

Discussant: Carmen Connelly

Carmen Connolly was appointed to the position of Director, Canadian Population Health Initiative at the Canadian Institute for Health Information in June 1999.

MS Connolly was born in Maniwaki, Quebec and graduated with a B. Sc. (Dietetics) from the University of Ottawa in 1973. She completed a dietetic internship at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and worked as a clinical dietitian in Ottawa prior to serving with the Canadian University Services Overseas (CUSO) in Togo, West Africa. Upon returning to Canada, Carmen obtained a Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Health from the School of Hygiene, University of Toronto (1976) and an MA in Adult Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto (1980).

Ms. Connolly has extensive experience in policy development, program management and strategic planning and has held a number of progressively senior positions in the health care, academic and governments sectors. She has worked in public with the North York Public Health Department (1977-1980) and the City of Toronto Department of Public Health (1981-1985, 1987-1989) as a consultant and co-ordinator of nutrition and prenatal programs. From 1985-1987 Ms. Connolly held an appointment at the University of Toronto as an Assistant Professor and Co-ordinator of the M. H. Sc. Program in Community Nutrition.

In 1989, Ms. Connolly moved to Ottawa, Ontario to join Health Canada, Health Promotion Directorate where she managed national programs and policy development in nutrition until 1994. Building on this experience, she then joined the Secretariat of the Prime Minister's National Forum on Health where she served as Senior Policy Analyst, Determinants of Health. In 1997, Ms Connolly returned to Health Canada as Manager, Canadian Population Health Initiative and then as A/Director General for the Major Projects Directorate. She remained at Health Canada until she assumed her current appointment.

In addition, Ms. Connolly has volunteered on several national, provincial and regional Boards and Committees such as the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, Ryerson, and the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre.

In her capacity as Director, Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI) at CIHI, Ms. Connolly's principal responsibilities relate to ensuring that CPHI carries out its core functions:

- Generate new knowledge on the determinants of health;
- Contribute the development of a population health information system and infrastructure;
- Analyze and synthesize population health research findings and promote the transfer of knowledge to policy/decision makers; and,
- Develop and disseminate reports for decision-makers and the public on the policy implications of population health research findings and changing patterns of population health.

Discussant: Nobuyuki Izumida

Mr. Nobuyuki IZUMIDA is research fellow in the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, Japan. He majors in health Economics and related studies. His current interest is utilization of claim data from the medical institutions in Japan. He was at the University of York as a Visiting Scholar from December 1999 to March 2000.