Dean Bell graduated with distinction from medical school at the University of Alberta in 1984. He completed his Anaesthesia specialty at Dalhousie University in 1989, and a fellowship in Critical Care Medicine in 1991 at University of Manitoba. Dean served as Director of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at St. Boniface Hospital from 1998 to 2012. In 2007, Dr. Bell became the inaugural director of the newly created Intensive Care Cardiac Surgery. He was co-director of the Cardiac Sciences ICU from 2010 until 2015. As Program Director for specialty training in Critical Care Medicine from 2000 to 2011, Dean inspired and mentored a generation of young intensive care physicians currently practicing in institutions across Canada and abroad including: Europe, USA, Australia and the Middle East. He was instrumental in introducing High Fidelity Medical Simulation to the University of Manitoba as well as across Canada. His knowledge and expertise with medical simulation for education gave him the insight required to help design the Clinical Learning and Simulation Facility at the Bannatyne Campus.

Dean Bell will be remember not only as a dedicated and caring physician, a revered educator, a role model and extraordinary mentor to aspiring residents and physicians, but also as an ethical, honourable and respected man who was greatly admired, and respected by his colleagues, students and co-workers.

His colleagues established a memorial fund in his memory which provides the Section of Critical Care with the funding to annually invite distinguished professors to the University of Manitoba.
Alison Fox-Robichaud,
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Dr. Fox-Robichaud is Professor of Medicine in the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University and an Intensivist and Director of Medical Education at Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS). She is the current President of the Canadian Critical Care Society and inaugural President of the Canadian Sepsis Foundation.

A clinician scientist in the Thrombosis and Atherosclerosis Research Institute at McMaster, Dr. Fox-Robichaud is particularly interested in the pathophysiology of sepsis and in moving laboratory research discoveries into clinical care. She currently holds a Collaborative Health Research Program grant to develop a point of care device for the sepsis biomarker cell free DNA. She is an executive member of the Canadian Critical Care Translational Biology Group and the Canadian Critical Care Trials Group.

In addition to her clinical and research responsibilities, Dr. Fox-Robichaud is an educator. She is the Past chair of the Critical Care Medicine examination board at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Her teaching interests include in continuing education in critical care, simulation and interprofessional teams.

In 2015, she received a Leading Practice Award from Accreditation Canada for the integration of an electronic early warning score into the medical documentation at Hamilton Health Sciences. In 2018, the Global Sepsis Alliance awarded Dr. Fox-Robichaud an individual award for her sepsis leadership. She has over 60 peer-reviewed publications that reflect this broad engagement in academic medicine.

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