



J. Mark FitzGerald, MD, MB, FCCP, FRCPI, FRCPC

Mark FitzGerald, CTS Past President (2013-14), friend, colleague, caring physician, patient advocate and giant in the field of asthma passed away in Vancouver on January 18, 2022.

Throughout his career, Mark made an indelible mark on the people he influenced as clinician, researcher and as a colleague and friend. The CTS has been incredibly fortunate over the years to have had Mark as a member and leader, shaping the Canadian and global respiratory community in ways that will live on for many years to come. His creative, entrepreneurial approach and witty sense of humour were always at the forefront paving the way for new collaborations and clinical advances. His fun-loving, passionate demeanor and quick Irish wit endeared him to everyone he met.

Dr. J. Mark FitzGerald graduated from medical school at the University College Dublin in 1978. After training in Internal Medicine in Ireland he worked as a general internist in Lesotho, Southern Africa for two years. He subsequently completed post-graduate training in Respiratory Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology at McMaster University before accepting a position on Faculty at McMaster University in 1987. In 1989, he moved to the University of British Columbia. Mark was the director of the Centre for Heart and Lung Health at the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute. He is a former Head of the Respiratory Medicine Divisions at both UBC and Vancouver General Hospital and co-Director of the UBC Institute for Heart and Lung Health. He was a respiratory physician at The Lung Centre, Vancouver General Hospital. His clinical and research interests include asthma, COPD, tuberculosis and health outcomes.

Mark served as Chair and member of the CTS Asthma Assembly, involved in the development of asthma guidelines. He was the lead author of the 2017 CTS position paper on the recognition and management of severe asthma. Dr. FitzGerald was also past Chair and member of both the GINA Science Committee and the GINA Executive. He published over 500 peer reviewed papers and editorials. In 2019 Mark was the recipient of the **2019 CTS Honorary Lecture Award** for his major contributions to the advancement of research, education, or clinical excellence in the field of asthma and Canadian respiratory medicine. Mark presented his lecture "The Evolution of Asthma Care: A 30 Year Perspective" at the CHEST Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

CTS is grateful for Mark's joyful spirit, his dedication to health literacy and patient care, his career accomplishments and significant impact on the CTS, the global research community and on the care of people with asthma. We extend our deepest sympathy to his spouse Céline Bergeron and their families and wish them peace and comfort in the knowledge of his significant and enduring legacy. He will be sorely missed. *When CTS receives additional information, we will share it.*

