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Biography

Dr. Harvey is an Australian Medical Graduate. After completing her specialty training and subsequent PhD in 1999 she re-located to Canada as a NH&MRC Scholar to complete post-doctoral training in Cardiovascular Physiology at the University of Toronto. In 2002 Dr. Harvey was appointed to faculty in the Division of Cardiology, University Health Network. In 2010 Dr Harvey joined Women's College Hospital (WCH) as Director, Cardiovascular Research and subsequently also as Medical Director, Women's Cardiovascular Health initiative, the WCH cardiac rehabilitation program. In December 2013 Dr. Harvey was appointed Division Head, Cardiology at WCH until April 2018. She assumed the role of Interim Physician-in-Chief of the Department of Medicine in July 2014. In March 2017 she was appointed Physician in Chief of the Department of Medicine at WCH. In May 2017 Dr. Harvey was appointed the F.M. Hill Chair in Women's Academic Medicine. In January 2019 Dr. Harvey was appointed Interim Chief of Staff.

Dr. Harvey's clinical and research focus is on cardiovascular disease in women across the lifespan, with a special interest in hypertension and dysautonomias, cardiovascular disease prevention through lifestyle interventions (such as exercise) and cardiovascular disease in women with multiple complex diseases.