Dr. Ronald Whelan, MD, FRCPC

CMA President, 1992-93
Dalhousie University, 1968
Radiology

Dr. Whelan is one of the few CMA Presidents to have had experience in two health professions, because he was a pharmacist before he earned his medical degree. After switching to medicine, he wasted little time getting involved in medical issues — he served as President of the Newfoundland Medical Association and chair of the CMA Board of Directors at relatively early stages in his career. At the CMA, Dr. Whelan was known for his staunch pride in his country, telling CMAJ: “I hope members appreciate that the association and country are intimately linked. I’d like to see the physicians of this country press the issue of national unity, to actively support it and to play a meaningful role to assure the continuing solidarity that this great country deserves.”