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Biography

Dr. Mackay is a clinician-scientist, combining the roles of Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in Cardiology at St. Paul's Heart Centre and Clinical Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia School of Nursing. Completing her initial nursing education at George Brown College (Toronto), and earning her PhD at UBC, she has practiced for 40 years in critical care and cardiac nursing, with the past 24 as a CNS. Dr. Mackay's clinical focus is on improving the care of patients with acute coronary syndrome and myocardial infarction. Her expertise and leadership in cardiovascular nursing is recognized nationally and has earned her several awards.

Dr. Mackay currently holds the Canadian Institutes of Health Research "Embedded Clinician Researcher" Award and UBC School of Nursing "MacMillan Nursing Research Scholar" Award. Her research examines sociodemographic and behavioural influences on cardiac health, such as sex/gender, ethnicity and depression. She serves on several grant review panels, the Executive Committee of Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcomes Sciences (CHEOS), the UBC/Providence Health Care Research Ethics Board, and the Editorial Boards of The Canadian Journal of Critical Care Nursing and the Canadian Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing.