Dr. Bette Stephenson, MD

CMA President, 1974-75
University of Toronto, 1946
Family medicine

Dr. Stephenson was the first woman to serve as President of the CMA. She was also well known in Ontario politics, having served in the provincial cabinet as both minister of labour and minister of education. When she was selected to join the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, her contributions were described this way: “A pioneer and role model for women, Dr. Bette Stephenson has had an outstanding career in the field of Canadian medicine, academics and politics. She is most notably recognized by her series of firsts as a woman in positions and offices traditionally held by men. She has successfully contributed to putting the practice of family medicine on the international medical map and, in turn, inspired countless women to pursue careers in medicine.”