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**Contact information**

Name	Erica Frank
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Biographical details	<p>Professor Erica Frank, MD, MPH, is the Canada Research Chair in Preventive Medicine and Population Health at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver Canada), and the inventor (in 2001) of NextGenU.org, now being used in 191 (of 193) countries as the world’s first free university. Starting with a focus in the health sciences, NextGenU.org’s accredited courses span from college-level pre-health sciences and community health worker trainings, through fully developed Graduate Medical Education and the first globally free degree, a Master’s in Public Health. She has tested and published on this model in North American medical, public health, and undergraduate students, and in community health workers and primary care physicians in Kenya and in India, and has a \$16 million endowment for this work.</p> <p>Dr. Frank has globally led the study and promotion of the relationship between physicians’ personal and clinical prevention habits, publishing &gt;100 physician health articles, found here. This includes being Principal Investigator of multiple (&gt;=2/country) national studies in Canada, Colombia, Israel, and the U.S., and most importantly the establishment of the strong, consistent “Healthy Doc = Healthy Patient” relationship (shown here with 1.9 million Israeli patients and their 1,488 physicians), and its predecessor, a 5 year, 17 U.S. medical school intervention study showing the positive effects of encouraging medical students’ healthy behaviors on their personal and clinical prevention habits.</p> <p>Professor Frank also has considerable media and health education experience. She has been the Co-Editor in Chief of the journal Preventive Medicine (1994-1999), the Editor of the student component of JAMA, and has served on the editorial boards of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, the Canadian Medical Association Journal, and the Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine. She was a health writer for Vogue magazine, the health reporter for the central Georgia ABC affiliate, a medical editor for Lifetime Medical Television, and a health reporter for Medical News Network.</p> <p>Dr. Frank has been President and/or on the Boards of the American Association of Public Health Physicians, American College of Preventive Medicine, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, AMA Council on Long Range Planning, AMA Section on Medical Schools’ Governing Council, Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine Foundation, Canadian Medical Association Journal, Center for Policy Analysis on Trade and Health, DuPont Epidemiology Advisory Board, DuPont Health Advisory Board, National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, Lifestyle Medicine Practitioners’ Association of Nigeria, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Stanford University WELL Advisory Board, UBC President’s Commission on Sustainability, and UBC’s University Neighborhood Association Board (City Council).</p> <p>Dr. Frank also has worked as a green building designer, museum Founder/Director, social entrepreneur, and environmentalist. In sustainable design, she helped lead developing 3 of UBC’s “Top 10 Campus Gems” (a skatepark, an outdoor classroom, and the display of the Bioenergy Research &amp; Demonstration Facility), is co-designer of three cohousing communities and inhabitant of three cohousing communities, and had 12 years of co-designing, owning, and inhabiting the only energy independent home in Georgia.</p> <p>She is the Founder and Director of the Museum of Population and Public Health at UBC, the Founder and President of PosterUp.org (a non-profit up-purposing canvas posters</p>

from science conferences globally, into hand-made, fair-waged, unique, and useful products (like bags, pillows, and aprons), and the owner/SuperHost of a solar-powered, non-profit, NextGenU.org-fundraising AirBnb/VRBO lodge.

She has received multiple awards for her work, including the AMA/Pettis Award (outstanding U.S. medical student communicator), the American College of Preventive Medicine's (ACPM's) "Rising Star Award" and "Humanism in Medicine Award" (both received the first year the awards were offered), ACPM's Best Scientific Presentation and Distinguished Service awards, AOA (U.S. medical honor society) status, and the outstanding alumnus award from Princeton Day School and from Emory's Rollins School of Public Health. In 2016, she was the sole nominee of the Canadian Medical Association and the American College of Preventive Medicine to be the Director General of the World Health Organization, and in 2017 the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (which Dr. Frank helped co-found as 2008 President of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR)) won PSR's second Nobel Peace Prize.

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*Details if yes:*

**b. Speaker fees** \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

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**c. Fees for educational event** \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*

**d. Research funds** \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*

**e. Funds for a member of your staff** \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*

**f. Consulting fees** \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*


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*Details if yes:*

3. Do you have other competing financial interests?  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*

4. I have the following other competing interests (*details*):

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