

Régis Vaillancourt, OMM, CD, B. Pharm, Pharm D, FCSHP, FFIP

Dr. Régis Vaillancourt currently serves as the director of pharmacy for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO). Spanning over four decades of professional service, Dr. Vaillancourt continues to be active in Canadian pharmacy, underscored by his involvement in the community as a practitioner, his recognized role in research as an academic, and his service as past-president and active member of several pharmacy boards, committees, associations, and federations. For over thirty years Régis has been addressing common issues in the practice of pharmacy in Canada where he has demonstrated his impact in his profession not only nationally with his executive roles with the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacy, but also on a global scale with executive roles with the International Pharmaceutical Federation.

Dr. Vaillancourt's dedication to the pharmacy profession has been recognized locally, nationally and internationally through numerous awards and appointments. In 2004 the Canadian Pharmacists Association named him the Canadian Pharmacist of the Year. In addition to pharmacy related accolades, he was awarded the Order of Military Merit by former Governor General, Adrienne Clarkson. He was awarded the title of Fellow by the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacy the International Pharmaceutical Federation and the Ordre des pharmaciens du Quebec.

For the last 12 years, Dr. Vaillancourt has worked closely with physicians to develop infographic-based medication calendars, disease management plans and drug instructions for their patients with low health literacy. With the support from partners such as the International Pharmaceutical Federation, Pharmacist Without Border – Canada and CHEO, he developed innovative and validated tools to support healthcare professionals in counselling their most vulnerable patients. Currently his research is focused on helping Canadians to be able to make informed decisions with medical cannabis and is interested in the role that genomics can have in helping deliver more precise medication therapy to Canadian children and adults