Dr. Marc Baltzan, MD, FRCSC

CMA President, 1982-83
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Internal medicine, nephrology

Dr. Baltzan, a pioneer in kidney transplantation in Canada, was part of the Saskatchewan team that performed the second Canadian transplant in Saskatoon in 1963. He also created the first dialysis clinic in Saskatchewan. He served as President of the Saskatchewan Medical Association before taking the helm at the CMA. Asked about the CMA’s role and function, Dr. Baltzan described the Association as an intellectual repository, as a coordinator and as the organization that deals with the federal government on the profession’s behalf. But its principal purpose, he told *CMAJ*, was “to give the doctors the equipment they need.”