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**Dr. Alan G. Casson**  
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The University of Saskatchewan, College of Medicine and the Saskatoon Health Region are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Alan G. Casson as Unified Department Head for the Department of Surgery. Dr. Casson was appointed to this position in October of 2006 for a five-year term.

Dr. Casson was born in Birmingham, England and is a graduate from the University of Manchester where he earned his Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery. In 1981 he moved to Canada and continued his studies at the Memorial University of Newfoundland where he completed his general surgery training and received his Master of Science. He subsequently completed additional training in thoracic and esophageal surgery at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario and at the University of Texas in Houston, Texas.

Following his return to Canada, Dr. Casson has held academic appointments at the University of Western Ontario, the University of Toronto, and since 1998 at Dalhousie University where he was a Professor in the Departments of Surgery, Pathology and Graduate Studies, and Head of Thoracic and Esophageal Surgery at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre in Halifax.

Dr Casson is well known for his research into the molecular biology of esophageal cancer, work which has recently been funded by the National Cancer Institute of Canada and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. He has over ninety journal publications, and has contributed chapters to several texts in addition to writing two books on thoracic surgery and the molecular biology of cancer. He lectures both nationally and internationally. Dr. Casson is well known for his teaching expertise and has contributed extensively to undergraduate, graduate and graduate programs.

Dr. Casson brings excellent leadership to this important role within the Saskatoon Health Region and College of Medicine.