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Dr. Connors is a clinical professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology, at the University of British Columbia and Clinical Director of the BC Cancer Agency Centre for Lymphoid Cancer. He obtained his medical degree at Yale University, trained in internal medicine at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and completed his medical oncology fellowship at the Stanford University Medical Center. While at the BC Cancer Agency and University of British Columbia, he has focused his clinical activities and research efforts in the area of lymphoid cancers, most recently on the application of genomic analysis to understanding and optimizing treatment for these diseases.

Dr. Connors is best known for his clinical investigations into the treatment of Hodgkin lymphoma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic leukemias and multiple myeloma. He sits on the Executive Committee of the American Society of Hematology and on the scientific advisory board of the Lymphoma Foundation Canada.

Dr. Connors has published over 350 peer-reviewed scientific articles addressing various aspects of research into lymphoid cancers. His many awards include a Terry Fox Cancer Research Award, Canadian Cancer Society John W. Whittick Memorial Award, Karl Musshoff Lifetime Achievement Award, and a Canadian Medical Association Lifetime Achievement Award. He has been recognized as one of the 20 most influential scientific minds in Canada, in The World’s Most Influential Scientific Minds.