



Dr. Darcy Johnson

Supporting Canada's Doctors

I am honoured to be nominated as your President-Elect of the Canadian Medical Association and I seek your vote of support.

1. I have been a family doctor in northeast Winnipeg since beginning practice. I am married with 2 children, my daughter is a Ph.D student in Christian Ethics in Berkeley, and my son is finishing BSc. Computer Engineering here at UofM. I also practice part-time at Stony Mountain Penitentiary, and have often taken students there to experience prison medicine. I have the ability to commit to the CMA Presidency full time. Please refer to my CV and position statement at <http://darcy.johnson.ac> for more details. I am particularly proud of my 2009 selection as one of Canada's Family Physicians of the Year. I am well aware of student and resident concerns from my many years on national boards including CMPA, CFPC, and CMA (Director 2008-2011). As well, I have been on Docs MB board for 22 years including serving as president from 2007-2008. I supported many programs that benefit residents, including the parental leave program. Also, I supported the creation of the MB Physician Wellness committee and importantly physician wellness is a priority of the CMA board and will remain so.
2. CMA's mission is "helping physicians to help patients." Examining my record of service, you can see that this has been my primary focus for over 25 years, at the hospital, RHA, provincial and national levels. The decision to seek the CMA presidency is a natural extension of my service to physicians. I have contributed to CMA on many levels including chairing working groups, committee involvement (on the Finance, Audit, Education & Workforce, and Health Policy & Economics committees), and serving as Board Director. I currently chair the CMA federal forms working group. I represent CMA on a CPP Disability committee. My extensive CMA background and my passion to help physicians is why I deserve your vote to represent CMA in advancing the physician's role in our challenged healthcare system. I am proud to have earned the trust of the profession in Manitoba, in over 25 years of advocacy and I respectfully ask for your vote of confidence in working for your future as physicians.
3. The greatest challenge to you as you enter practice is the same as that faced by those with many years of experience: maintaining relevance to patients in a health-care system that will be undergoing rapid change. Our patients' access to medical knowledge has been transcended by the ubiquity of the Internet. The next phase may be access to diagnostic tools independent of the physician, as a result, the perceived role of the physician may be diminished in the minds of patients and governments. This evolution from a fiduciary relationship can be both a threat and an opportunity. Medical students are uniquely prepared to lead the profession in the adoption of new technologies. CMA, through Joule, is well positioned to assist the profession through its Innovation Grants, 'Healthcare Hacking' days, and other programs. Maintenance of professionalism and social responsibility of the profession is another concern. MMSA is clearly a leader in this area.

I would again like to thank MMSA and CMA for inviting me to speak at your advocacy day last year. I am confident that our students and residents are committed to influencing change, and I look forward to continuing to work with them as CMA President.

Please feel free to contact me at darcy@johnson.ac with any concerns, and follow me on Twitter @drdarcyjohnson. I respectfully ask for your vote, so I can continue to support Canadian physicians.