



February 20, 2024

### **Victor Blanchette Award**

The Victor Blanchette Award was designed to recognize an outstanding CPTHN member who demonstrates the CPTHN vision by improving the lives of children and families living with inherited and acquired disorders of bleeding.

This award was named in honour of Dr. Victor Blanchette, a leader in treatment of bleeding disorders in children. Victor's career began in the 1980's with several prospective multicentre randomized clinical trials evaluating different management strategies in children with newly diagnosed acute ITP. He continued to be a key driving force in childhood ITP but his contributions to inherited and acquired bleeding disorders go far beyond childhood ITP given his seminal contributions to prophylaxis in haemophilia and to spearheading groups involved in developing outcome assessment tools to follow patients with haemophilia. Finally, Victor, along with Maureen Andrew, merged the Platelet and Thrombosis Groups and after Maureen's tragic death, Victor continued as the driving force behind what is now the CPTHN. Throughout his career Victor has educated, mentored, and befriended many students, residents, and fellows – many of whom today are CPTHN members. Truly Victor has been the father of the CPTHN and as such we would like to honour him with this award.

First awarded in 2017 to Dr. Georges Rivard, the Victor Blanchette Award will be awarded every 2 years by the CPTHN at the annual general meeting.

- To nominate a CPTHN member for this award, a 2 page letter should be sent to the Vice- Chair, Dr. Mihir Bhatt: [bhattm2@mcmaster.ca](mailto:bhattm2@mcmaster.ca) as well as to [admin@cpthn.ca](mailto:admin@cpthn.ca) by **March 3, 2024**.
- The letter should state why that member is deserving of the award specifically indicating the accomplishments (clinical, educational, mentorship and research) of the member with respect to pediatric haemostasis.
- There should be a seconder from a different centre.
- Please provide a current CV of the nominee if possible.
- The vice-chair will put together a committee of 3-4 members from the executive that do not have any conflict of interest (working closely with or in the same institution) with any of the nominees. The committee will vote and decide by end of March.
- The successful nominee will be notified by April 5, 2024, and invited to attend the CPTHN annual meeting on May 3, 2024, where he/she will be asked to provide a 10–15-minute presentation on their career highlighting their work in pediatric haemostasis. Their expenses to attend the AGM will be covered by the CPTHN.
- An award (plaque and gift) will be presented to the recipient following the presentation. **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION BY MARCH 3, 2024.**