



## **Biography**

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Dr. Paul Links is the incumbent of the Arthur Sommer Rotenberg Chair in Suicide Studies, University of Toronto; the first Chair in North America dedicated to suicide research and is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. Dr. Links is a former President for the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention (CASP) and former President of the Association for Research on Personality Disorders. Also he was the Acting Psychiatrist-in-Chief of the St. Michael's Hospital's Mental Health Service from January to June 2011.

Dr. Links is the Editor of the Journal of Personality Disorders. He has published over 100 articles in scientific journals and three books. As an investigator he has received research grants from many agencies including Health and Welfare Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Health, the Ontario Mental Health Foundation, Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board of Ontario. In October 2009, Dr. Links was awarded the CASP Research Award for outstanding contributions to the field of suicide research in Canada.

Dr. Links' clinical experience and expertise developed from working with both acutely suicidal and persistently suicidal individuals (those who face a life-and-death struggle on a daily basis and are at high risk of taking their own lives). He leads an active interdisciplinary group of researchers at the Suicide Studies Unit with Arthur Sommer Rotenberg Chair at St. Michael's Hospital.