

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Gurdev Singh Gill, M.D. University of British Columbia

Dr. Gurdev Gill was born on November 29, 1931 in Village Kharoudi, Distt. Hoshiapur, Punjab, India and immigrated to Canada in 1949. After arriving in Canada, he went on to become **the first Indo-Canadian to earn a medical degree from the University of British Columbia, and the first Indo-Canadian to practice medicine in Canada.** During his more than 50 year medical career, Dr. Gill has been an active member of the Indo-Canadian community working on numerous social, political and humanitarian causes. Since retirement, he has been actively involved in completing village improvement and sanitation projects in India.

EDUCATION:

- Doctor of Medicine, University of British Columbia, 1957
- Grade 12 from Duncan High School, Duncan, B.C.
- Matriculation from Mahilpur High School (Distt Hoshiarpur), India, 1947

PROFESSIONAL & AFFILIATIONS:

- Internship in Portland, Oregon 1957
- Family practice, New Westminster, B.C. 1968-1996
- Teacher and examiner of first aid in St. John Ambulance Brigade 1958-1970
- Member of various staff committee's at Royal Columbian Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital 1958-1996
- Medical practitioners (Forensics), Royal Columbian Mounted Police 1960-1975
- Lobbied Canadian Government to decrease wait times for new Immigrants suffering from common illness' (hookworm, trachoma) 1962
- Fellow American Geriatrics Society 1964
- Board member of MSI (Medical Service Incorporated) 1966
- Established an association of medical doctors in Greater Vancouver Called PISA (Physicians with interest in South-East Asia) 1980
- Board member B.C. Career Agency 1996

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

- Founder and secretary, East Indian Student Association at University of British Columbia 1951
- Secretary, Khalsa Diwan Society, Vancouver 1954
- Lobbied Canadian government for new immigrant causes including Discrimination against Indians 1958
- President, East Indian Canadian Citizens Welfare Association 1958
- Lobbied Canadian Government about social/political, medical issues facing new immigrants 1958
- President, Khalsa Diwan Society, Vancouver 1959
- Fund raised committee to build Ross Street Sikh Temple

- 'Parivertan', one of the first Indo-Canadian newspapers, publisher 1960
- Founding President, National Association of Canadian of Origin (NACOO) 1972
- President, Indo-Canadian Friendship Society of British Columbia 1974
- Founding Member, India Cultural Centre, Richmond, B.C.
- Vice-President, Village Life Improvement Foundation, Chandigarh India 2001
- President, India-Canada Village Improvement Trust 2001
- Volunteer medical services to the poor in India ongoing

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS:

- Order of British Columbia 1990
- India Cultural Centre of Canada, award of appreciation for service on executive board 1990
- Community Service Award, National Indo-Canadian Council 1992
- Shiromani Sikh Society of B.C., Award of Excellence for Medicine and Community Services 1996
- Honorary Doctor of Science, University of British Columbia 1996
- Commemorative Plaque, Queen's Park Care Centre, New Westminster Recognition of medical services 1996
- Senior Membership, Canadian Medical Association 1998
- Certification of Appreciation, Khalsa Diwan Society, Vancouver, B.C. 2002
- Commemorative medal, Golden Jubilee of Queen 2003
- Recognition by President of India, Dr. Abdul Kalam for visionary work in rural development projects 2003
- Certificate of Nomination, Citizen of the Year, New Westminster 2008
- Commemorative Rotary Club of Vancouver Fraserview, recognition for Humanitarian Services in India 2008
- Recognition, Vancouver Sun Newspaper, '100 Most Influential Indo-Canadians in British Columbia 2008
- Global Citizenship Alumni Achievement Award, UBC 2013
- Recognition, Vancouver Sun Newspaper, 150 Noteworthy British Columbians 2017
- UBC MAA Wallace Wilson Leadership Award 2018
- Recognition, Canada India Network Society 2018

FUNDRAISING:

- Assisting eye-camps for the poor in Northern India, Kharoudi, India 1992-1993
- Rotary Club's International Polio, Member plus Campaign Committee 1998
- Indo-Canadian Friendship Society, Fundraising for Village Life Improvement to date have raised over three million dollars toward these projects ongoing