

# **Dr. Heather Ross**

**Director - Cardiac Transplant Program, Peter Munk Cardiac Centre at University Health Network**

Toronto, ON, CA

A widely recognized authority on heart failure, mechanical circulatory support and heart transplantation

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## **Biography**

Heather Ross, MD, MHSc, FRCP (C), FACC is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto, Director of the Ted Rogers Centre of Excellence in Heart Function and holder of the Ted Rogers and Family Chair in Heart Function. She is Medical Director of the Cardiac Transplant Program at Toronto General Hospital. She received her medical degree from the University of British Columbia, Canada, her cardiology training at Dalhousie University, and her postdoctoral fellowship in Cardiac Transplantation at Stanford University, California. She earned her Masters Degree in Bioethics from the University of Toronto.

Dr. Ross served as the President of the Canadian Society of Transplantation in 2005, and an executive member of the International Society for Heart & Lung Transplantation from 2002 through 2005 and Secretary Treasurer 2007-2010. She has been a Supervisor for the CIHR Training Program in Regenerative Medicine since 2002, the Course Director (2007-2014) and Program Advisory Committee Chair and Co-Investigator (2008-2014). She Chaired the ISHLT Master Academy in Heart Failure in 2010. She was Associate Editor for the American Journal of Transplantation (2007-2010) and is an Associate Editor for the Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation. She served 5 years on the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Council, 3 years on the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Executive and on the Board of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Academy. She was the Secretary Treasurer for the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Academy 2010-2012. She is currently on the executive of the Heart Failure Society of America and is the President of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society. She has published over 200 articles and won numerous teaching awards.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Education/Learning, Health Care - Services

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Heart Failure/Function, Immunosuppressive Optimization, Clinical Research, Cardiology, Organ Donation, Education of Transplant Specialists, Quality of Life

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## **Affiliations**

Heart Failure Society of America : Executive Member, University of Toronto : Professor of Medicine, Ted Rogers Centre of Excellence in Heart Function : Head, Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation : Associate Editor, President of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society

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## **Event Appearances**

**A Rationale (not Rationed) Approach to End Stage Heart Failure: When to choose between palliation and advanced surgical treatment**  
Atlantic Canada Cardiovascular Conference

**End of Life Care in Heart Failure**  
University of Toronto & InCor Cardiovascular Conference

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## **Education**

**University of Toronto**  
M.Sc. Bioethics

**Stanford University**  
Postdoctoral Fellowship Cardiac Implantation

**University of British Columbia**  
Residency Internal Medicine

**University of British Columbia**  
MD Medicine

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## **Accomplishments**

**Toronto's Best Doctors**  
Named 6th best doctor in Toronto by Toronto Life magazine.

**Excellence in Postgraduate Medical Education Award, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto**  
In recognition of excellence in teaching performance/mentorship/advocacy

**Teacher of the Year Award, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto**  
Teacher of the Year

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## **Testimonials**

### **Al Dickstein**

Dr. Ross is an amazing doctor and an amazing person. She is a leader in her field, her research is world renowned and she teaches. It doesn't hurt that she climbed mountains in the Antarctic and Arctic to raise awareness for heart disease and she plays in a band. She really impresses me.

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