

2007 FRONTIERS IN RESEARCH AWARD



Dr. Martin Gleave
Director, Prostate Centre at VGH

Dr. Martin Gleave, Director at the Prostate Centre at VGH heads the PC-TRIADD (Prostate Centre's Translational Initiative for Accelerated Discovery and Development) team, contributing tremendously to the research and fight against prostate cancer, one of the leading causes of death in North American men. Dr. Gleave's major research focus involves the study of cellular and molecular mechanisms affecting progression of prostate cancer to its lethal stage of androgen independence, and use of this information to develop new and more efficient therapies that specifically target these mechanisms. PC-TRIADD aims to comprehensively and rapidly characterize progression-related changes in gene expression, and to translate this into human trials of new drugs targeting these changes. Through PC-TRIADD, Dr. Gleave has raised more than \$50M in peer-reviewed grant funding and helped create one of the world's most comprehensive prostate cancer research facilities.

"Dr. Gleave is a truly unique and outstanding individual in Canadian medicine. He combines the roles of clinician, scholar, researcher, and educator at the highest possible level. He is, in my opinion, the most productive clinician scientist in the field of Urology in the world."

Laurence Klotz, MD, Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre

Dr. Gleave is also the Founder & CSO of OncoGenex, a company focused on leveraging partnerships between universities and industry to facilitate translation of preclinical observations into the clinic. In addition, he is an active member of the Division of Urology and is considered one of the best surgical educators in the country. Since 1994, Dr. Gleave has facilitated over 60 research or equivalent grants and has received numerous awards and citations for his accomplishments. He has over 200 refereed publications, over 100 abstracts and seven approved patents with 91 pending. Dr. Gleave is a skilled surgeon, talented scientist, teacher and superb critical thinker who has made significant contributions to medical science.

For his enormous strides in the fight against prostate cancer, BC Innovation Council awards Dr. Martin Gleave the 2007 Frontiers in Research Award.

Award background

The Frontiers in Research Award recognizes an individual or small team whose innovative research contributions have led to major new advances in scientific or technological knowledge.

Previous Recipients

- 2006 Luciana Duranti, University of British Columbia
- 2005 Mario Pinto, Simon Fraser University
- 2004 Terrence Snutch, University of British Columbia
- 2002 Jeff Young, University of British Columbia
- 2001 Colombo Bolognesi & Dr. Simon Watkins, Simon Fraser University
- 2000 Douglas Bonn, University of British Columbia
- 1999 Verena Tunnicliffe, University of Victoria
- 1998 Ian Affleck, University of British Columbia
- 1997 Indira Samarasekera, University of British Columbia
- 1996 Judith Hall, University of British Columbia