Our Board of Directors

The Ottawa DOM-NFP’s Board of Directors is composed of experienced leaders from diverse fields who help the organization to achieve its vision. Some of the key responsibilities of the Board of Directors is to provide governance and oversight, and provide strategic vision and leadership to the organization. The Ottawa DOM-NFP is honoured to have these distinguished members as part of our Board.
1. Dr. Philip Wells

Title at the Ottawa DOM-NFP: Board Chair

Parent organization: University of Ottawa

Title at parent organization: Chief/Chair Department of Medicine

Dr. Phil Wells holds an MD and FRCPC (Internal Medicine) from the University of Ottawa, and FRCPC (Hematology) and MSc (Clinical Epidemiology) from McMaster University. Dr. Wells has been in a practicing position for 35 years and has held many leadership positions including training program director, director of clinical research, head of the division of hematology, and the Chair/Chief of the Department of Medicine. Dr. Wells’ core expertise is in the fields of Internal Medicine, Hematology and Thrombosis Medicine, as well as Clinical Epidemiology. Dr. Wells has been awarded the OHRI Researcher of the Year award, the OHRI Career Research Achievement award, and a University of Ottawa Lifetime Achievement award. Dr. Wells was one of the first Canada Research Chairs recipients at the University of Ottawa, and more recently received a Faculty of Medicine Distinguished Clinical Research Chair and a University of Ottawa Research Chair award. Dr. Wells is renowned for authoring the ‘Wells Rules for the diagnosis of pulmonary embolism and deep vein thrombosis which are taught in Medical schools across the world and used in National Healthcare guidelines globally.

Dr. Wells’ vision for the Ottawa DOM-NFP is to pursue opportunities by utilizing the collective wisdom, knowledge and innovations of members of the Department of Medicine, which will enable activities, investments and partnerships that will eventually result in the provision of better patient care.
2. Evelyn Spence

**Title at the Ottawa DOM-NFP:** Director and Corporate Secretary

**Parent organization:** Engineers Canada

**Title at parent organization:** Legal Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Ms. Evelyn Spence is a lawyer and member of the senior leadership team at Engineers Canada and has previously occupied a position as in-house counsel with the provincial regulator mandated to protect and ensure the safety and well-being of seniors living in Ontario’s retirement homes. Ms. Spence also worked as an associate lawyer within a busy commercial litigation group in a mid-sized Toronto law firm. As corporate secretary and a member of the senior leadership team at Engineers Canada, Ms. Spence specializes in corporate, administrative and regulatory law, providing general legal, strategic and risk management advice to its 23-person Board of Directors and management. Ms. Spence holds a B.A. (Hons.) from Queen’s University, L.L.B. from Dalhousie Law School and has a Certificate in Health Law and Policy. She is a member in good standing with the Law Society of Ontario, the Ontario Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association.

Ms. Spence is committed to serving her community and shares her time, skills and experience with a number of diverse organizations. She served as the Corporate Secretary and Chair of the Governance Committee with Volunteer Ottawa for 2 years and has been a member of the Elections Committee of the Immigrations Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council since 2017. She acts as a part-time adjudicator with the Ontario Licence Appeal Tribunal and has formerly served as the Complaints Review Councillor and as a member of the Discipline Committee with Professional Engineers of Ontario. Ms. Spence is passionate about community volunteerism and advancing patient care.

Ms. Spence envisions the Ottawa DOM-NFP to be a national leader in healthcare research and innovation; capable of transforming healthcare by leveraging innovative solutions and technologies and enhancing the quality of healthcare, research and education.
3. Allan Bifield

**Title at the Ottawa DOM-NFP:** Director

Mr. Allan Bifield is an accomplished senior finance executive with more than 30 years global experience in finance and operations management within multi-billion dollar organizations. Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Bifield has demonstrated his ability to restructure, drive growth and improve efficiency and bottom line profit. Mr. Bifield holds CIMA/CGMA designations and worked as a Deputy CFO and EVP of Corporate Services at George Weston Ltd., where he was responsible for all areas of Corporate Finance including Financial Accounting and External Reporting, Internal Audit and Corporate Risk, Treasury, Tax, Pensions and Benefits, Insurance, and IT. Prior to his stint with George Weston Ltd., Mr. Bifield was the Authorised Legal Representative at Nortel Networks Corporation (NNC) & Nortel Networks Limited (NNL) and also served as the CFO and SVP at NNC & NNL. Mr. Bifield has also served as the CFO for Nortel Enterprise Business Networks, Nortel Carrier Data Networks, Nortel Advanced Components and Nortel Advance Technology Laboratories.

