



## Curriculum Vitae

**Arun Chockalingam, MS, PhD, FACC**  
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**Dr. Chockalingam is a professor of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University and is the Secretary General of the *World Hypertension League (WHL)*. After receiving his Masters in Biomedical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, (Madras) Chennai, India, Dr. Chockalingam moved to Memorial University of Newfoundland where he completed his PhD and later became a faculty member in the Faculty of Medicine. He investigated the complex cellular physiology/pharmacology of cardiac muscle in rats which led to studies of blood pressure and its role in cardiovascular disease in humans. It was in this capacity that Dr. Chockalingam began combining epidemiology with basic sciences which expanded to include clinical research (new treatment options), community based intervention (lifestyle modification) and development of teaching tools for medical students.**

**Dr. Chockalingam expanded his research to address the global issue of hypertension as a risk factor for cardiovascular disease. Through serving in multiple organizations devoted to combating hypertension, such as Blood Pressure Canada, Health Canada and the WHL, he has worked passionately to promote blood pressure awareness, monitoring and control including health policy to address hypertension on a global scale.**

**Dr. Chockalingam has a commitment for global health particularly on chronic diseases. In regards to heart health, hypertension, and preventive cardiology, he has organized a number of international conferences, has published over 100 scientific/medical papers and has received numerous awards to highlight his achievements in these areas. Through interdisciplinary research combining epidemiology, clinical research and community-based interventions, he has contributed significantly to the field of global health and health promotion.**

**His major accomplishment in life is scaling and summiting *Mount Kilimanjaro (Roof of Africa)*, in Tanzania, Africa, on November 9, 2002.**