

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT... AN ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL DEBATE ON OPTIMAL CARDIORENAL PROTECTION OF PATIENTS WITH OR WITHOUT DIABETES  
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**Alice Y.Y. Cheng, MD, FRCPC**

Dr. Cheng is an Endocrinologist at Trillium Health Partners and Unity Health Toronto and an Associate Professor at the University of Toronto. She has been involved with the development of the Diabetes Canada clinical practice guidelines since 2003 and served as Chair for the 2013 version. Currently, she is the Chair of the Professional Section of Diabetes Canada and an Associate Editor for the Canadian Journal of Diabetes.

In recognition of her contribution, she has received the national Charles H. Best Award and the Gerald S. Wong Service Award from Diabetes Canada. She is also the creator of The Med Ed Pledge – an initiative to increase Diversity & Inclusion in continuing medical education ([www.theMedEdPledge.com](http://www.theMedEdPledge.com)).



**Louis-Philippe Girard, MD, MBT, FRCPC**

Dr. Louis Girard joined the Division of Nephrology at the University of Calgary in July of 2010. He is a Nephrologist and Clinical Associate Professor. Within the Division of Nephrology, Dr. Girard focuses on clinical immunology and infectious diseases in chronic kidney disease patients. He is the medical director of the Glomerulonephritis Clinic and the Medical Director of Apheresis. Furthermore, he has developed a multi-disciplinary rare diseases clinic that operates out of the Southern Alberta Renal Program.

In addition to patients with GN/Vasculitis, this clinic focuses on patients with complement dysregulation, Tuberous Sclerosis and ADPKD. Dr. Girard has a strong clinical research interest. He is currently the local primary investigator on numerous global trials in glomerulonephritis and vasculitis. Dr. Girard has a strong commitment to education and has won numerous awards for his teaching contributions at all levels of medical training.



**Jacob Udell, MD, MPH, FRCPC**

Dr. Udell is a Cardiologist and Clinician-Scientist at Women's College Hospital and the Peter Munk Cardiac Centre at the University Health Network and an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He and his group's focus is in the conduct of large observational studies and clinical trials testing strategies and treatments for primary and secondary prevention of ischemic heart disease and heart failure. As a co-PI, national lead investigator, or steering committee member, he has recently published the INVESTED randomized controlled trial, which investigated the cardiovascular benefit of a high-dose versus usual-dose influenza vaccine; as well as the SCORED trial, studying sotagliflozin in patients with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease.

Currently he is the co-PI of a CIHR SPOR Innovative Clinical Trial Grant testing a provincial report card strategy on primary care performance measures for cholesterol management and also a co-lead of the international, multicentre EMPACT-MI trial, testing the early use of an SGLT2 inhibitor in high-risk heart attack patients to prevent the onset of heart failure.



**Steve Wong, MD, FRCPC**

Dr. Steve Wong completed his MD degree at the University of Calgary. He joined the Internal Medicine residency program at the University of British Columbia and completed a fifth year in the General Internal Medicine Fellowship with a focus on perioperative medicine.

Dr. Wong has developed a number of courses and initiatives aimed at bridging technology, evidence-based medicine and

clinical practice in close collaboration with the UBC Division of Continuing Professional Development (UBC CPD). He is currently the Medical Director for "This Changed My Practice" ([www.thischangedmypractice.com](http://www.thischangedmypractice.com)) -- a free, web-based educational resource for BC physicians at UBC CPD. The site won the Royal College award for Innovation in Medical Education as well as the CFPC Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program Award.

Currently in practice in Vancouver at the Seymour Clinic and in Richmond, BC as a General Internist, Dr. Wong's clinical interests include hypertension, lipids, cardiology and global management of diabetes. He also attends on the clinical teaching unit at VGH and has trainees 12 months a year integrated into all of his practice environments.