



The Toronto Whiff of Grape

Dr. Robert H. Hyland

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Dr. Robert Hylton Hyland graduated in [Medicine](#) from the University of Toronto in 1973. He then completed his postgraduate training in Internal Medicine and Respiriology in Toronto and Winnipeg. He returned to the University of Toronto in 1978 and was appointed on staff at the [Wellesley Hospital](#) at that time. He remained on staff at the Wellesley Hospital until 1998. During that time, he became Chief of the Division of Respiriology and Critical Care Medicine and eventually Physician-in-Chief. After the amalgamation of the Wellesley Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital in 1998, Dr. Hyland became Associate Physician-in-Chief at St. Michael's Hospital, Chief of the Division of Respiriology and Medical Director, Respiratory and Medical Services of the [Inner City Health Program](#).

In 1999, Dr. Hyland was appointed Physician-in-Chief, a position he held for two terms until stepping down in February 2010. During his tenure, he was instrumental in making St. Michael's the place it is today. Dr. Hyland was an essential ingredient in making the merger with Wellesley a success and a pivotal force in growing and strengthening the best of what St. Mike's does - teach, innovate and heal. Under his leadership, Medicine has grown to 122 staff physicians. It has become the first or second choice for residents, and research grants have grown tenfold. Bob participated in the [2009 Urban Angels Mission to the Philippines](#), the most successful to date, and enjoyed it so much [he went again](#) on [this year's mission](#) on Feb. 19 to ensure its continued success.

Other positions Dr. Hyland has held include a brief stint as a biology master at [Upper Canada College](#), as President of the [Ontario Thoracic Society](#) and the [Canadian Thoracic Society](#) as well as Governor for the Province of Ontario for the [American College of Chest Physicians](#). He was honoured with the [Wightman Professorship](#) of the [Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada](#) in 2002 and the [Council Award for being the Ontario's "Ideal Physician" in 2008](#) from the [College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario](#).

He will now undoubtedly continue to make a big difference in his new role as Medical Director of Philanthropy for the [St. Michael's Hospital Foundation](#) with a mandate to enhance the links between the organization and its fundraising arm. He also continues to have a consultant practice in [Respirology](#) and to be involved in clinical research in the [Specialized Complex Care](#) program.

Dr. Bob, as he is affectionately known, having just returned from the Philippines and China, will share some personal anecdotes of his experiences as a clinician, an educator, a researcher and an administrator in the field of medicine, as he has worked to produce better health outcomes for all.