



## **PUCC's Dean of the Faculty of medicine honoured by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada**



**SANTIAGO, May 24, 2017** - Today, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada presented an Honorary Fellowship award to Dr. Luis Ibañez Anrique, MD, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUCC), during the Latin American Conference for Residency Education (LACRE) in Santiago.

"On top of having an accomplished career teaching the next generation of surgeons, he has championed the principles of high quality postgraduate medical education and promoting knowledge exchange with partners all over the world," said Royal College CEO Dr. Andrew Padmos. "This award is the Royal College's way of acknowledging his hard work in Chile and throughout the world."

Highlights of Dr. Ibañez Anrique's distinguished career include:

- undergraduate studies in the Faculty of Medicine at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, where he also completed a General Surgery residency
- completed a Digestive Surgery Fellowship at the Hôpital Saint Antoine in Paris, France
- chief of the Emergency Surgery Department, as well as head of the Department of Digestive Surgery in the Faculty of Medicine at PUCC since 2005
- professor of Surgery and author of numerous publications about advancing digestive and bariatric surgery
- president of the Latin American Society of Bariatric Surgery
- dean of the Faculty of Medicine at PUCC since 2010
- played an instrumental role in helping PUCC achieve "institutional accreditation" from the Royal College – one of five institutions in the world.

The Royal College bestows Honorary Fellowship on exceptional physicians, surgeons and lay persons who have demonstrated outstanding performance in a particular vocation or a specific area of professional activity directly or indirectly related to the field of medicine.

"Dr. Ibañez has dedicated his career to improving patient care through medical education and collaboration," said Royal College President Dr. Françoise P. Chagnon. "His legacy is inspiring a generation of medical specialists to champion change in their own respective fields and countries."

*The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada is the national, not-for-profit organization that oversees the medical education of specialists in Canada by setting high standards for postgraduate medical education and continuing professional development. In collaboration with health organizations and government agencies, the Royal College also plays a role in developing sound health policy in Canada.*

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