

Dr. John Millar

Dr. Millar is the Executive Director, Population Health Surveillance for the Provincial Health Services Authority in British Columbia Canada. In this capacity, Dr Millar works in close collaboration with PHSA agencies and other provincial stakeholders, providing leadership and technical expertise in developing strategies for health surveillance, and identifying population health trends and opportunities for enhancing chronic disease prevention and management. Previously he served as VP, Research & Population Health for the Canadian Institute for Health Information in Ottawa; and as the Provincial Health Officer in BC.

Dr Millar currently serves as the Chair of the National Advisory Board for the National Collaborating Centre for the Determinants of Health and the Co-Chair of the F/P/T Task Group on Surveillance of Chronic Disease and Injury. He also is a member of the Steering Committee for the Canadian Heart Health Strategy. Recently, Dr. Millar was appointed to a two year term on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute. In BC, Dr Millar Chairs the BC Healthy Built Environment Alliance and Co-Chairs the Population & Public Health Evidence & Data Expert Group and is a member of the BC Health Officers Council, the BC Healthy Living Alliance and the BC Population Health Network.

Dr. Millar was born in Vancouver and graduated in Medicine from the University of British Columbia He has a background of international health experience, having spent two years with the Zambian Flying Doctor Service and ten years as a Medical Officer and Assistant Secretary for Health in Papua-New Guinea. His interest in third world health problems continues and in recent years he has worked on projects in Laos, Trinidad, Brazil, Kosovo, Transcaucasia and Uganda.