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The Canadian Cancer Society proudly presents

O. Harold Warwick Prize

The O. Harold Warwick Prize is given to a scientist whose research has had a major impact on cancer control in Canada.

The prize is named after Dr Warwick, a pioneering researcher in cancer control and treatment,

who became the first executive director of both the former National Cancer Institute of Canada and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Dr Michael Pollak

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Dr Michael Pollak's research focuses on cancer metabolism and the connection between insulin and insulin-like growth factor activity in cancer development.

In 1998, Dr Pollak published a landmark paper which showed that the risk of prostate cancer varies with the level of insulin-like growth factors (IGFs).

This and his further work describing the influence of insulin and IGFs on certain cancers have made Dr Pollak a world leader in this area.

He is active in both clinical and translational research and has used his findings to initiate clinical trials of novel agents related to growth factor targets.

He has several ongoing projects to develop new cancer therapies and cancer prevention strategies.

His research interests are broad, and include fundamental work in cellular molecular biology, translational science, prevention research and clinical studies.

Dr Pollak is the Director of the Division of Cancer Prevention of the Department of Oncology and Medicine at McGill University and is a medical oncologist at the Jewish General Hospital.

He has published more than 300 research papers and collaborates with leading cancer research groups worldwide.

Dr Pollak is a sought-after speaker and presenter at major cancer research meetings and participates on many national and international committees.

His strength as a cancer research ambassador relates to his ability to link the human challenges of cancer care to the research community.

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