

Dear Colleagues,

With the start of my mandate as president, I am proud to announce that in the next years, we have plenty of projects planned and new developments arising.

To begin, the New Brunswick Medical Society (NBMS) and the New Brunswick College of Family Physicians (NBCFP) are working in collaboration to make the Medical Home concept a reality, thereby shaping the future of Primary Care in our Province, with hopes for support from our Minister of Health and potential stakeholders. Our province thrives for a change and this model of care will provide better access to care for patients, and allow health care professionals to work together with more efficiency.

We held a very successful Annual Scientific Assembly (ASA) this year in Miramichi on March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> with a huge number of registrants. During our Annual General Meeting (AGM), our members discussed many interesting topics, including the ongoing hydraulic fracturing issue in New Brunswick. A resolution was voted upon and a letter will be sent to our members of Legislative Assembly to put a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing development in our province until further research is done and can prove that the benefits clearly outweigh the risks of this practice.

The highlights of the weekend were our two special presentations: one being Leprosy in my Family by Dr Ruth Wilson, and the other being Connecting the Dots (how to support our youth at risk) by Mr. Bernard Richard, Past Ombudsman and NB Child & Youth Advocate. Mr. Richard gave a heartfelt and inspiring testimony on youth-at-risk and youth with very complex needs in New Brunswick.

Also, we had our research and poster presentation, and had our nominations for Physician of the year and Award of Excellence. Congratulations to Dr. Greg Donald who is the NB Physician of the Year 2012 and to Dr. Carl Hudson who won the Award of Excellence. I'm proud to invite you to our 2013 ASA which will be in Caraquet from April 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 2013.

We are presently looking for a first year Resident representative as well as medical Student representative to sit on our NBCFP Board should anyone be interested.

We are pleased to announce that we have presently a Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) setup for Dalhousie University and are assisting in the start-up of one for Sherbrooke University. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the field of family medicine through interactions with family physicians.

We have Family Medicine Residents funding contest (free registration and accommodations) for the upcoming Family Medicine Forum (FMF) event in Toronto, Ontario held on November 15-17, thereby welcoming the residents on behalf of the NB College of Family Physicians as they embark on their career in Family Medicine.

Finally, we welcome any feedback on any issues of concern to you, thereby encouraging members to become involved in the NB Chapter.

Sincerely,



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