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Dr. Bill Evans trained as an Internal Medicine specialist at the University of Toronto and undertook subspecialty training in Medical Oncology at the Princess Margaret Hospital. He practiced for 10 years at the Toronto General Hospital where he developed a clinical and research focus on lung cancer. He was recruited to Ottawa as Head of Medical Oncology in 1985 and subsequently he established the University of Ottawa's Interdepartmental Program in Oncology which he chaired and led the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre as the CEO for 12 years.

He returned to Toronto in 2000 to lead the provincial systemic therapy program at Cancer Care Ontario (CCO), where he oversaw the growth in the New Drug Funding Program and introduced a number of quality initiatives including the measurement of provincial wait times for cancer treatment and a province-wide patient satisfaction survey. He also led the introduction of PET scanning in Ontario based on clinical trials evidence.

From 2005 to June 2013, he was the President of the Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre at Hamilton Health Sciences and a regional vice-president for cancer services for the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN. He also established the Department of Oncology at McMaster University and was its inaugural chair.

He is now "semi" retired and is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Oncology, McMaster University. However, he remains active as the Chair of CCO's Smoking Cessation Advisory Committee, the CCO Clinical Advisor on Smoking Cessation, the Clinical Lead for CCO's new Systemic Therapy Funding Model, as a member of the Expert Review Committee for pCODR and the Steering Committee for CPAC's Cancer Risk Management Model.

He currently serves on the Board member of the Hamilton Community Foundation and the Cancer Assistance Program in Hamilton.

Bill has published over 275 publications in peer-reviewed journals on various aspects of lung cancer treatment, the cost and cost-effectiveness of cancer care and on various aspects of health care delivery.