

One of the Founders of Sunnybrook's Famous Trauma Program to Receive the Order of Canada

Toronto, ON (July 2, 2009) – Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre would like to express its sincere congratulations to Dr. Marvin Tile on the recent announcement that he will be named as a member of the Order of Canada for his contributions as a clinical orthopaedic surgeon, teacher and groundbreaking researcher.

Dr. Tile is a world authority on the treatment of pelvic and acetabular trauma and has trained clinicians from around the world in the care of patients with critical orthopaedic injuries. Dr. Tile has published two books and 59 manuscripts that have shaped the practice of orthopaedics across the globe.

“Many innovations in trauma care and orthopaedics were brought to Canada and Sunnybrook through Dr. Marvin Tile,” says Dr. Barry McLellan, President and CEO of Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. “Sunnybrook developed the first and largest trauma centre in the country in 1976, a concept unknown in Canada at that time, and much of this is thanks to Dr. Tile’s expertise and dedication to treating patients with traumatic injuries and musculoskeletal disabilities. He has demonstrated outstanding passion for the Hospital and for improving the lives of thousands of patients.”

Dr. Tile has been Chair of the Examining Board in Orthopaedic Surgery for the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada, was the Founding President of the Ontario Orthopaedic Association, was President of the Canadian Orthopaedic Association, President of the International Society for Surgery of the Lumbar Spine and President of the AO/ASIF Foundation, an International Foundation dedicated to research and education in trauma and fractures, with headquarters in Switzerland. He is a renowned lecturer who has made countless presentations around the world and brought honor to his Hospital and University.

“Sunnybrook is proud of Dr. Tile and his many breakthrough achievements in helping people not only survive traumatic injury but also in improving their mobility and independence by overcoming many serious orthopedic issues,” says David Leslie, Chair of Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre’s Board of Directors. “Sunnybrook is fortunate to be home to leaders such as Dr. Tile. His career has helped define the Hospital’s vision to invent the future of health care.”

Dr. Marvin Tile was born in Toronto where he attended Harbord Collegiate and the University of Toronto graduating with B.Sc. (Med.) and M.D. degrees. He received his FRCSC in 1963 subsequent to which he visited major orthopaedic centres in England and Europe as a Detweiler Traveling Fellow. Dr. Tile was appointed to the surgical staff of the Sunnybrook Hospital in 1966 and became Chief of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery in 1971. From 1985 – 1996 Dr. Tile was Surgeon-in-Chief following which he Chaired the Sunnybrook Foundation.

About Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre is inventing the future of health care for the 1 million patients the hospital cares for each year through the dedication of its more than 10,000 staff and volunteers. An internationally recognized leader in research and education and a full affiliation with the University of Toronto distinguishes Sunnybrook as one of Canada’s premier academic health sciences centres. Sunnybrook specializes in caring for Canada’s war veterans, high-risk pregnancies, critically-ill newborns, adults and the elderly, and treating and preventing cancer, cardiovascular disease, neurological disorders, orthopaedic and arthritic conditions and traumatic injuries.

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