



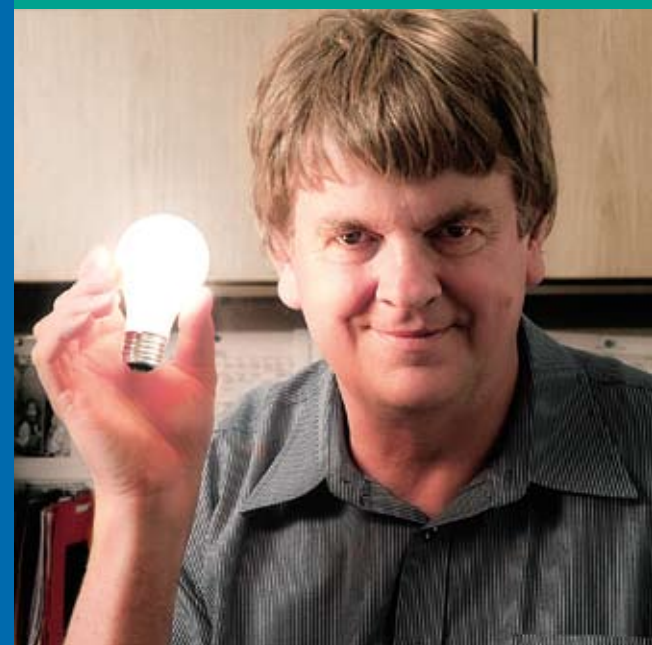
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Decades of research and a passion for developing practical solutions to the everyday challenges faced by those with disabilities have led Dr. Geoff Fernie to Toronto Rehab, where he is leading the development of one of the world's most advanced rehabilitation research facilities: iDAPT.

Dr. Fernie joined Toronto Rehab in 2003 as Vice President of Research with more than 30 years of experience in the mechanical and biomedical engineering fields. With a reputation for translating research findings into innovative products, Dr. Fernie has focused his research interests on understanding the impact of physical and cognitive disabilities that are frequently experienced by people as they age.

Dr. Fernie's work has led to a wide variety of inventions. State-of-the-art patient lift technology, wheelchairs and mobility aids are just some of the creations that have transformed the lives of many who have been touched by injury or disability.

An accomplished researcher and inventor, Dr. Fernie has over 100 peer-reviewed journal papers and book chapters to his credit and 16 families of patents. In 2002, he was the recipient of the Jonas Salk Award, and in 2003, he won the MEDEC Award in recognition of his development of innovative technologies.

Dr. Fernie is a Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto, with cross appointments to the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, the Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science and the Departments of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy. Prior to joining Toronto Rehab, Dr. Fernie was Director of the Centre for Studies in Aging at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.

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iDAPT is Toronto Rehab's \$36 million initiative to develop one of the world's most advanced rehabilitation research facilities where new therapies and assistive technologies will be developed for older people and those living with disabling injury or illness.