## Gillian Salvarakis PT Physiotherapist - NICU/DFC

## Biography:

Gillian received her Bachelor of Science Physical Therapy from the University of Western Ontario in 1982. She worked with adults in orthopaedics, neurology and continuing care before joining the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Developmental Follow-up Clinic at St. Joseph's Health Care London in 1995 where she has enjoyed supporting the development of babies and their families for the last 16 years. In her role of Neonatal Therapist she provided direct patient care and/or consultation services for the premature and /or medical complex infant while striving to maximize developmental outcomes and facilitate family interaction. She has been trained in developmental care, assessment of the term and preterm infant and is certified in the Neonatal Oral-Motor Assessment Scale. Gillian provides education to the NICU residents, nurses and community regarding infant neurodevelopment. She is a member of the Developmental Resources for Infants Steering Committee and the Family and Developmental Care Council.

Currently, Gillian is a Physiotherapist in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the Developmental Follow-up Clinic, Children's Hospital at London Health Sciences Center.