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Dr. Coffin, a Past President of the Quebec Medical Association, did his post-graduate training in Pittsburgh before returning to practise in his home province. He said he witnessed massive changes within his own specialty after just a few years in practice. For instance, he said the advent of the pill, the liberalization of abortion, the impact of feminism and the declining birthrate all had a dramatic effect on the practice of obstetrics and gynecology. “Nowadays,” Dr. Coffin told CMAJ, “you see prospective fathers involved in prenatal classes, and you also see them in the delivery room.” Those, he said, were things he never saw when he started practising.