

Dr. Leah Gramlich is a Full Professor at the University of Alberta and clinician at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton. Dr. Gramlich's contribution to CNS is without question significant and pivotal to the genesis of our society. As the President of the Canadian Society for Clinical Nutrition (CSCN), she helped navigate and negotiate important discussions leading to a merger with the Canadian Society for Nutritional Sciences (CSNS) to become the Canadian Nutrition Society. She served as the inaugural President of CNS from 2010-2012 where she helped to chart a new path for CNS that brought together clinical nutrition researchers, dietitians and clinicians with basic nutrition researchers, regulatory and industry professionals. Dr. Gramlich is also one of the founding members of the Canadian Malnutrition Task Force (CMTF) and sits as its current Chair. CMTF has brought to light challenges in malnutrition occurring in Canadian hospitals through rigorous evidence-based research and knowledge translation. It has received global recognition for its important work highlighting the role of proper nutrition in the clinical setting that is imperative to the recovery of hospital patients. This pivotal work has challenged hospital practices leading to meaningful changes in hospital care and practice thus improving the lives of patients across Canada.

Dr. Gramlich is the Co-lead for Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (Alberta). In this work she has been influential in mobilizing an evidence-based surgery program of care supported by change management and audit of practice. This approach has been applied in over 12000 Albertan patients to date and has been leveraged by the Canadian Patient Safety Institute to create surgical pathways for care. Through her work in surgery, she has created broad uptake of best nutrition care practices across surgery patient populations. As a clinician scientist, Dr. Gramlich has worked closely with colleagues to develop the Canadian Home TPN registry that has provided a tool for national benchmarking of care as well as a rich source of data for evidence-based enquiry in this unique and rare patient population. For 20 years, Dr. Gramlich has led the organization and execution of the Western Canada Nutrition Day. Since 2012 Dr. Gramlich has been the Provincial Medical Advisor for Nutrition Services in Alberta Health Services. She has published a remarkable 118 peer reviewed publications and conducted a multitude of presentations locally, nationally and internationally.

Dr. Gramlich is the recipient of the Khursheed Jeejeebhoy Award (2018). She sits on the CIHR college of reviewers and has been nominated to sit on the Nutrition Science Advisory Committee of Health Canada. She has chaired the Clinical Nutrition Week Committee of ASPEN, currently sits on the ASPEN board of directors, and is a member of 'GLIM' Global Leaders in Malnutrition that have developed a novel consensus definition of malnutrition.