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Speaker Series

**~Dr. Richard Lessard**

Dr. Richard Lessard is a specialist in community medicine and has been Director of the Public Health Department at the Montréal Regional Health and Social Services Agency since 1992. He is a fellow of the Collège des médecins du Québec and of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.



He is a Clinical Professor at Université de Montréal's Department of Social and Preventive Medicine and McGill University's Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Over the last 10 years Dr Lessard has been a member of the Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI) Council which he also chaired, the Board of Directors of the Canadian Institute for Health Information, the Health Canada's Science Advisory Board, and the National Collaborating Centres for Public Health Program (NCCPH) Advisory Council. In August 2006, he was named to the Board of Directors of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ).

In September 2006, Dr Lessard was seconded to the World Health Organization in Geneva to develop a WHO Global Action Plan Against Cancer (GAPAC). In September 1998, he had also been seconded to WHO in Geneva to work on an intensified health development program for the 20 poorest and unhealthy countries of the world.

As director of the Public Health Department, he has published 7 annual reports on the health of the population. Dr. Lessard is known for his commitment to improving the health of his community and more specifically for his work on the social determinants of health and health inequities.

**Topic: "Built Environment and Health: Montreal Public Health Action Plan"**

**Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010**

**Time: 9:30 to 10:30 am (mountain time)**

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