Dr. Victor Dirnfeld, MD, FRCPC

CMA President, 1997-98
University of Manitoba, 1961
General internal medicine

Before serving as CMA President, Dr. Dirnfeld held the same role with the British Columbia Medical Association, where he also served as Board chair. When he became CMA President, CMAJ introduced him this way: “The CMA’s new President, British Columbia internist Victor Dirnfeld, will bring decades of medical and political experience to the post. He is adamant that the buck stops in the doctor’s office, not at the Ministry of Health, and this means physicians must be consulted fully when governments are introducing changes to the health care system.” Despite the stresses that are part of medicine, he added, “I would tell any young person interested in medicine that the healing arts, and medicine in particular, are noble and intellectually gratifying.”