

Biography of Dr Victor Stanley Blanchette MB, BChir (Cantab), FRCP(C), FRCP



Dr Victor Blanchette was born in Barbados on April 12th, 1945. His parents, Sir Stanley Blanchette and Pearl Lady Blanchette, now deceased, were proud citizens of Barbados and had three children, Monica, Victor and Richard. Dr Blanchette received his secondary education at Harrison College where he excelled in academic studies and track and field.

In 1964 Dr Blanchette left Barbados to pursue training in medicine at [Pembroke College](#), University of Cambridge following in the footsteps of his uncles, Sir Roy Marshall and Winston “Heads” Marshall. Following undergraduate studies in medicine in Cambridge, he completed clinical training in medicine at St Bartholomew’s Hospital in London, UK. Upon graduation in medicine from Cambridge University in 1970, Dr

Blanchette pursued post-graduate training in London, UK leading to specialist certification from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of the UK in internal medicine (FRCP, UK) and pediatrics (DCH). In 1975 he moved to the USA to pursue further specialist training in pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. In 1977 Dr Blanchette moved to Canada to train in the specialty of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at McMaster University Health Sciences Center, Hamilton, Ontario.

Dr Blanchette is currently a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Toronto, Canada and a Staff Physician in the Division of Hematology/Oncology/Stem Cell Transplantation at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. Dr Blanchette is a Senior Scientist (Emeritus) in the Research Institute at the Hospital for Sick Children and he is Medical Director of the Pediatric Thrombosis and Hemostasis Program in the Division of Hematology/ Oncology and Medical Director of the Comprehensive Care Hemophilia Program at the Hospital for Sick Children. Dr Blanchette is also the Magee-McCaig Family Medical Director of the SickKids-Caribbean Pediatric [Cancer](#) and Blood Disorders Program in the Center for Global Child Health at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Dr Blanchette served as Head of the Division of Hematology/Oncology at the Hospital during the period 1998-2010. He was a founding member of the Association of the Hemophilia Clinic Directors of Canada and of the Council of the Canadian Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Directors. Dr Blanchette’s clinical and research interests are in the areas of the inherited and acquired bleeding and clotting disorders in children. He has published over 200 articles in peer reviewed scientific journals and is author of many book chapters. Dr Blanchette is recipient of the Canadian Pediatric Society 2009 Alan Ross Award, the Canadian Blood Services 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award and the American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology 2012 Distinguished Career Award. Dr Blanchette is an elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of the United Kingdom. In 2018 Dr Blanchette will receive the [Vice Chancellor’s Award, University of the West Indies](#) in recognition of his work with the SickKids-Caribbean Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Program at the Hospital for Sick Children.

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Dr Blanchette is very proud of his roots in the island of Barbados and is delighted to be honored with the prestigious Silver Crown of Merit in recognition of his contributions to the field of medicine and his leadership role in establishing the SickKids-Caribbean Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders initiative, a collaborative initiative between the Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) and six partner countries in the Caribbean: Barbados, the Bahamas, Jamaica, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago. This project, founded in 2013 as a priority program within the Center for Global Child Health at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, has as its goal the improvement in timeliness and accuracy of cancer and serious blood disorders in children resident in the six participating Caribbean countries leading to improved cure rates and a better quality of life for affected children and their families. Dr Blanchette is proud to be able to give back in this way to the country of his birth and the place that gave him his early education and values in life that have served him well over the years.

Dr Blanchette is married to Yvonne and they are the proud parents of Michael, Nicholas, Andrew and Phillip Blanchette and five granddaughters, Sophia, Lauren, Caitlin, Ava and Morgan.