2013
Representative Forum / Annual General Meeting
Awards Program

ALBERTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Awards Program

Lunch with the AMA President  2–11
Friday, September 27
Long-Service Awards
Member Emeritus Awards

Evening with the AMA President  12–15
Friday, September 27
Achievement Awards

Lunch with the CMA President  16–23
Saturday, September 28
CMA Honorary Membership Awards
Honors and rewards fall to those who show their good qualities in action.

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AMA Long-Service Award

The Alberta Medical Association (AMA) Long-Service Award honors physicians who unselfishly contribute their knowledge, skill and time to the advancement of the profession. Their work, whether on the Board of Directors or its committees, supports and encourages the association’s development.

Recipients

Dr. Pauline Alakija
Dr. Allan L. Bailey
Dr. Sarah L. Bates
Dr. Padraic E. Carr
Dr. Robin G. Cox
Dr. Brent T. Friesen
Dr. James A. Harder
Dr. Michael P. Poitras
Dr. Harold Prokopishyn
Dr. Ann R. Vaidya

AMA Member Emeritus

Association members may be awarded the distinction of Member Emeritus, which recognizes significant contributions to the medical profession, seniority and long-term membership based on criteria determined by the AMA Board of Directors. Nominations are made by the Nominating Committee or by a full member of the association. The nominees are approved by a unanimous vote of the board.

Members Emeritus enjoy all the rights and privileges of a full member, but shall not be required to pay annual dues.

Recipients

Dr. Robert W. Broad
Dr. Eugene J. (Sean) Cahill
Dr. William S. Hnydyk
Dr. Lyle B. Mittelsteadt
Dr. Sandy J. Murray
Dr. A. James D. Pope
Dr. Harvey P. Woytiuk
AMA President

Dr. R. Michael Giuffre

Dr. Michael Giuffre officially ends his term as president of the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) this weekend and assumes the role of immediate past president.

Dr. Giuffre has committed his time to various roles within the association. He has been a Representative Forum (RF) delegate since 2003 and is presently a member of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Council of Zonal Leaders, RF Planning Group, Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Nominating Committee, and the Joint AMA/CPSA Executive. He served as chair of the Committee on Quality Assurance and as a member of the Advisory Committee on Membership Benefits.

Dr. Giuffre received his medical degree from the University of Calgary (U of C) in 1984. Thereafter, he undertook a pediatrics residency in Calgary and in Brisbane, Australia, then, in 1988, a pediatric cardiology fellowship at Toronto’s Hospital for Sick Children. He also pursued advanced clinical and research training in pediatric cardiology and electrophysiology at the Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston, Texas.

In 1990, Dr. Giuffre established a clinical and academic practice in pediatric cardiology at the Calgary Associate Clinic and the Alberta Children’s Hospital. That same year, he was appointed clinical assistant professor at the U of C. Today, Dr. Giuffre practices at the Providence Pediatric Clinic in Calgary and is a clinical professor of cardiac sciences and pediatrics.

Dr. Giuffre’s distinguished career has resulted in many awards and distinctions including Gold Star Teacher Awards from the Faculty of Medicine at the U of C, a Physician of the Year Award from the Calgary Medical Society, and in 2008 was named a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Cardiology. Most recently, he was named one of Alberta’s 50 Most Influential People by Alberta Venture magazine. He has published extensively and volunteers his time and expertise to a variety of local, national and international organizations, and is a member of both private and public boards of directors including UNICEF Canada.
Dr. Pauline Alakija

Dr. Pauline Alakija began her service with the Alberta Medical Association in 2002 as secretary-treasurer of the Section of Laboratory Physicians. Since then, she has served in a range of roles including president-elect, president and past president of the section, and as a member of the Nominating Committee and Executive Committee. Presently, Dr. Alakija is a member of the Provincial Physician Liaison Forum, the Government Affairs Committee, and secretary-treasurer of the Edmonton Zone Medical Staff Association. She has been a Representative Forum delegate since 2004 and finishes her second term on the Board of Directors this fall.

Dr. Alakija obtained her medical degree from the University of British Columbia in 1990, followed by further training in anatomic and forensic pathology. In 2009, she obtained a Masters Degree in Science specializing in Medical Education and completed nine CMA Physician Management Institute courses from 2009-13. Today, Dr. Alakija is the medical/scientific lead for cancer pathology, regional centers and rural, with Alberta Health Services and an associate clinical professor in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology at the University of Alberta. She has received many excellence in teaching awards and offers her expertise by lecturing and presenting locally, nationally and internationally.

