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Gary Kobinger: A Research Journey through Emerging Viruses



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Gary Kobinger obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Montreal in 1998 before completing a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. In March 2005, Gary was the Chief of the Special Pathogens Biosafety Level 4 program at the National Microbiology Laboratory where he worked for 11 years. He is now professor and the Director of the Infectious Disease Research Centre at the Université Laval and has an appointment of associate professor at the University of Manitoba and adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Gary was granted several awards including scientists of the year award from Radio Canada (CBC), the Order of Manitoba in 2016, the Meritorious Service Cross (civil division) of the Governor General of Canada also in 2016 and the Ernest C. Manning Principal Award in 2017. Gary co-authored over 200 peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts, and gave numerous invited seminars in universities, national and international funding agencies, departments of national defenses, the White House, Singapore NEA and the World Health Organization (WHO) concerning research on high consequence pathogens and the development of new public health policies and recommendations.

In 2013-2018, 60 minutes, National Geographic, BBC Horizon, NOVA, France 2, PBS, CBC, RC and others featured the leading work on successful treatment of Ebola infection that was developed by Gary and his team and the VSV-based Ebola vaccine to which he also contributed to bring to clinical trials including a Phase III efficacy study in Guinea.