

U of T appoints new Professor in Pharmacy Practice

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Leading researcher Lisa Dolovich joins the school's growing Centre for Practice Excellence.



A high profile pharmacy researcher is joining the University of Toronto fray.

Lisa Dolovich has been appointed as tenured Full Professor and Ontario College of Pharmacists Professor in Pharmacy Practice at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy effective January 1, 2017.

She will join the school's growing Centre for Practice Excellence, which conducts research and develops educational programs and practice innovations.

OCP developed the Professor in Pharmacy Practice position in 2003 with the purpose of advancing the teaching of and research in pharmacy practice.

Zubin Austin was the first to hold the post.

“During those years the big focus was on interprofessional education and practice so I did lots of research and presentations around that,” Austin says of his tenure, which ended in 2013.

“It was also what seeded my interest in the psychology of pharmacists as a barrier to practice change.”

Dolovich takes over the position with an extensive research background to her name, having served as the principal investigator (or co-PI) on over \$10 million in grants.

Her work explores “approaches that better weave pharmacists and others within the community based health care system to create a better care experience and improve health for individuals living at home and develop community pharmacies delivery of person-focused care and connection to the rest of the health care system.”

As she transitions to U of T, she will continue working on several research projects with McMaster University’s Departments of Family Medicine.

She will also continue to co-lead the Ontario Pharmacy Research Collaboration (OPEN) from her new base in Toronto.

Dolovich’s resume is vast, including education in health research methodology and pharmacist practice, a research fellowship in clinical pharmacology and practice in community, hospital, ambulatory care, and Family Health Team settings.

She has published over 147 peer reviewed articles, many as first/senior author, including some highly cited papers in CMAJ and BMJ, as well as many in the top journals in the fields of pharmacy practice, family medicine, interprofessional care, and implementation science, which demonstrates both the depth and breadth of her work.
