



**BC Cancer Agency**

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A special presentation by

**Professor Phil Quirke  
Leeds Institute of Cancer & Pathology**

“Evolution or Extinction - The Future of the Molecular  
Pathologist”

Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
1:00 pm

BC Cancer Research Centre  
Diamond Family Lecture Theatre  
675 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Host:**

Dr. David Huntsman and Dr. Ming Tsao  
(On behalf of Terry Fox Foundation Strategic Training Initiative in Health  
Sciences (STIHR) in Clinician Scientists in Oncologic Molecular Pathology at  
CIHR)

## Biography



**Professor Phil Quirke is the Yorkshire Cancer Research Centenary Professor of Pathology in the School of Medicine at the University of Leeds.**

He leads the section of pathology and tumour biology and has a major research interest in Bowel cancer, molecular and digital pathology and postgraduate education.

Phil's major achievements have been:

- i) to identify the cause of local recurrence in rectal cancer and open up the way to minimise this occurrence.
- ii) to show that simple observations of anatomy and cancer surgery and the specimens that are removed by surgeons can identify the quality of the operating surgeon and that educational interventions using excellent surgeons can improve outcomes in a number of countries.

He has taken part in many national and international clinical trials and is currently involved in 31 UK trials attempting to improve treatments for bowel cancer patients.

He leads the pathology component within the United Kingdom Bowel Cancer Screening Programme.