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UOIT's Dr. Pierre Côté presented with two major awards *Researcher aiming to prevent chronic pain and disability among Canadians*

OSHAWA, ONTARIO – The University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) proudly shares news that the Canadian Chiropractic Association (CCA) has recognized Dr. Pierre Côté, Canada Research Chair in Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation, with the **CCA's inaugural Public Service Award**. This new award, presented at a formal ceremony November 21 in Toronto, Ontario, was created to honour a chiropractor who has helped make possible the federal legislation and funding that supports research and who has created public health and advocacy programs of major importance.

Dr. Côté, who is Director of the UOIT-Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC) Centre for the Study of Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation, is also the recipient of the 2014 **Ontario Chiropractic Association's (OCA) Researcher of the Year Award**, presented at the annual OCA Awards dinner, December 6 in Toronto. As a prolific researcher with numerous groundbreaking projects and publications to his name, this award recognizes the advances he has made in the understanding of musculoskeletal (MSK) disorders. Dr. Côté's research focuses on the causes of pain and disability related to MSK disorders, the interactions between individual and societal determinants of health, and interventions that will reduce the burden of chronic pain and disability.

"All University of Ontario Institute of Technology colleagues congratulate Pierre and his accomplished research team on these much deserved prestigious awards," said Dr. Ellen Vogel, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, UOIT. "On the national and international stage, Pierre's outstanding research success over the past decade situates him beautifully as a leader and influential advocate in health-related public policy and knowledge translation."

"I am honoured to receive such prestigious honours; I am deeply committed to improving the way we prevent and manage chronic pain and disability," said Dr. Côté. "The goal of this work is to improve the lives of those suffering with chronic pain, getting them back to work and living a full and enjoyable life. I am grateful for the support of my faculty and research colleagues at UOIT and at CMCC."

"Dr. Côté's dedication and excellent work has yielded significant results that stand to create lasting benefits through informing health policy," said Dr. David Wickes, CMCC President.

“His unique transdisciplinary research model aimed at the management and support for patients suffering from chronic muscle and joint pain is fast-tracking the discovery of the key to speedier recovery. This could potentially improve the lives of those suffering with chronic pain. Ultimately, this research could save millions of dollars in lost wages and insurance premiums, help solve this significant burden to society, while advancing the health and well-being patients.”

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About CMCC

The Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College is recognised for creating leaders in spinal health. With graduates practicing in 37 countries and faculty who are leaders in their fields, CMCC delivers world class chiropractic education, research, and patient care. The campus features modern teaching and laboratory space, including new simulation and biomechanics laboratories, and is extended across Toronto through its network of community based interprofessional clinics that serve diverse patient populations. CMCC offers a four-year undergraduate program leading to a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree. This degree program is offered under the written consent of Ontario's Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities for the period from 24/3/11 to 24/3/21. For more information, visit www.cmcc.ca or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and [Linkedin](#).

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