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# GAIRDNER FOUNDATION AWARD WINNER TO ADDRESS 800 WINNIPEG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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**WINNIPEG, Manitoba –** Dr. David Sackett, winner of the 2009 Canada Gairdner Wightman Award, will address over 800 students at Kelvin High School with his presentation titled, "Do you want to become a medical detective?"

"I'm delighted that so many high school students in Winnipeg are interested in this type of clinical investigation," said Dr. Sackett. "To keep the students engaged I've developed two CSI-styled problems that we're going to work through."

The presentation takes place on Wednesday, October 21 from 9:30 to 10:30 at Kelvin High School. Dr. Sackett will be available for interview following the hour-long presentation.

The investigations Dr. Sackett has participated in aren't as glamourous as the ones seen in the movies and on television, however they've made profound impacts throughout the world. For his outstanding leadership in medicine, Dr. Sackett was awarded Canada's top medical prize, the Canada Gairdner Wightman Award. Among his most important clinical trials, and in collaboration with colleagues around the world, Dr. Sackett was a Principal Investigator in the studies that showed, for the first time anywhere, the life-saving benefits of aspirin for patients with threatened stroke and threatened heart attack.

Dr. Sackett's award was given out by the Gairdner Foundation to recognize and reward the achievements of medical researchers whose work contributes significantly to improving the quality of human life. Gairdner Foundation Award winners frequently go on to win Nobel Prizes.

After training in internal medicine, nephrology and epidemiology, David Sackett coined the term "clinical epidemiology" and founded the first department of epidemiology in Canada as the Chair of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics at McMaster University. Dr. Sackett is one of the world's leading authorities on evidence-based medicine and has authored numerous textbooks in his field. He was made an Officer of the Order of Canada and is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

At noon the same day, Dr. Sackett will speak in a public lecture at the University of Manitoba, Bannatyne Campus. This presentation is directed at the staff and students within the Faculty of Medicine, as well as public health officials.

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