

October 12th, 2011

MEMO

We are very pleased to announce the recruitment of Dr. Edward O'Brien to the Department of Cardiac Sciences and the Libin Cardiovascular Institute. Dr. O'Brien will assume the role as the Division Chief of Cardiology for Alberta Health Services and the University of Calgary. In addition, he will take on the role as the Research Director of the Libin Cardiovascular Institute. Along with Dr. Anderson, the Director of the Libin Cardiovascular Institute, Dr. O'Brien will play a pivotal role in charting the strategic research direction of the Institute. Dr. O'Brien will also be appointed as a Professor of Medicine and Cardiology at the University.

Dr. O'Brien is a distinguished scientist and clinician who was recruited from the University of Ottawa. He completed his MD degree at the University of Ottawa and did Internal Medicine resident training at the University of British Columbia. He returned to Ottawa to complete cardiology training and then spent three years at the University of Washington in Seattle doing an Interventional and Vascular Biology Research Fellowship. He has been back in Ottawa since 1995. In addition to being an outstanding clinician with an interest in coronary artery disease, his research focus has been in the area of vascular biology. He has run a basic science laboratory with a particular interest in heat shock proteins. The interface between these proteins and their anti-atherosclerotic effect has been a recent focus of his work. Dr. O'Brien is a thoughtful Scientist and is very well published in this area. He has held continuous peer reviewed grant funding throughout his research career. He is also the current CIHR-Medtronic Chair in the area of vascular biology. He will be able to bring this Chair (2010-2015) to his current position in Calgary. In addition, Dr. O'Brien is a keen supporter of medical education and knowledge transfer. He will be an outstanding addition to the Libin Cardiovascular research team and the Department of Cardiac Sciences. He has assumed this role as of October 3rd, 2011.

Regards,



Todd Anderson, MD FRCPC