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## Zoom On: Claudio Martin, Past President, Canadian Critical Care Society



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#### 1. What are your key areas of interest and research?

Performance measurement and quality improvement.

#### 2. What are the major challenges in your field?

Complex, heterogenous patient population making it difficult to develop standard clinical recommendations.

#### 3. What is your top management tip?

Acknowledge that the best we can do in critical care is practice with evidence-informed opinion.

#### 4. What would you single out as a career highlight?

Working with an amazing team here in London, and receiving the LHSC President's Award in recognition of that.

#### 5. If you had not chosen this career path you would have become a...?

Immunologist.

#### 6. What are your personal interests outside of work?

Skiing (alpine and skate Nordic), sailing, biking.

#### 7. Your favourite quote?

"It is unwise to prophesy either death or recovery in acute disease". (Hippocrates)

Prof. Martin is an active member of the [Canadian Critical Care Trials Group](#) as an investigator and collaborator in numerous large clinical studies. He maintains a basic science laboratory with expertise in small animal models to study cardiovascular and microcirculatory function in sepsis and haemorrhagic shock. He is on the Scientific Committee of aC3KTionnet, the Canadian Critical Care Knowledge Translation Network. He has been involved in the Ontario Provincial Critical Care Transformation Project and the [Canadian Critical Care Vital Signs Scorecard Project](#). He is also a faculty member and current chair of the Canadian Collaborative for Patient Safety in the ICU.

Prof. Martin received the [London Health Sciences Centre President's Award for Physician Leadership](#) in 2012. Nominated by members of the  
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critical care team, the citation notes his “open-door policy, calm demeanour and consideration and acknowledgment of others”, his instrumental work in developing the Critical Care Research Network, a Canadian collaborative of 40 community and academic critical care units, and his introduction of a formal mentorship programme within the critical care physician team.

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