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SMRC's Dr. Jeannie Haggerty awarded prestigious Médaille de la députée by the National Assembly of Quebec



Montreal, QC – September 11, 2024 – St. Mary's Research Centre, in partnership with the McGill Department of Family Medicine, proudly announces that Dr. Jeannie Haggerty, a distinguished Scientist at St. Mary's Research Centre and the inaugural holder of the McGill Research Chair in Family and Community Medicine, has been awarded the Médaille de la députée by the National Assembly of Quebec. This prestigious award recognizes her outstanding contributions to advancing patient-centered primary healthcare services across Quebec.

The Médaille de la députée is one of the highest honors bestowed by the National Assembly of Quebec, acknowledging individuals who have distinguished themselves through exceptional career accomplishments and significant contributions to the public good. Since joining St. Mary's Research Centre in 2010, Dr. Haggerty has led pioneering research that has fundamentally redefined how patient experiences are integrated into healthcare delivery. Her work has been instrumental in shaping patient-centered policies that ensure healthcare services are responsive, compassionate, and effective. Through the creation of essential frameworks and indicators, Dr. Haggerty has amplified the public's voice in healthcare decision-making, particularly in areas affecting equitable access and quality of care. Her leadership extends beyond research; she has been a driving force in mentoring the next generation of healthcare researchers, fostering a culture of innovation and excellence in primary care.

"We are extremely proud of Dr. Haggerty's remarkable achievements and this well-deserved recognition," said Dr. Ari Meguerditchian, Scientific Director of St. Mary's Research Centre. "The Médaille de la députée underscores the profound impact of her work on healthcare in Quebec, and it reflects our centre's commitment to advancing patient-oriented care."

About Dr. Jeannie Haggerty

Dr. Jeannie Haggerty, PhD, has devoted her career to enhancing primary healthcare services through innovative research and visionary leadership. As the first holder of the McGill Research Chair in Family and Community Medicine, her work has focused on integrating patient experiences into primary care services and developing measures for continuity of care from the patient's perspective. Prior to joining McGill, she held academic positions at l'Université de Montréal and l'Université de Sherbrooke, where she held a Canada Research Chair.

Dr. Haggerty is the founding Scientific Director of the Réseau de connaissances sur les soins primaires du Québec (Réseau-1 Qc), a position she held from 2013 to 2024. She currently serves as Director of McGill's Réseau de Recherche Axée sur les Pratiques de Première Ligne (RRAPPL). These networks have played a critical role in bridging the gap between research and practice, ensuring that healthcare improvements are informed by rigorous research and meaningful patient engagement.

Acknowledgments

St. Mary's Research Centre extends its gratitude to the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation for their steadfast support in the creation and funding of this innovative research chair. Their continued dedication has been instrumental in enabling transformative work to improve patient-centered care.

About St. Mary's Research Centre

St. Mary's Research Centre is embedded within St. Mary's Hospital Centre, an installation of the Montréal West Island Integrated University Health and Social Services Centre. We are committed to advancing healthcare through pioneering research and patient-centered practices. Our work is driven by a dedication to innovation, inclusivity, and care accessibility. We focus on shaping a healthier future that serves the diverse needs of our community, with a particular emphasis on improving patient outcomes and embracing the values of equity and inclusion. Through our research, we strive to make meaningful contributions that extend beyond the walls of our hospital, benefiting both our immediate community and the broader population.