Dr. Allan L. Bailey

Dr. Allan Bailey has been involved in the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) since 1987, when he was a medical student representative on the Board of Directors. Since then he has assumed various roles on committees. He was chair then co-chair of the Provincial Primary Care Network Physician Leads Executive and a member of the Primary Care Alliance Board. He has been a Representative Forum delegate since 1998 and is currently a member of the Section of General Practice Executive, Expert Advisory Group for Innovation in Delivery, General Practice Alternate Funding Model Working Group, Primary Care Council, and Primary Care Network Evolution Working Committee – Enhancing Team Collaboration. In 2009, Dr. Bailey was honored with the AMA Medal for Distinguished Service.

After a successful career as a civil engineer, Dr. Bailey received his medical degree from the University of Alberta (U of A) in 1988. He has been practicing family medicine at Westgrove Clinic in Spruce Grove since 1990. Dr. Bailey is also an associate clinical professor in the Department of Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, at the U of A, and medical director of the WestView Physician Collaborative and principal investigator and owner of BioQuest Research.
Dr. Sarah L. Bates

A medical student observer on Representative Forum (RF) in 1997 was Dr. Sarah Bates’ first involvement with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA). She went on to participate on committees in a variety of roles such as: resident representative on the Fees Advisory Committee, Committee on Achievement Awards and Advisory Committee on Membership Benefits; member of the Committee on Student Affairs, General Practice Representation Working Group, Negotiating Committee and Health Issues Council; and member-at-large, Section of General Practice. She is currently serving her first term on the AMA Board of Directors, is an RF delegate and a member of the Executive Committee and the Joint AMA/CPSA Executive Committee.

Dr. Bates obtained her medical degree in 2000 from the University of Calgary (U of C) and in 2002 completed a family medicine residency program at the University of Alberta. Over the next 10 years she practiced at various clinics in Edmonton and today is site medical lead at Central Teaching Clinic, Department of Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, at the U of C. She is also a clinical assistant professor in that department.

Dr. Padraic E. Carr

Psychiatrist Dr. Padraic Carr began his service with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) in 1992 as the resident representative on the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. He has served in a range of roles since then. He was president of the Section of General Psychiatry and a member of the Nominating Committee. He has been a Representative Forum delegate since 2003, a member of the Board of Directors since 2006, and an AMA delegate on many occasions at the Canadian Medical Association General Council. As well, Dr. Carr sits on the Executive Committee and the Joint AMA/CPSA Executive Committee.

Dr. Carr received his medical degree from the University of Alberta (U of A) in 1990. Since 1995, he has been practicing at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital and is presently facility chief in the Department of Psychiatry. He previously served as president of the medical staff at the hospital and as consultant psychiatrist at Stanton Regional Health Board in Yellowknife, NWT. For almost two decades Dr. Carr has mentored and instructed medical students and residents, and has given over 120 invited lectures. Internationally, in 2004 he was recognized as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Robin G. Cox

Dr. Robin Cox, a pediatric anesthesiologist in Calgary, is a long-time member of the Alberta Medical Association (since 1988). For 10 years he has been a member of the Fees Advisory Committee, serving as chair for the last five years. Since 2008, Dr. Cox has been a Representative Forum delegate and a professional mentor with the Physician and Family Support Program. His prior service includes member-at-large with the Section of Anesthesia and six years on the Council of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta.

In 1976, Dr. Cox obtained his medical degree from the University of London, United Kingdom. He has practiced at the Alberta Children’s Hospital since 1987. Dr. Cox is a tenured professor of anesthesia at the University of Calgary and teaches at all levels — undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing medical education. He publishes regularly, is a frequent invited guest speaker locally, nationally and internationally, and sits on numerous external committees and boards. Dr. Cox volunteers his time to international medical missions in countries such as Vietnam and Peru.
**Dr. Brent T. Friesen**

Dr. Brent Friesen, a public health and preventive medicine specialist, began his involvement with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) in 2003 when he was a Representative Forum delegate, a role he remains in today. He was a member of the Representative Forum Planning Group and served five years on Health Issues Council. He has been actively involved with the Section of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, serving as president and currently as vice-president. Dr. Friesen was an AMA delegate at the Canadian Medical Association General Council in 2008.

Dr. Friesen received his medical degree from the University of Manitoba in 1978 and completed a community medicine residency in 1984. Presently, Dr. Friesen is Medical Officer of Health (MOH) lead for safe and healthy environments, population and public health, and MOH lead for the tobacco reduction program with Alberta Health Services. Dr. Friesen has also taught as a clinical assistant professor at the University of Calgary since 1987. He and his wife Denise have three children, Ashley, Sarah and Nicholas.

