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CMA President, 1981-82
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Dr. Richard, a Moncton, NB, ophthalmologist, was a general practitioner before moving into specialty medicine. Prior to assuming the CMA Presidency, he told CMAJ about some of the major issues he thought the medical profession was facing. He said the future well-being of the profession would be achieved not by dismantling the evolving medicare system but by making it work more effectively so that it was not a “constant preoccupation.” However, he was concerned that under the present system MDs faced “far too much paperwork and bureaucracy, and the growing spectre of litigation.”