

## **Dr. Murray Urowitz, *University of Toronto***

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Dr. Murray Urowitz received his M.D. from the University of Toronto in 1963. He completed his post-graduate training in rheumatology at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore and at the University of Toronto in 1965-1969. He was a staff rheumatologist at the Wellesley Hospital in Toronto from 1974 to 1987 and Physician in Chief from 1987- 1995. He has been a senior staff rheumatologist at the Toronto Western Hospital and Senior Scientist at the Toronto Western Research Institute since 1995. He is currently Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto and Director of the Centre for Prognosis Studies in the Rheumatic Diseases and the University of Toronto and the Lupus Clinic at the Toronto Western Hospital.

Dr. Urowitz established the University of Toronto Lupus Clinic and Lupus Databank Research Program 1970. This extensive longitudinal database is one of the largest such databanks in the world with over 1500 patients and has allowed for numerous findings which have changed the way lupus is diagnosed and managed. Dr. Urowitz has published over 270 peer-reviewed papers and 40 book chapters. He has supervised the training of over 100 fellows in rheumatology especially in SLE.



His teaching excellence is exemplified by his having won the outstanding clinical teacher award in the medical school for a remarkable 8 times and he was the Associate Dean of Post-graduate Medical Education with the University of Toronto between 1995 and 2005. This life long commitment to medical education has resulted in his being the recipient of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada 2004 Duncan Graham Award.

Dr Urowitz was a founding member of the Ontario Lupus Association (now Lupus Ontario). He was president of the Lupus Council of the American Rheumatology Association. He was a founding member of the Systemic Lupus International Collaborating Clinics (SLICC) group and currently directs the SLICC Registry for Atherosclerosis. In 1995 he was the recipient of the Distinguished Rheumatologist Award of the Canadian Rheumatology Association and in 2009 he was recipient of the Evelyn V. HESS Award for outstanding contributions to lupus research, awarded by the Lupus Foundation of America. He has been an invited speaker around the world.

