



## Dr. Penny Ballem, Videoconference Speaker Series November 19, 2008

### BIOGRAPHY



**Dr. Penny Ballem** was the longest serving Deputy Minister of Health in Canada in the last 15 years and for the last 22 years in British Columbia. Throughout her career, her work has involved both clinical practice (hematologist) and senior administration in academic health centres in Vancouver. As a Clinical Professor of Medicine at UBC, she has also had a long interest in teaching across all health disciplines as well as clinical and policy research. Dr. Ballem also served as a Board Member of the Canadian Institute for Health Information, as a member of Canada Health Infoway, the liaison deputy minister for the Canadian Council for Donation and Transplantation, and as the co-chair of the Pan Canadian Public Health Surveillance Information System Project.



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