Profile – Dr Jill Hayden, DC, PhD

Dr. Jill Hayden DC, PhD is the profession’s newest Chiropractic Research Chair and will shortly take up the CCRF/CIHR Chair at the Toronto Western Research Institute. Currently, Dr. Hayden is a Scientist at the Centre for Research Expertise in Improved Disability Outcomes (CREIDO) at University Health Network Rehabilitation Solutions housed at the Toronto Western Hospital.

As well, Dr. Hayden is a Scientific Associate in the Division of Health Care and Outcomes Research, Toronto Western Research Institute.

Dr. Hayden was based at the Institute for Work & Health from 1999 to 2006, while working on her PhD in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Toronto under Dr. Claire Bombardier. Dr. Hayden’s research experience and expertise includes prognostic research, systematic review methods and musculoskeletal health, specifically low back pain. Her current work at CREIDO focuses on prognosis research and the development of prognostic models for disability outcomes in low back pain. She has been the recipient of many training and achievement awards.

In addition, she is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto.

Among her many research interests, Dr. Hayden is interested in working toward a new Cochrane Prognosis Methods Group with a small international group which includes recognized experts in the area. This methods group will support the development of methods for systematic reviews of prognosis, and the use of prognostic information in Cochrane reviews of interventions and diagnostic tests.

Current university-based Research Chairs now include: Dr. Greg Kawchuk DC, PhD at the University of Alberta, Dr. Mark Erwin DC, PhD at the University of Toronto, Dr. Jean-Sébastien Blouin DC, PhD at the University of British Columbia, Dr. Martin Descarreaux DC, PhD at Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, and Dr. Jill Hayden DC, PhD at the Toronto Western Research Institute, University Health Network. The next university-based Chiropractic Research Chairs and Professorships will be announced in the coming months.

This new 5 year award alone, represents an investment of $550,000 in chiropractic researchers and chiropractic research. It is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation (CCRF) and the Canadian Chiropractic Association.

Congratulations to Dr. Hayden!