

DR. MICHAEL A. BAKER: A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

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Dr. Michael Baker, Charles H. Hollenberg Chair in Medicine, is Physician-in-Chief of the University Health Network and Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

In recent years, Dr. Baker has assumed a leadership position in the field of Patient Safety in Hospitals and in April 2007 he was appointed Provincial Lead for Patient Safety and Quality for the Wait Time Strategy of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Dr. Baker's career interests have included cancer research, medical and research administration, and an ongoing consulting practice for patients with blood diseases or cancer.

Dr. Baker's research has focussed on the diagnosis and treatment of acute leukemia. He has chaired cancer research committees for the Medical Research Council of Canada, the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation (Cancer Care Ontario), the Alberta Cancer Board, and the National Cancer Institute of Canada. He served as President of the National Cancer Institute of Canada for three years and as a Board Member of the Canadian Cancer Society for five years. He is currently a Board Member of the Toronto General and Western Foundation and Toronto Medical Laboratories. His scientific contributions include more than 100 publications in leading journals.

In 2001, Dr. Baker created and chaired the Patient Safety Council for University Health Network. He went on to lead the award winning computerized physician order entry program for UHN and as of May 2008, he has been appointed by the Minister of Health as Executive Lead - Patient Safety in Ontario.

Dr. Baker is the recipient of several prestigious awards including The Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada and The Queen Elizabeth Golden Jubilee Medal. He is the inaugural Charles H. Hollenberg Chair in Medicine at University Health Network and in 2005 was elected Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

On a personal note, Dr. Baker's outside interests include music and tennis. His wife Barbara is a nurse, homemaker and volunteer. His son Jeff is a lawyer living in Toronto, with his wife Debra, also a lawyer, and their daughters Mara and Leah. His daughter Jillian is a doctor living in Toronto with her husband Victor, also a doctor, their son Gabriel and daughter Camilla.