**Dr. James A. Harder**

Dr. James Harder started his service with the Alberta Medical Association in 2003 as a member of the Committee on Financial Audit, a role he held for 10 years. He also provided his expertise to the Toward Optimized Practice Review Committee for six years and has been a Representative Forum delegate since 2006. He presently sits on the Calgary Zone Advisory Forum and on the Council of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta.

After obtaining his medical degree in 1974 from the University of Alberta, he went on to complete a residency in the Department of Surgery at the University of Calgary (U of C) and a pediatric orthopedics fellowship at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Today, Dr. Harder is the director of the Juvenile Amputee Clinic at Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary. Since 1993 he has taught in the Department of Surgery at U of C as a clinical associate professor. Dr. Harder has contributed to many publications and book chapters, has been an invited speaker at national and international events, and has volunteered his time to many medical missions in the Caribbean Islands, Palestine and South America.

**Dr. Michael P. Poitras**

Dr. Michael Poitras has been an Alberta Medical Association member since 1981. He has had long-time involvement with the Section of General Practice, currently in the role of member-at-large. Since 2007 he has been a Representative Forum delegate. His prior service includes member of the Nominating Committee, the Negotiations 2003 Job Action Group, and the Fee for Comprehensive Care Advisory Committee.

In 1979, Dr. Poitras obtained his medical degree from the University of Alberta and, in 1981, completed a family medicine residency at the Misericordia Hospital. He served terms as vice-president and president of the hospital’s medical staff association. Dr. Poitras recently finished serving three years as a board member of the Edmonton West Primary Care Network. For 32 years Dr. Poitras has practiced at Glenora Medical Clinic as well as the Misericordia Hospital. Currently, he is a member of the executive committee of the Edmonton Zone Medical Staff Association and a clinical lecturer in the Department of Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, at the University of Alberta.
Dr. Harold Prokopishyn

Dr. Harold Prokopishyn, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada and the American College of Surgeons, began his service with the Alberta Medical Association in 1977 as a member of the Committee on Hospitals. Thereafter, he served on the Committee on Anesthetic and Operative Deaths, the Assessment Advisory Committee and, most recently, the Representative Forum as a regional delegate.

Dr. Prokopishyn received his medical degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1959, followed by an internship and general surgery residency at City Hospital in Saskatoon and Johnston-Willis Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. In 1966 he began practicing at Lethbridge (now Chinook) Regional Hospital, where he was chief of staff for 36 years. He established a full Department of Surgery at the hospital implementing strict standards of surgical care. He is a well-respected surgeon and leader in the medical community and cared for the people of Lethbridge for over four decades. He served three years as secretary of the Alberta Association of General Surgeons. Although retired, Dr. Prokopishyn is a familiar face in the halls of the hospital. On his visits it is not uncommon to see him in consultation with a colleague who is seeking his sage advice!

Dr. Ann R. Vaidya

A medical student observer on the Board of Directors and Representative Forum (RF) in 2003 was the beginning of Dr. Ann Vaidya’s myriad committee work with the Alberta Medical Association. As a resident representative she served on the AMA’s standing committees. She was a member of the Nominating Committee and has been an AMA delegate at the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) General Council many times. She became involved with the Section of General Practice in 2009 and has been president since then. Dr. Vaidya is founder of the Primary Care Alliance (PCA) and is currently a member of the PCA Board and PCA Forum. As well as continuing to represent her section at RF, she sits on Health Issues Council, the Provincial Physician Liaison Forum, the Primary Care Network Executive and the General Practice Representation Working Group.

Dr. Vaidya received her medical degree from the University of Calgary in 2005. Today, she maintains a busy clinical schedule with three medical facilities in Calgary. In 2010, she was honored with the CMA Award for Young Leaders in the early career physician category, an award that “celebrates the efforts of young physician leaders of tomorrow for their efforts today.”
AMA Member Emeritus

Dr. Robert W. Broad

Edmonton neurosurgeon Dr. Robert Broad has been a member of the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) since 1977. He began his service as a member of the Committee on Financial Audit, a role he held for 10 years, the last six as chair. He also served long terms as a member then chair of the Subcommittee on Alternate Payment Plans, member of the Nominating Committee, AMA’s Health Benefits Trust Fund, and president and fees representative of the Section of Neurosurgery. Currently, Dr. Broad is a member of the Negotiating Committee, the Alternate Relationship Plan Working Group, the Council of Zonal Leaders, and a Representative Forum delegate. Dr. Broad has represented the AMA on the Canadian Medical Association Audit Committee since 2009, serving as chair since 2011. He was recognized for his contributions with the AMA Long-Service Award in 2011.

Dr. Broad received his medical degree from the University of Alberta in 1976, followed by a mixed internship at Dunedin Public Hospital in Dunedin, New Zealand, and a neurosurgery residency at the University of Alberta.

