

Dr. Susan MacDonald has been practising Palliative Medicine in St. John's for more than 20 years. She is a teacher, leader, researcher and clinician renowned for her progressive dedication to providing care for the terminally ill. She has made it her life's work and purpose to garner respect, understanding and compassion for the dying.

Attending McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, she first earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in 1985, followed by a Doctor of Medicine degree in 1989. She completed her Family Medicine residency in 1991 at Queen's University, her Palliative Care Medicine (Internal Medicine) Residency at the University of Alberta in 1993 and a fellowship in Palliative Medicine at Harvard in 1996. An award-winning educator at Memorial University's School of Medicine, Dr. MacDonald also instructs at the Centre for Nursing Studies. She is also involved with Palliative Care committees, both provincially and nationally, and was President of the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians and a member of the Canadian Council of Academies Panel on Advance Requests and MAiD (Medical Aid in Dying) legislation. Dr. MacDonald was also a pioneer in bringing the eConsult program to Newfoundland and Labrador and the Paramedics Providing Palliative Care to St John's.

She has held many hospital staff positions during her career and has been on several provincial, national and governmental committees. Since 1998, Dr. MacDonald has been the Consultant Physician in Palliative Care at the H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre, the Health Sciences Centre, St. Clare's Mercy Hospital and the Leonard A. Miller Centre, and was Eastern Health's Regional Medical Director of Palliative Care from 2010 to 2017.

In 2014, Dr. MacDonald was given the Dr. Wallace Ingram Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching and was awarded the Certificate of Merit Award from the Canadian Association of Medical Education in 2020. She was also honoured with the Eastern Health CEO Award twice – once in 2014 for Community Capacity Building (Leadership Team LEAP education) and again in 2019 for Palliative Care service.

In addition to her extensive work in medicine, Dr. MacDonald is a gifted fiction writer. She has been shortlisted for the Atlantic Book Award in 2012 and 2016 and was awarded the Gold Medal for the Moonbeam Children's Award in 2012 for her novel, *Edge of Time*, and again in 2019 for her novel, *Treason's Edge*.