

Ilsa Blidner



Ilsa Blidner assumed the position of Board Chair, Baycrest Foundation in September 2022. Ilsa has and continues to serve on a number of Boards and committees. Ilsa is a member of the Foundation Board, Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto. In the health sector, Ilsa serves on advisory and governing bodies at the Provincial level with Ontario Health-CorHealth, and at the Toronto regional level with Ontario's Stroke System. She is currently Chair of the Toronto Stroke Networks' Steering Committee and is Chair of the Toronto

West Stroke Network. Ilsa served on the Board of the Ontario Stroke Network where she held positions as Vice-Chair of the Board and Chair of its Governance committee. She was Chair of the Toronto District Health Council; she served United Way of Greater Toronto as Chair of an Allocations Panel; she served on the National board of the Canadian Evaluation Society and as Chair of Ontario Chapter Board.

Ilsa's professional career began in clinical research in Neonatology at McMaster University. She then held an academic position at the University of Toronto in the Faculty of Medicine where she provided consulting services to clinical and applied researchers. Following this, she formed *Ilsa Blidner Consulting Inc.*, a Toronto-based practice specializing in consultation and training in the areas of strategic planning, quality and performance assessment, applied social research and policy development for the health and social services sectors. Ilsa's primary focus was to enhance organizational capacity for planning and performance assessment and to use evaluation and data for decision-making and policy development.