

Allen C. Eaves, OBC, MD, PhD, FRCPC

Allen Eaves is a leading leukemia specialist and founder owner of Vancouver's STEMCELL Technologies Inc. (STEMCELL), now the largest biotechnology company in Canada with over 900 employees. He is credited with developing innovative products for the emerging regenerative medicine industry that will lead to future cell therapies for cancer and other serious diseases. STEMCELL sells 2,500 products which it distributes through a global network to thousands of customers who are both academic and industry researchers. Under Dr. Eaves' leadership, STEMCELL has been fuelled by profitable growth at rates averaging 20 per cent per year for the last 23 years.

Before STEMCELL, he founded the Terry Fox Laboratory and was its director for 25 years, building the laboratory into an internationally recognized research centre known for being an incubator of new ideas such as the regulation of growth and maturation of blood-forming stem cells. He also served on the Board and as Chair of MITACS. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Stem Cell Network; the Canadian Stem Cell Foundation; the Centre for Commercialization of Regenerative Medicine; and the Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Innovation and Discovery.

As Head of Hematology at the University of British Columbia, VGH and the BC Cancer Agency for 18 years, he launched one of the first Bone Marrow Transplant Programs in Canada which, by the early 1990s, had treated over 1,500 patients. Dr. Eaves has published over 200 papers in leading peer-review scientific journals. He has been elected as President of the International Society of Cell Therapy; President of the American Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation; founding Treasurer of the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cell Therapy; and has been a Member of Health Canada's Expert Working Group on the Safety of Organs and Tissues for Transplantation.

Dr. Eaves has been awarded the prestigious R. M. Taylor Medal by the Canadian Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute of Canada; Distinguished Alumni Service Award and Honorary Degree from Acadia University; the Polish National Hematology Society Medal; UBC's Distinguished Medical Lecture Award; Lifetime Membership Award from the International Society of Cell Therapy; and the Genome BC Award for Scientific Excellence. In 2016 he was awarded the Order of British Columbia, and the 2016 Pacific Overall Entrepreneur of The Year.

Required to retire in 2006 from the VGH, BCCA and UBC, Dr. Eaves became Professor Emeritus

of Hematology and has devoted himself to growing STEMCELL Technologies Inc. with the goal of making better tools and reagents for cancer and other researchers, as well as creating jobs in industry for young people who love science.