Mr. Bifield cares about women’s opportunities in life and has been a mentor to women in business for 10 years with the Menttium Corporation. He has also been on the board of Elmwood girls school since 2014 and has supported the school’s vision to give the best opportunities to girls through the ‘Whole Girl - Whole World’ initiative. Mr. Bifield is also a director of ‘Youturn’ which looks to provide intensive services and support to youth, (aged 12 to 24), and their families who are in conflict with the law or at risk of becoming involved in the justice system.

Mr. Bifield envisions the Ottawa DOM-NFP to become a world leader in furthering affordable, world-class, timely healthcare for all.
4. **Adnan Khan**

**Title at the Ottawa DOM-NFP:** Board Member

Mr. Adnan Khan holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Queens University and holds CPA, CA (Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario), CPA (Certified Public Accountant, USA) and CIO Certified Blockchain Professional (CIO Association of Canada). Mr. Khan has over 12 years of international experience in Corporate Banking, Relationship Management, Export Trade Credit, Portfolio Management and Risk Assessment. Mr. Khan’s expertise in Portfolio Management and Risk Assessment is across multiple sectors, including internationally based public, private and sovereign entities with key focus on Information Technology and Knowledge based industries. Over the years, Mr. Khan has held various positions of responsibility in multiple regions (Middle East, UK and the Americas) and experienced working in different cultures and demographics across multiple societies. Mr. Khan has played an instrumental role in developing a client base for a multinational bank and was awarded recognition for his commendable role and contribution. Mr. Khan is a One Young World Ambassador and very vocal about the importance of Corporate Social Responsibility and how that can pave the way for a better society. Mr. Khan is also an advocate for bringing “education” to underdeveloped countries and the need for a quick ramp-up in systems needed to support growing “mental health” issues.

Mr. Khan envisions the Ottawa DOM-NFP to become the “Gateway to the Future of Health” and enable the required integration with the remarkable advancements in technology to power sustainable well-being for local communities. Furthermore, he wants the Ottawa DOM-NFP to empower the stakeholders to benefit from radically interoperable data on secure platforms.
5. Frank Eng

Title at the Ottawa DOM-NFP: Board Member

Mr. Frank Eng is a senior leader with over 30 years of strategic management and design, transformation and leadership experience and extensive experience in building and growing high performance teams in all areas. Mr. Eng is a charismatic leader who inspires innovation, interest and commitment to new and existing technologies and creates high-performance teams to enable clients to work more efficiently and effectively. Mr. Eng’s key areas of expertise are in Strategic Planning for Business, Communication and Technology, Leadership, Team Building and Talent Management, Organizational and Technology Transformation, Modernization of Information Systems and Technology Solutions, among others. Mr. Eng holds a B.Com. (Hons) from Carleton University and a Diplome d’Education Collegiale from Champlain Regional College and is a Senior Partner with the Whitestone Group, which is a fully independent group specializing in successfully assisting organizations to transform their business through the intelligent application of people, processes and technology. Prior to this role, Mr. Eng held consultant positions with PwC Canada, the Treasury Board of Canada, Federal Healthcare Partnership and the Department of National Defence. Mr. Eng has also served as the Director of Information Technology at the Ottawa Hospital and consultant for the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. Mr. Eng co-founded the company TKI Medcon Inc. and served as its Vice President from 1994 to 2005 where he was responsible for enabling and ensuring that the correct technology and medical professionals were combined to produce accurate and relevant ‘expert’ systems and Continuing Medical Education applications.