

## SPEAKER PROFILES

GERIATRICS / PALLIATIVE CARE UPDATE 2010

ALASKA: JULY 10-17, 2010

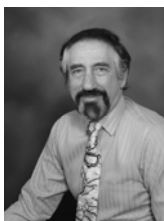


**Dr. Lynne Beattie**

***Geriatric Medicine***

Professor Emeritus, Division of Geriatric Medicine, Department of Medicine, UBC

Dr Beattie graduated from the UBC Medical School and has specialty qualifications in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. She has been active in development of the specialty of Geriatric Medicine in Canada, and is the past President of the Canadian Geriatrics Society and the American Geriatrics Society. In addition to teaching, clinical and administrative duties, Dr. Beattie has participated in a number of research studies over the years and has related publications. She has participated in the peer review process for the CIHR, the Alzheimer Society of Canada and other organizations.



**Dr. Melvyn Sterling**

***Palliative Care Medicine***

Melvyn Sterling is a Master of the American College of Physicians, a Fellow of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care Physicians, a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California Irvine and the Medical Director of the Palliative Care Team at St Joseph Hospital.

He was named the Outstanding Voluntary Clinical Teacher of 2006 by the American College of Physicians.

He was the Founding Chair of the Palliative Care Task Force at UC Irvine, where he established one of the first programs in palliative care in an American medical school. He is board certified in internal medicine and hospice and palliative medicine.

He was one of the first to be certified as an Instructor in the Education of Physicians in End of Life Care.

He served as Chair of the End of Life Care Curriculum Committee of the California Medical Association when it developed its program to respond to the state mandate on Pain and End of Life Care education for physicians.

Dr Sterling spent four years as an enlisted man in the US Navy.

He received his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from Northrop University. He spent the next five years at the University of Chicago working on mathematical models of biological systems and analog computer programs to assist in medical research and clinical applications.

He attended medical school at the University of Chicago and, after graduation, moved to the University of California, Irvine, for postgraduate training. He subsequently spent 5 years there as the Chair of Emergency Medicine and Director of the Poison Center before leaving to establish his private practice.

From 1991 – 2005, he also served as the Medical Director of the Orange County Visiting Nurse Association's Hospice Program.

Doctor Sterling has held many posts in professional organizations. He is the Immediate Past President of the California Chapter of the American College of Physicians and Past Chair of the American Medical Association's Council on Science and Public Health. He continues to Chair the Internal Medicine Section of the California Medical Association's Council on Scientific Affairs where he also serves on its Pain Section. He represented the California Medical Association on the American Medical Association's National Summit on Pain in 2009.

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**Dr. Erica Frank**

***Physician's Health***

Erica Frank, MD, MPH, is a Professor in the Departments of Health Care and Epidemiology and Family Practice at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, and a Tier I Canada Research Chair. She is also Founding Director of Health Sciences Online (creating a virtual health sciences university), President of Physicians for Social Responsibility, and the Research Director for the Annenberg Physician Training Program in Addiction Medicine.

Following a transitional internship at the Cleveland Clinic, she was residency (Yale, 1990) and fellowship (Stanford, 1993) trained, and also board certified, in preventive medicine. Her major research theme is physicians' personal and clinical prevention habits. She is Principal Investigator of the Women Physicians' Health Study, a national questionnaire-based study of 4,501 women M.D.s, and the first large study of their personal and professional characteristics, yielding more than fifty publications. Dr. Frank is also Principal Investigator of the "Healthy Doc – Healthy Patient" project, a national (17 medical school) study of the effect of encouraging medical students' healthy behaviors on their personal and clinical prevention habits.



**Dr. Benjamin Burko, MD**

***Practice Management***

Dr. Burko is a Pediatrician at Montreal Children's Hospital/McGill University Health Centre. He is currently active in the Emergency Department on a part-time basis. He is also Pediatric Medical Director, and President of Tiny Tots Medical Centre, the largest privately held pediatric ambulatory care facility in Canada. His responsibilities include Practice Manager for 26 physicians and overseeing the e-business strategy for the center. In addition, Dr. Burko is the VP of Research and Software Development for the Timing Software Corporation, creating innovative, integrated self-serve healthcare administration tools.



**Gregory Hilderman CFP, CLU, CHFC**

***(Wealth Management)***

Greg Hilderman has been a partner in G2 Financial Partners since 1989. A Certified Financial Planner, Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant, Greg has practiced comprehensive financial planning since 1981. He has been a specialist in retirement, tax and estate planning since 1987.

Greg is a founding member of the Conference for Advanced Life Underwriting (CALU) and is the past president of the local organization of the Canadian Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He has also served as a member of the Retirement Planning Steering committee in Ottawa.

Greg has been instrumental in reshaping how numerous physician groups are compensated, focusing on improving their current and future lifestyles. He has worked on formulating changes to provincial, federal and corporate pension plans to provide enhanced benefits to members. Some of the groups Greg has worked with include neo-natologists, radiologists, thoracic surgeons, neurologists and oncologists in Western Canada, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.