



**DR. LAURA HAWRYLUCK TO RECEIVE
THE 2017 MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY AWARD**



The Medico-Legal Society of Toronto is pleased to announce that Laura Hawryluck is to be the recipient of the 2017 Medico-Legal Society Award. This award is the highest expression of esteem which the Society can convey and is intended to honour those members of the Medical, Legal or Scientific community who have made a significant contribution to their profession as well as either to the Society or the community at large, and whose contributions are consistent with the values of the Society.

LAURA HAWRYLUCK received her MD in 1992 from the University of Western Ontario, her Fellowship in Critical Care at the University of Manitoba in 1997, and her MSc in Bioethics in 1999. From 1999-2001 she was Assistant Professor of Critical Care/Internal Medicine, Queen's University. In 2000 she was appointed Physician Leader of the national Ian Anderson Continuing Education Program in End-of-Life Care at the University of Toronto and is currently Associate Professor of Critical Care Medicine at the University of Toronto. In 2002, she was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for contributions to Canada in recognition of her work in creating the Anderson Program and improving end of life care for Canadians.

Dr. Hawryluck has been the Medical Advisor to the Critical Care Secretariat Ethical Issues of Access, the Leader of the Critical Care Secretariat End-of-Life Decision-Making Performance Improvement Team in its inaugural year, and a member of the Ontario Pandemic Flu A/D/T Committee whose triage protocol was subsequently adopted worldwide.

Dr. Hawryluck has taught on medico-legal topics at all levels of medical training. She helped create and support the MLST Health Law Advocacy project which received recognition from the Chief Justice of Ontario. Recently as co-lead, she completed work on a project entitled "Balancing the interests of patients, substitute decision-makers, family and health care providers in decision-making over the withdrawal and withholding of life-sustaining treatment" funded by the Law Reform Commission of Ontario. She is co-author/editor of "Law of Acute Care in Canada" to be published in the fall.

Dr. Hawryluck is deeply involved in international humanitarian projects, specifically with critical care and burn units in Indore India and Cote d'Ivoire. She was co-creator and co-Director for Royal College of Canada International (RCCI) of the first Doctorate in Medicine Program in Critical Care in the country of Nepal. She worked with the Nepal Medical Council as an international consultant to write and enact a new contemporary Code of Ethics and Professionalism for all physicians in Nepal. She is a critical care consultant for Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF) telemedicine program to support physicians in the field. She is also a member of the Advisory Board for Medecins du Monde Canada.

Dr. Hawryluck served as President of the Medico-Legal Society from 2013 to 2014.