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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## Faculty of Medicine

### Department of Surgery

# The 23<sup>rd</sup> W.B & M.H. Chung Research Day

October 16, 2017

All are welcome to attend this annual research day of the UBC Department of Surgery

**Paetzold Auditorium, VGH**

**Abstract Deadline: August 31, 2017**

Prizes will be awarded for the best presentation in Basic Science, Clinical and Educational Research.  
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### Keynote Speakers



**Dr. Michael Tymianski, Head of UHN's Division of Neurosurgery and Senior Scientist at the Krembil Research Institute**

A world-renowned neurosurgeon and neuroscientist, Dr. Tymianski holds a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Translational Stroke Research and was recently inducted into the Order of Canada. He has received multiple academic awards, and funding from the National Institutes of Health, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario and the Canadian Stroke Networks.

For the last two decades, Dr. Tymianski has dedicated his research to understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying stroke and possible therapies for cerebral protection. His efforts led to the discovery of the drug called NA-1 which has the potential to protect the brain from the effects of stroke. NA-1 is currently in Phase III clinical trials in humans.



**Dr. Wendy Lai, President of Mèdecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) Canada**

Dr. Lai is a specialist in Emergency Medicine at Humber River Hospital in Toronto. She earned a biochemistry degree with great distinction from McGill University, a medical degree from the University of Western Ontario and studied Family Medicine at the University of Toronto. Dr. Lai has worked in remote communities of the Canadian North delivering medical care to First Nations.

Involved with MSF since 2006, Dr. Lai has worked in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as a medical doctor and as the medical team leader in a maternity hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She returned to work in post- earthquake Haiti and, most recently, served in the Central African Republic as the medical team leader for a secondary health care project. For Dr. Lai, assisting disadvantaged populations has been a natural extension of her passion for medicine and interest in social justice.