



Dr. Geoff Fernie has a primary appointment at the University of Toronto as Professor in the Department of Surgery with cross appointments that include the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Department of Physical Therapy and Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. He is a professional engineer and is Vice President of Research for Toronto Rehabilitation Institute.

Toronto Rehabilitation Institute is Canada's largest rehabilitation clinical and research facility. It provides rehabilitation services on six sites for a full range of disabilities. Geoff is the principal investigator on a major infrastructure award from Canada Foundation for Innovation totaling \$36m which has created the most advanced design, prototyping and testing facilities for rehabilitation technology and assistive devices in the world.

Geoff's personal research interests are primarily focused on the development of technology to help people continue to live in their own homes. He has a track record of taking inventions from the laboratory and making them available on the market. He currently has 8 commercialized products and 4 currently in clinical trials. He has helped launch 3 successful and 2 failed companies. He has published over 110 peer reviewed journal papers and book chapters and has 15 awarded patents and an additional 11 filings.

Geoff was the recipient of the 2002 Jonas Salk Award and the 2003 recipient of the MEDEC (Canada's association of medical device manufacturers) annual award for medical achievement. He was inducted into the Terry Fox Hall of Fame in 2008 and as a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences in 2009.



Dr. Paul Kita is the attending physician on the Geriatric Rehabilitation and Assessment Unit at Providence Healthcare in Toronto. He received his medical degree from McMaster in 1991 before completing a Family Medicine residency in Toronto. He has practiced in a variety of primary care settings (ER, LTC, office, urban, rural, and group teaching actives). A lecturer in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto, he supervises Family Medicine residents during their Geriatrics rotations.



Janice Paul is the Intensive Geriatric Service Worker Lead for Waterloo Wellington, a position hosted by Trellis Mental Health and Developmental Services. Janice has a Bachelor of Applied Science in the field of Gerontology and has 20+ years of experience in the field of geriatrics and community support services. Janice is a member of the Canadian Research Network for Care in the Community (CRNCC) Steering Committee and is past Chair of the Waterloo Wellington Community Support Services Network.