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An internationally recognized expert in the field of cellular signal transduction, Dr. Neel is Director of the Ontario Cancer Institute and Professor of Medical Biophysics at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Neel earned his Ph.D. in Viral Oncology from the Rockefeller University in 1982, under Dr. William S. Hayward, and his M.D. degree from Cornell University Medical School the following year. He completed medical internship and residency training at the former Beth Israel Hospital (now Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center) from 1983-85), and then pursued post-doctoral work with Dr. Raymond L. Erikson at Harvard University from 1985-1988.

In 1988, Dr. Neel was appointed Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and began his own independent research laboratory in the Molecular Medicine Unit at Beth Israel. He rose through the ranks at HMS, becoming a Professor of Medicine in 1999. He also served as the Director of the Cancer Biology Program since 1994 and as Deputy Director for Basic Research, Hematology Division at BIDMC since 2003. In 2006, he was appointed to the William B. Castle Chair of Medicine at HMS.

Dr. Neel holds multiple grants from the National Institutes of Health, and private foundations (e.g., LLS, Waxman Foundation). He is the author of approximately 125 original papers, several of which have been published in leading scientific journals such as *Cell*, *Molecular Cell*, *Developmental Cell*, *Science*, *Nature*, *Nature Medicine* and *Nature Genetics*. His graduate work on oncogene activation by slowly transforming RNA tumor viruses, was adjudged as one of the 50 most important discoveries in cancer research by the journal, *Science*. He was the inaugural recipient of the Gertrude Elion Award of the American Association for Cancer Research, and also received a Junior Faculty Research Award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and an NIH MERIT award. He has served on study sections and ad hoc review panels for the NIH, ACS (Mass Division), and the California Tobacco and Breast Cancer Research Programs, respectively. He also was a long time member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Ceptyr, Inc. a biotechnology company whose goal is to discover PTP inhibitors for the treatment of diabetes, obesity, and cancer.

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