



## **Two distinguished stroke champions named as the 2021 Hnatyshyn and the Louise and Frank Nieboer lecturers.**

*Heart & Stroke, the Canadian Stroke Consortium and the Canadian Partnership for Stroke Recovery are proud to announce that Halifax stroke neurologist Dr. Stephen Phillips is to deliver the 2021 Hnatyshyn Lecture, and patient advocate Ms. Jennifer Monaghan is to give the inaugural Louise and Frank Nieboer Lecture*



Canada's two most prestigious and impactful annual stroke lectures will take place virtually this year in conjunction with the Ottawa Stroke Summit on Friday, November 26, 2021 starting at 1600 hours EST.

**Dr. Stephen Phillips** has been selected by his peers as the 2021 Ramon J. Hnatyshyn Lecturer in stroke. He is currently a Professor of Medicine in Neurology at Dalhousie University and the Medical Director of the Central Zone Stroke Program of the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

Dr. Phillips is a highly respected leader and mentor who has been instrumental in creating and advancing stroke systems of care in Canada over the past three decades, leading to better treatment and outcomes for people with stroke and their families.

As the first co-chair of Heart & Stroke's *Canadian Stroke Best Practice Recommendations*, Dr. Phillips has been committed to driving evidence-based stroke care and ensuring that the recommendations gained and sustained the momentum needed to drive world-class stroke care in Canada. He was also one of the founding members of the Canadian Stroke Society, the forerunner of the Canadian Stroke Consortium, enabling ground-breaking stroke research, mentorship and training for the coming generation of stroke experts.

Dr. Phillips talk is entitled "*The Stroke Revolution: A Personal Perspective.*"

The Hnatyshyn Lecture was established in 2003 in memory of Canada's 24<sup>th</sup> Governor General, a founding board member of the Canadian Stroke Network and a strong advocate and supporter of stroke research.



Patient advocate Jennifer Monaghan of Kelowna, BC, has been named the inaugural Louise and Frank Nieboer Lecturer. Since experiencing a stroke at age 43 in 2012, Ms. Monaghan, a parent of two, active community member and former lawyer, has been fully committed to improving the journey and experiences of others facing similar challenges. Jennifer has been passionately engaged in advocacy to address social, geographic and gender inequities in stroke care, including raising awareness of the disparities in stroke outcomes for women. She is a peer facilitator for the Heart & Stroke Living with Stroke program, providing education and support with compassion and empathy. She is a hospital peer stroke visitor which has connected her to other patients and caregivers in her community, and she openly shares sage advice as a member of the Heart & Stroke community of survivors.

Jennifer has represented people living with stroke as a voice of lived experience in the UK Big Beat Challenge research competition, has co-hosted webinars and participated as a speaker at conferences. She has touched so many people and brought hope and light when it is needed most.

The Louise and Frank Nieboer lecture was established this year to recognize people affected by stroke who have used their personal experiences to actively improve the journey for others. It is named in honour of Calgary's Louise and Frank Nieboer, tireless advocates for stroke patients and families for more than 30 years and members of the Canadian Stroke Network Board and Canadian Stroke Strategy steering committee.

Dr. Patrice Lindsay, Director of Health Systems at Heart & Stroke, said they are thrilled to be able to recognize two outstanding individuals who have raised the quality of stroke coordination, care and support to world-class levels here in Canada. Their selfless passion and commitment are shining models for others to follow.

The lectures will take place as part of the Ottawa Stroke Summit on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There is no charge to register for these lectures. The registration link and further information will be forthcoming. We encourage everyone in the stroke community to join us for this special event.

More information on the virtual Ottawa Stroke Summit, which is 2021's go-to educational event in stroke, can be [found here](#).