

Patrick Taylor



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[Patrick Taylor](#) is the author of the Irish Country series of popular novels featuring Dr. Barry Lavery: *An Irish Country Doctor* (2007), *An Irish Country Village* (2008), *An Irish Country Courtship* (2010), *An Irish Country Christmas* (2008). His latest work, [A Dublin Student Doctor](#) (2011), goes back to the student days of Dr Fingal O'Reilly, mentor to Dr. Lavery.

Born in Bangor, Northern Ireland, and trained as a doctor in Ulster and Dublin, Patrick immigrated to Canada in the early 1990s. He draws on his own experience of rural medical practice in his charming series of books, which consistently make the bestseller lists.

During a distinguished medical career as an obstetrician-gynecologist and later a medical researcher and teacher in the field of infertility, Patrick was the recipient of the Lifetime Award of Excellence of the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society, as well as other lifetime achievement awards.

While still practicing medicine, Patrick exercised his writing muscles and his funny bone. He produced six medical textbooks and scores of scientific papers. In 1991, he began writing medical humour columns, and was later appointed to the task of reviewing *Stitches, a Journal of Medical Humour*, once published in Canada, the US, the UK and Australia, and also published as a book (2005).

Along with novels, columns, texts and scientific papers, Patrick has written a collection of short stories, [Only Wounded: Ulster Stories](#), reviewed by Scott Inniss, 1997. A member of the Vancouver Branch of the Canadian Authors' Association, Patrick is generous in sharing his time and expertise with aspiring authors. At [Canwrite! 2010](#) in Victoria he gave a series of one-hour workshops to writers with manuscripts and he continues to give periodical talks and readings at local writing events.