



Dr. Jeanne Besner was awarded The Nursing Leadership Award by the Canadian College of Health Services Executives at their awards dinner June 6. Dr. Besner was recognized by her peers for her ongoing commitment to excellence in nursing leadership and patient-centred care in Canada.

Over the course of her nursing career, [Dr. Besner](#) has practiced as a public health nurse and nurse practitioner in northern nursing stations. She has been the Director, Research Initiatives in Nursing Health with the Calgary Health Region since February 2001, leading the development of research focused on optimizing the role of nurses and other members of inter-professional, [collaborative health care teams](#) in an evolving health system. Dr. Besner was appointed to the Health Council of Canada in December 2003, and [currently serves as interim Chair](#).