractionation, modification and purification of bio-based ingredients. Mr. Kelly received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from McGill University and has his Agriculture Diploma and Adult Education Certificate in Adult and Continuing Education and Teaching.
GARRY DERENOSKI, PRESIDENT & CEO, IRC INNOVATIVE REHABILITATION CONSULTANTS

Garry is the President and CEO of IRC Innovative Rehabilitation Consultants. Garry founded IRC in 1998 in Saskatoon, filling a void in the vocational rehabilitation field. His foresight into what the industry required has led to IRC being one of the leading service providers in Western Canada. He expanded the company rapidly to include offices and services in Prince Albert, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary and British Columbia. Garry has eighteen years experience in the insurance industry, as well as an additional nine additional years in the vocational rehabilitation field and holds the designations of Chartered Insurance Professional and Registered Rehabilitation Professional. He previously served on the board of The Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation for the Brain Injured. With IRC Innovative Rehabilitation Consultants being two-time recipients at the SABEX Awards, Garry Derenoski will be a part of Homegrown Successes.

“New Kids on the Block – Powerhouse Institutes in our Backyard”

DR. KISHOR WASAN, DEAN, COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND NUTRITION, U OF S

In addition to his role as Dean of College of Pharmacy and Nutrition at the University of Saskatchewan, Dr. Wasan will also be a tenured full professor. Wasan has extensive involvement in the development of new research and educational programs and has published over 480 peer review articles and abstracts in top journals. He has demonstrated success in leading research initiatives through his 19 years of independent research at UBC. Wasan completed his undergraduate pharmacy education at the University of Texas at Austin, and a PhD in Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology from the University of Texas Medical Centre in Houston, Texas. Dr. Wasan has been a practicing pharmacist in both the retail and hospital settings and still maintains a pharmacist license from the State of Texas.

Dr. Wasan will be the moderator for New Kids on the Block: Powerhouse Institutes in our Backyard, as well as on the “Dragon's Den” panel for NextGen.
Dr. Robert Lamb became the Executive Director of the Canadian Light Source in August of 2014. With PhDs in chemistry and physics from the Universities of Melbourne and Cambridge, Dr. Lamb is also a tenured professor in the U of S Department of Chemistry. Before his role as Executive Director at the Canadian Light Source, Dr. Lamb served as the chair of the CLS’s Scientific Advisory Committee and was the founding Director of the Australian Synchrotron.

Dr. Maurice Moloney, CEO & Executive Director, Global Food Security Institute

Prior to becoming the CEO and Executive Director at the Global Food Security Institute, Dr. Moloney was the Director and Chief Executive Officer of the world’s oldest and Europe’s largest agricultural research centre – Rothamsted Research. This UK-based Institute is a world leader in food security, agricultural sustainability and the adaptation of agriculture to the consequences of both climate change and fossil fuel depletion.

He was the founder of SemBioSys Genetics Inc, based in Calgary, and served as the company’s president from 1994-1998 and then as Chief Scientific Officer from 1998-2010. He held a Dow AgroSciences-Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Industrial Research Chair in plant biotechnology from 1995 until 2003. Dr. Moloney also spent fifteen years as a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Calgary pursuing research on seed-specific gene expression, herbicide resistance, recombinant protein production and the plant cell cycle.

Previously, he was the head of the Cell Biology Group at Calgene Inc., where he developed the first transgenic oilseed plants using Canola as the target. This resulted in a landmark patent in plant biotechnology and eventually became the basis of RoundUp Ready® and Liberty Link® Canola, which now commands more than 90% of the Canola acreage in Canada, a market of more than $200 M per annum.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Imperial College, London, Associateship of the Royal College of Science and was awarded his doctorate in plant biochemistry from De Montfort University/Leicester Polytechnic in the United Kingdom. He was honoured by the University of Lethbridge with a D.Sc. honoris causa in 2004, by De Montfort University in 2011 and by Lancaster University, U.K. in 2013.
Dr. NEIL ALEXANDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SYLVIA FEDORUK CANADIAN CENTRE FOR NUCLEAR INNOVATION

Dr. Neil Alexander has been the Executive Director of the Fedoruk Centre since July 2014. Prior to that, he served in a number of senior executive roles in the Canadian nuclear industry, including: President and General Manager of Rolls-Royce Civil Nuclear Canada, President of the Organization of CANDU Industries, and as Vice-President of Business Development with SNC-Lavalin Nuclear.

With a Ph.D. in metallurgy from the University of Birmingham (UK), Dr. Alexander has a broad experience of the renewable energy and nuclear industries that includes biomass power, nuclear power, radioisotope production and management of radioactive wastes. He has been a long-term and active promoter of the benefits of nuclear power as a sustainable approach to managing some of the world's most significant environmental challenges.

DR. BRIAN GRAHAM, PRESIDENT & CEO, LUNG HEALTH INSTITUTE OF CANADA

Dr. Brian Graham is the current President & CEO at the Lung Health Institute of Canada and a Professor Emeritus in the Division of Respirology, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Graham received his Bachelor of Engineering in Engineering Physics, his Master of Science in Control Engineering, and his PhD in Biomedical Engineering, all from the University of Saskatchewan.