Dr. Athol L. Roberts, MD, FRCPC

CMA President, 1987-88
Dalhousie University, 1954
Anesthesia

Dr. Roberts, the second physician from Prince Edward Island to head the CMA, served as a church minister before moving to a medical career. He started his medical career as a military physician before he began practising in Charlottetown. He was vocal about the role he felt physicians and the CMA had to play in shaping health policy, telling *CMAJ*: “I would like the CMA to formally establish its position as a dynamic leader in making Canada’s health care policies. Members expect this of us, and the public does, too. The future of medicine in Canada will depend on what our profession does for our patients.”