

Dear New Brunswick Medical Society Colleagues,
Bonjour mes chères collègues,

It is with great anticipation that I seek the nomination for CMA President-Elect for 2019. I am humbled by the colleagues who have offered me their support for my endeavour to be the spokesperson for Canadian physicians.

CMA has experienced many transitions over the last few years. It is now time to put the “rubber to the road” and be the strong and leading advocate on those issues that matter most to physicians and our patients! To have the resources to make a bold and powerful impact on the healthcare landscape is a position and opportunity held by no other organization in Canada.



Why should I be the next New Brunswick physician to hold this position? In essence, I have been “in training” for over 30 years for this job. I have experienced medical leadership and clinical care. I have developed my leadership skills through the local, provincial and national level culminating in the last five years at the Board of CMA. More importantly, I have stayed well-rooted in everyday medicine by caring for a family practice of 3000 patients, providing nursing home care and for many years working in the Emergency Department in Fredericton. Over twenty-five Family Medicine Residents have been learners in my office. I have connected with my community and beyond. My public service has included serving as the Chair of the Board of Governors at St. Thomas University. **I know what it’s like to work with complex organizations – and I know how to get things done.**

I can and will speak passionately on all issues of importance to the CMA in **both of Canada’s Official Languages**. Several key challenges impact New Brunswick doctors and those across the country.

Physician health and wellbeing will continue to be a strong focus. I will advocate for conditions that keep physicians healthy and give them a sense of satisfaction, pride and accomplishment. I believe that good physician health translates directly into good patient care.

Another area of concern for me is the care of an increasing number of our youth who are consumed by anxiety, depression, and addiction. The CMA needs to be the voice advocating for excellent systems and human resources to care for the **mental health of our youth**.

We need to push for a **national strategy to care for seniors**. Having physician resources to care for such an important population, and adequate training opportunities for the residents and young physicians who need those opportunities to practice competently, is key to our national success.

I look forward to this opportunity and need your support. Thank you for considering my nomination.

Sincerely/cordialement,

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- Active Member, Department of Family Practice, Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital, Fredericton, NB
- Lecturer/Family Medicine Resident Preceptor, Dalhousie University
- Medical Director, Pine Grove Nursing Home, Fredericton
- Private Family Medicine Practice, Fredericton

EDUCATION

- Rotating Internship, York Finch General Hospital, Downsview, ON, 1986
- Doctor of Medicine, Dalhousie University, Halifax, 1985
- Bachelor of Science, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton

POSITIONS HELD

- CMA Board of Directors, 2013-Present
- New Brunswick Medical Society (NBMS) Board Chair, 2005-2010
- NBMS President, 2002-2003
- St. Thomas University Board of Governors, 2009-2015 (Board Chair 2013-2015)

PAST EXPERIENCE

- Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital Emergency Department Physician (part-time), 1989-2010
- Medical Officer, CFB Kingston, Canadian Armed Forces, 1986-1989

AWARDS

- Dr. Stephen Hart Award for Excellence in Family Medicine Teaching, Dalhousie University, 2016
- NBMS Order of Merit, 2013

PERSONAL

- Married to John with three wonderful children, and a beautiful granddaughter. I like to travel and play golf, and combining the two works best.

Voting begins on February 6, 2019.

All NBMS/CMA members (medical students, residents, and physicians) are eligible to vote.

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