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Nine in B.C. named to Order of Canada

Community leaders to be inducted
to order's first level this spring

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A Vancouver doctor with a world-wide reputation for treating chronic pain without drugs was among nine B.C. residents appointed to the Order of Canada Monday.

Dr. Chan Gunn will join Vancouver environmentalist Vicky Husband and Hornby Island puppeteer Judith Lawrence in becoming members - the first level of the order - at a ceremony at Rideau Hall this spring.

The nine B.C. appointments were among 96 announced by Governor General Adrienne Clarkson Monday.



Retired politicians Ed Broadbent and Howard Pawley, former hockey star Red Kelly, broadcaster Patrick Watson and journalist John Eraser were also among those appointed to the order.

More than 1,000 people from around the world come to Vancouver annually to see pain specialist Gunn.

"This is a tribute to the thousands of people who have chronic pain and no one believes them," said the doctor, who founded the Gunn Pain Clinic on West Broadway. "We have solved the puzzle of chronic pain without drugs or surgery."

Gunn specializes in the treatment of neuropathic pain, or chronic pain due to nerve damage.

He believes this kind of pain can only be helped by hands-on treatment using acupuncture needles.

Husband, 61, conservation chairwoman of the Sierra Club of B.C., said she was thrilled to be made a member of the order. She raised the profile of the organization and became involved in the campaigns to protect coastal areas, including Clayoquot Sound on Vancouver Island.

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