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Dr. David Eisenstat is Professor and Chair of the Department of Oncology at the University of Alberta. He holds cross-appointments in the Departments of Medical Genetics and Pediatrics. David was the Division Director, Pediatric Immunology, Hematology/Oncology, Palliative Care and Environmental Health (iHOPE Division) from 2011-2017, has held the Muriel and Ada Hole Kids with Cancer Society Chair in Pediatric Oncology since 2011 and was one the inaugural Co-Directors of the Cancer Research Institute of Northern Alberta (CRINA) from 2014-2017.

Nationally, David serves on the executive committees of the TFRI PROFYLE program and the C17 Council for Canada’s Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders.

His laboratory is interested in the interface between cell fate, cancer and development.

Dr. Eisenstat obtained his MD from the University of Toronto in 1985. David completed his Pediatrics residency at the Hospital for Sick Children (HSC) in 1990. After a Clinical Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at HSC, David joined the Laboratory of Molecular Neuro-Oncology in the Brain Tumor Research Center at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). In 1993, funded by the Medical Research Council of Canada, David worked with Dr. John Rubenstein in the Laboratory of Developmental Neurobiology and was awarded a Master’s degree in Neuroscience from UCSF in 1997. In 1998, David was a Clinical Fellow in Pediatric and Adult Neuro-Oncology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston Texas.

David began his first faculty appointment at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, in 1999. Dr. Eisenstat was Director of the Advanced Degrees in Medicine at the University of Manitoba from 2007-2011 overseeing the MD/PhD and B.Sc. (Medicine) programs, and Senior Investigator in the Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology as well as Director of Neuro-Oncology (Adult & Pediatric) for CancerCare Manitoba, from 1999 to 2011. He established the Canadian National Medical Student Research Symposium in 2009; this event continues to be held in Winnipeg on an annual basis.

Dr. Eisenstat is especially proud to have been awarded the Aubie Angel Young Investigator Award in Clinical Research in 2004, the Health Sciences Graduate Students Association Distinction in Mentorship Award in 2006, both from the University of Manitoba, and the Pediatric Chairs of Canada Pediatric Academic Leadership – Clinical Educator Award in 2010.

David has served as the Scientific Chair of the Canadian Neuro-Oncology (CNO) meeting in 2006 (Winnipeg), 2014 (Halifax), 2016 (Toronto) and 2018 (Banff AB) and as co-chair of the 3rd Society for Neuro-Oncology (SNO) Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Basic and Translational Research Conference in 2015 (San Diego).