



Medical Milestones

Shriners Hospitals Physician Earns Canada's Highest Award

(NAPSA)—Francis Glorieux, M.D., Ph.D., director of research and head of the Genetics Unit of the Canadian Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal, has been made an Officer of the Order of Canada, the country's highest honor for lifetime achievement.

Her Excellency the Right Honorable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, announced the new appointments to the Order of Canada and promotions within the Order last August.

Appointments to the Order of Canada are made on the recommendation of an Advisory Council, chaired by the Chief Justice of Canada.

Dr. Glorieux has devoted his career to understanding and treating inherited metabolic bone diseases in children. He is an internationally recognized clinical scientist, whose innovative research and treatment programs have improved the quality of life for children living with such disorders as rickets and brittle bone disease (osteogenesis imperfecta).

In addition to his therapeutic achievements, he shares his expertise with physicians from around the world, as well as with numerous professional organizations, such as the Canadian Osteogenesis Imperfecta Society and the Osteoporosis Society of Canada.

Besides his research efforts at the Canadian Shriners Hospital, Glorieux holds appointments as professor of surgery and human genetics and professor of pediatrics at McGill University in Montreal, as consulting physician at Ste-Justine Hospital in Montreal, and as attending physician at Montreal Children's Hospital.

Glorieux received his medical degree from the University of Louvain, Belgium, and his Ph.D. in biology (human genetics) from McGill University. He is a Fellow of the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists and he has held visiting professorships at hospital and medical centers around the world.

A member of many professional organizations, Glorieux received



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the Frederic C. Bartter Award from the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research for outstanding clinical investigation in disorders of bone and mineral metabolism. In 2003, he also received the IBMS Elsevier award, the career award from the Vitamin D Workshop and the Jonas Salk award of the Ontario March of Dimes Foundation.

As a recipient of the Order of Canada, Glorieux is entitled to place after his name the letters "O.C." as an Officer and wear as a decoration, the appropriate insignia of the Order.

The badge of the Order is a six-pointed white snowflake. In the center is a maple leaf surrounded by a red circle on which is inscribed the motto of the Order, "Desiderantes Meliorem Patriam" ("They desire a better country").

For more information on Shriners' network of 22 hospitals that provide medical care and services totally free of charge to children with orthopaedic problems, burns and spinal cord injuries, write to: Shriners International Headquarters, Public Relations Dept., 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607, or visit the Web site at www.shrinershq.org. Treatment is provided to children under age 18 without regard to race, religion or relationship to a Shriner.

If you know a child Shriners can help, call 1-800-237-5055 in the United States, or 1-800-361-7256 in Canada.