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### Biography

Dr. McPherson received her PhD from the University of London (UK) and MD from the University of Toronto and then completed subspecialty training in internal medicine and in endocrinology and metabolism at the University of Toronto. Dr. McPherson held academic positions at the University of Toronto and McGill University before coming to the University of Ottawa Heart Institute in 1992. She was elected to fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada in 2014. Dr. McPherson is funded by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research. She has published over 230 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals. She currently holds the Merck Frosst Canada Chair in Atherosclerosis and is associate editor of *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology*. Dr. McPherson's laboratory research is centred on developing a comprehensive and integrated understanding of the genetic and molecular etiology of two complex phenotypes – obesity and coronary artery disease. Dr. McPherson directs the Lipid Clinic, Atherogenomics Laboratory and Ruddy Canadian Cardiovascular Genetics Centre at the Ottawa Heart Institute and is a key Canadian opinion leader in the area of clinical lipidology and cardiovascular risk reduction.