

## **Dr. Sacha Bhatia**



Dr. Bhatia received his medical degree and MBA at McGill University and received his internal medicine and cardiology training in Toronto.

Dr. R. Sacha Bhatia is the Director of the Institute for Health System Solutions and Virtual Care (WIHV) at Women's College Hospital. WIHV is a newly launched innovation laboratory that develops and tests new ideas, new programs and new policy approaches in the world of ambulatory care, and then helps to scale them up across Ontario and beyond.

He is also a staff cardiologist at Women's College Hospital and at University Health Network. He also serves as Assistant Professor in Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto and at the Institute for Health Policy Management and Evaluation. He is also an adjunct scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences.

As Director of WIHV, Dr. Bhatia sits on the steering committee for Choosing Wisely Canada, a national initiative managed through the University of Toronto in collaboration with the Canadian Medical Association. He has significant experience in health policy, and from January 2008 to December 2009 was the Premier of Ontario's health and research and innovation policy advisor. He is a health policy researcher who has published in peer reviewed journals, such as New England Journal of Medicine and the CMAJ. He has also presented at national and international meetings, such as the American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association Scientific Sessions. He was recently awarded the 2013 American College of Cardiology's Young Investigator Award, and the American Society of Echocardiography's Arthur E. Weyman Young Investigator Award. He sits on the Mission Committee of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the cardiovascular working group of the Ontario Health Study, and advises the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Health Quality Ontario, hospitals and other healthcare organizations on various health systems issues, including strategic planning and quality improvement. He has been invited to speak at conferences held by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the Ontario Hospital Association, ICES, various Local Health Integration Networks, law firms, hospitals and research institutes on various issues of health policy.