

# Professor Vladimir Vuksan



Professor Vladimir Vuksan holds a dual professorship at the Department of Medicine and the Department of Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, and is world renowned for developing novel alternative therapies for obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

He is Associate Director of the Clinical Nutrition and Risk Factor Modification Centre, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, President of the Natural Health Product Research Society of Canada and Vice Chair of the Diabetes and Nutritional Study Group (DNSG) and Nutrition of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD).

Before moving to Canada in 1986, Dr Vuksan spent 14 years working in Europe at the Institute for Diabetes and Metabolism (Zagreb, Croatia), Collaborative Centre for Appropriate Technology in Diabetes of World Health Organization (WHO) and worked as a temporary advisor for the WHO in various Asian countries.

Since moving to Canada, Dr. Vuksan has concentrated his research efforts on carbohydrate and dietary fibre in hyperlipidemia, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and colonic health. His accomplishments in the field of nutrition research were recognised when he was awarded the Outstanding Research Fellowship Award by the National Institute of Nutrition of Canada for two consecutive years.

In 1990 he joined St. Michael's Hospital where he initiated and developed a population Heart Disease Screening/Intervention Programme.

Aside from his teaching duties (*Functional Food; Socio Cultural Aspect of Nutrition; Diet and Cardiovascular disease*), his mandate is to continue his prestigious clinical and epidemiological research in the field of nutrition, human health and heart disease. He has made significant contributions within a unique multidisciplinary research group investigating the physiological effects of food.

Dr Vuksan is frequently consulted by local and global food and pharmaceutical industries (i.e. Kellogg, Nestle, Loblaw's, Mead Johnson, Natural Factors, Katz, etc) for the development of functional foods and nutraceuticals. He also acts as consultant to governmental scientific and regulatory bodies on issues regarding functional food claims and regulation.