

BOARD PROFILE

INTRODUCING DR. KATE O'BRIEN, WORLD-RENOWNED EXPERT
IN VACCINOLOGY AND GLOBAL HEALTH



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At DMRF, our outstanding Board brings an incredible wealth of knowledge, expertise and determination to the work we do every day. With a diverse skill set, strong business acumen, and a passion for health, our Board members provide the exceptional leadership and strategic direction that advancing health research demands.

This year, we are pleased to welcome Dr. Kate O’Brien, Director of the World Health Organization’s Department of Immunization, Vaccines, and Biologicals, to the DMRF Board. A world-renowned expert in the field of global health, vaccines and epidemiology, Dr. O’Brien’s 25-year career has focused on vaccine research, innovation, evidence and policy, and has contributed to hundreds of thousands of lives saved around the world to date.

Whether field-testing vaccines or immunization innovations in Haiti or Nigeria, or compiling data in North America, Dr. O’Brien has always believed that collaboration is the key to research success and real-world impact – a value shared by DMRF and Dalhousie’s Faculties of Health, Dentistry and Medicine. Over the years, she has worked with a myriad of health organizations and institutions around the world, including Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, US Centers for Disease Control, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, Oxford University, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Harvard University, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the World Health Organization.

“Dr. O’Brien’s global expertise and vast international network will be invaluable to this Board, DMRF, Dalhousie and to the entire Maritime region. In particular, as Dalhousie continues to cement its position as a world-leader in the discoveries and development of new vaccines, antiviral drugs and other life-saving viral therapies, we look forward to leveraging Dr. O’Brien’s expertise to further expand this globally-competitive field of research in Atlantic Canada.”

– JOANNE BATH

Director of Philanthropy & Interim Co-CEO, DMRF

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WELCOMING DR. KATE O’BRIEN.**



“In global health, the role of academic research organizations has always been to imagine, develop and test innovative, disruptive solutions. We need this more than ever in a world that is increasingly connected, increasingly complex, and increasingly addressing problems that have no geographic boundaries. I see Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation as a critical means to support and promote the faculty at Dalhousie Medical School, so they have the resources and flexibility to pursue audacious ideas and push the edges of innovation to bring greater impact in health.”

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DMRF Board Member & Director of the World Health Organization’s Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals