



Announcement of 2023 MacNaught-Taillon Leadership Award Recipient Vivek Goel, MD

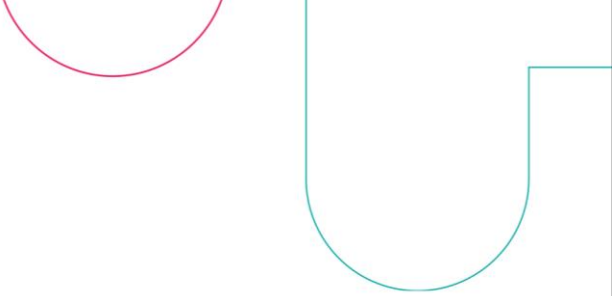
May 3, 2023 (Ottawa): The Canadian Health Leadership Network (CHLNet), Healthcare Excellence Canada and [eHealth 2023](#) (hosted by Canada Health Infoway, Canadian Institute for Health Information and Digital Health Canada) are pleased to announce the 2023 recipient of the [MacNaught-Taillon Leadership Award \(M&T award\)](#): Vivek Goel, MD, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Waterloo.

Established in 2008, this award honours the outstanding and lasting contributions of Don MacNaught and Serge Taillon to the Canadian health care system. Previous winners include: Jennifer Zelmer (2020), Brian Postl (2017), Les Roos (2014), Richard Alvarez (2011), and Denis Protti (2008). A national committee selects this award's recipient with an endowment allowing for the award to be given every three years.

The award is accompanied by a \$1,500 bursary to an emerging health leader as selected by the M&T award winner. This year, the recipient is Ashley Cid, a PhD Student in the School of Pharmacy at the University of Waterloo. The formal presentation will be made May 28-30th at [eHealth 2023](#) in Toronto, Ontario.

Vivek Goel, MD, is Professor Emeritus at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. He is a distinguished scholar with an extensive teaching, research and university administration background. He obtained his medical degree from McGill University, completed post-graduate medical training in community medicine at the University of Toronto, obtained a master's (MSc) in community health from the University of Toronto and a master's (MS) in Biostatistics from Harvard University School of Public Health. His research has focused on health services evaluation and the promotion of the use of research evidence in health decision-making.

He joined the University of Toronto in 1991 as Assistant Professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biostatistics. He was Chair of the Department of Health Administration in the Faculty of Medicine from 1999 until 2001, then served as Vice-Provost, Faculty and subsequently was the University's Vice President and Provost from 2004 until 2008. He was a founding scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES), where he continues as an Adjunct Senior Scientist. He served as founding President and CEO of Public Health Ontario from 2008 until 2014, where he was highly successful in building an academic public health services agency that provided scientific and technical advice to front-line practitioners. He then served as Chief Academic Strategist with Coursera, a global platform that connects universities and learners with online courses. He returned to the University of



Toronto as Vice-President, Research and Innovation, and Strategic Initiatives and served in that role from 2015-2020.

He has extensive experience in governance and has served on many non-profit boards. During the COVID-19 pandemic he was a member of the Federal COVID-19 Immunity Task Force, Chair of the Expert Advisory Group on the development of a Pan-Canadian Health Data Strategy, and Scientific Advisor for CanCOVID, the national research platform for COVID-19 research. He is also a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and a Member of the Order of Canada.