

## **Parkinson Alberta Board of Directors Biography**

### **Dr. Oksana Suchowersky, MD FRCPC FCCMG, Edmonton**

Dr. Suchowersky received her MD from University of Calgary. Following residency in Neurology and fellowship in Neurogenetics at University of British Columbia, Dr. Suchowersky was recruited to the University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine to develop the Movement Disorders Program in 1984. Under her leadership the program grew to an internationally recognized center for care of patients with Parkinson disease, and related movement disorders. In 2010, she was recruited to the University of Alberta to expand the Movement Disorders and Neurogenetics Programs.

Her research interests include understanding genetic factors related to the development of neurodegenerative disorders, and developing new treatments for these disorders. She has published over 200 peer reviewed publications, and edited two books. She is on the Editorial Board of Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences, Nature Clinical Neurology, and International Neurological Journal. She is now the Toupin Research Chair in Neurology at the University of Alberta, and is the President of the Canadian Movement Disorders Group. Recently, she added to two administrative positions to her list of duties, as Clinical Head of Medical Genetics and Associate Chair, Department of Medicine at the U of Alberta.