



Dr. Rogers Prize

— for excellence in —
COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

MEDIA RELEASE

Two Recipients Share \$250,000 Dr. Rogers Prize for Excellence in Complementary and Alternative Medicine

*Award celebrates the perseverance and innovation of
Canadian pioneers in integrative oncology and environmental medicine*

Vancouver, BC (September 22, 2023): In a surprising turn of events, an independent jury of medical experts has awarded this year's **Dr. Rogers Prize for Excellence in Complementary and Alternative Medicine** to two recipients.

Dr. Linda E. Carlson of **Calgary, Alberta** and **Dr. Stephen J. Genuis** of **Edmonton, Alberta** will share the \$250,000 Dr. Rogers Prize. The winners were announced at a gala award dinner held Thursday evening in Vancouver, BC.

Dr. Carlson is a visionary clinician and internationally known scholar whose passion and dedication to the field of integrative oncology has been a catalyst for systems change in cancer care worldwide. Her research in Psychosocial Oncology, Integrative Oncology, and Mindfulness-Based Cancer Recovery has been published in many high-impact journals and she is the author of over 250 research articles and book chapters, as well as two books on mindfulness. Dr. Carlson has dedicated her career to building a bridge between complementary therapies and conventional oncology care, as both a researcher and a clinician within the cancer care system. She holds the Enbridge Research Chair in Psychosocial Oncology in the Department of Oncology, Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary and serves as Director of Research and a Clinical Psychologist in the Department of Psychosocial Resources at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre (TBCC).

Dr. Genuis is a pioneer in the field of environmental medicine who has shown tireless commitment in the exploration of alternative modalities. His primary research, focused on clinical toxicology and the impact of environmental toxicants on human health, has introduced a new paradigm of treatment for those suffering from chronic illness. He has authored over 115 scientific publications in over 50 different peer-review medical journals including *Lancet*, *British Medical Journal*, *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, *Public Health*, and *Environmental Research*. He believes that the provision of health care is a vocation from the heart and is often the doctor of last resort for individuals in dire health. He is board certified in both Obstetrics and Gynecology as well as in Environmental Medicine and is a Clinical Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Alberta.

Founded in 2007, the \$250,000 Dr. Rogers Prize for Excellence in Complementary and Alternative Medicine highlights the important contributions of complementary and alternative medicine to health care. Funded by Vancouver's Lotte and John Hecht Memorial Foundation, the Prize is awarded every two years and is the largest of its kind in the world.

The Dr. Rogers Prize recognizes those who embody the same level of vision, leadership and integrity as that of the late Dr. Roger Hayward Rogers. Among the first physicians to provide nontraditional therapies for cancer patients, Dr. Rogers was appointed to the Order of British Columbia in 2001 in recognition of his groundbreaking work.

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PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

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- Dr. Abram Hoffer (2007)
- Dr. Hal Gunn (2009)
- Dr. Badri Rickhi (2009)
- Dr. Marja Verhoef (2011)
- Dr. Sunita Vohra (2013)
- Dr. Heather Boon (2015)
- Dr. Dugald Seely (2017)
- Dr. Bonnie Kaplan (2019)
- Dr. Linda Rapson (2021)
- Dr. Gregor Reid (2021)

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