

Health Domain

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Robert G. Evans is a professor with the Department of Economics, and a member of the faculty of the Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, at UBC. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research and was director of the Institute's Program in Population Health from 1987 to 1997. From 1985 to 1997 he held a National Health Research Scientist award at UBC, and has received a CIHR Senior Investigator award for the period 2001-05. Major publications include *Strained Mercy: The Economics of Canadian Health Care* (1984), and *Why Are Some People Healthy and Others Not? The Determinants of Health of Populations* (1994) [senior editor].

Dr. Evans' studies of health care systems and policies have led to a number of invitations to provide policy advice to the Canadian federal and provincial governments. He has also been a consultant and lecturer on health care issues to a number of governments and other public agencies in the United States, Europe, Asia and the South Pacific. Dr. Evans was a member of the British Columbia Royal Commission on Health Care and Costs in 1990-91, and of the National Forum on Health, chaired by the Prime Minister of Canada, from 1994 to 1997. He is an honorary Life Member of the Canadian College of Health Services Executives and of the Canadian Health Economics Research Association, and is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance (United States), and has recently been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Dr. Evans received his undergraduate degree in Political Economy from the University of Toronto in 1964, and a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University in 1970.

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