



Carolyn Brown, PhD Head, Department of Medical Genetics, UBC Faculty of Medicine/PHSA



The University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Carolyn Brown as Head, UBC Department of Medical Genetics effective February 16, 2011 to June 30, 2016. In this partnership role, Dr. Brown has also been appointed Head, Provincial Health Services Authority Department of Medical Genetics at BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre.

Dr. Brown is a human geneticist with an interest in gene regulation, chromosomal structure and epigenetics. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Genetics at the University of Guelph in 1983 and received her PhD in Medical Genetics from the University of Toronto in 1990. During her PhD and subsequent postdoctoral work she spent time at both Stanford University and Case Western Reserve University before joining the UBC Faculty of Medicine in 1994.

At UBC, Dr. Brown has been active in graduate student mentoring, serving from 2002 to 2009 as the Chair of the Medical Genetics Graduate Program. In 2008, she was the recipient of the Killam Teaching Prize.

Dr. Brown is also the Research Team Leader of the interdisciplinary group on Molecular Epigenetics at the UBC Life Sciences Centre. The principal focus in her research lab is to understand the X-chromosome inactivation, the process by which one of the two X chromosomes in women is shut off early in development and is then maintained quiescent throughout life, thereby achieving dosage equivalence with males who have only a single X chromosome.

As Head of the Department of Medical Genetics, Dr. Brown will provide leadership in promoting excellence and scholarship in education, research and service. In this partnership role, she will also be responsible for providing leadership to the Provincial Medical Genetics Program.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Brown to this new role.

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