Today, Dr. Broad is co-director of the Neurosciences Intensive Care Unit and the Spine Program at the University of Alberta Hospital. He is president of the Edmonton Zone Medical Staff Association and active with several neurosurgical societies. Dr. Broad also teaches as an assistant clinical professor in the Division of Neurosurgery at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Eugene J. (Sean) Cahill

Dr. Sean Cahill, a family physician in Sherwood Park, has volunteered his time to the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) since 1990, serving in various roles such as a member of the Board of Directors and a Representative Forum delegate, member of Health Issues Council and the Committee on Negotiations (Second Table), chair of the Committee on Provincial Health Information Task Force, and Section of General Practice member-at-large. He has been an AMA delegate at the Canadian Medical Association General Council on several occasions. Dr. Cahill is presently a council member of the Edmonton Zone Medical Staff Association and a regional representative on Representative Forum. For his contributions, Dr. Cahill was recognized with the AMA Long-Service Award in 2011.

After obtaining his medical degree in 1975 from the National University of Ireland, Galway, Dr. Cahill interned at University Hospital Galway, then completed a training program in general practice in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England. During that time, he experienced Alberta winters doing locums in Hardisty and in “ominously named Killam!”

Dr. Cahill and his family came to Sherwood Park in 1981, where he practiced solo for 30 years until joining others to form the Synergy Medical Clinic. He is the medical director of two Sherwood Park long-term care facilities and a board member of the Sherwood Park Primary Care Network.
Dr. William S. Hnydyk

Dr. Bill Hnydyk has been the Alberta Medical Association’s (AMA’s) Assistant Executive Director of Professional Affairs since 2004 and an AMA member since 1975.

He has served on numerous internal and external committees, councils and forums. Presently, Dr. Hnydyk offers his expertise on the Board of Directors, Representative Forum, Health Issues Council, Nominating Committee, Physician and Family Support Program Advisory Committee, AMA/Workers’ Compensation Board Advisory Committee, College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta Physician Health Monitoring Committee, and the Canadian Physician Health Institute Steering Committee. In 2010-11 he was an instrumental member of the Joint AMA/Alberta Health Services Medical Staff Bylaws Committee tasked with drafting and finalizing the provincial medical staff bylaws and rules.

In 1974, Dr. Hnydyk received his medical degree from the University of Alberta followed by a rotating internship at the Misericordia Hospital. Prior to his appointment on AMA staff, Dr. Hnydyk was a family physician in Vegreville, Alberta, and served for five years as chief of staff at St. Joseph’s General Hospital. He was regional medical director and regional palliative care medical director with Lakeland Regional Health Authority.

As part of AMA’s senior management team, Dr. Hnydyk works to strengthen the professional affairs activities of the AMA, providing advice, input and guidance on services that support members in their professional roles and responsibilities.

Dr. Lyle B. Mittelsteadt

Upon his appointment to the staff of the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) in 2006 as Senior Medical Advisor, Dr. Lyle Mittelsteadt has been actively involved in many internal and external committees. Presently, he represents the AMA on the Health Quality Network, the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) Triplicate Prescription Program and the Infection Prevention and Control Advisory Committee, the Shared Health Record Repository Steering Committee, and the advisory committees of both the Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program and the Alberta Breast Cancer Screening Program. He also sits on the Board of Directors, Representative Forum and the Nominating Committee. He has been an AMA member since 1979.

Dr. Mittelsteadt obtained his medical degree from the University of Alberta in 1975 followed by a rotating internship at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and a residency in internal medicine at the University of Alberta Hospital. In 1977 he practiced at Bigelow-Fowler Clinic in Lethbridge and, in 1979, at Family Medical Clinic in Fort Saskatchewan. He also served terms as site lead and chief of staff of Fort Saskatchewan Hospital and as president of the CPSA.

As part of the association’s senior management team, Dr. Mittelsteadt is responsible for issues relating to pharmacy and therapeutics as well as patient safety. He also oversees the AMA’s Physician Locum Services Program and is the AMA lead for the physician leadership joint initiative with the CPSA and Alberta Health Services. Dr. Mittelsteadt considers serving his profession as great a privilege as it was to serve his patients for so many years.
Dr. Sandy J. Murray

Dr. Sandy Murray is a former president (1988-89) of the Alberta Medical Association (AMA). He has been a member since 1980. Dr. Murray served on the AMA as well as the Canadian Medical Association Board of Directors, the Committee on Communications, Committee on Administrative Council, Finance Committee, Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Nominating Committee, Committee on Environmental Health, and the Committee to Review RF Representation. He was an AMA representative on the Physician Liaison Council for Region 6. Dr. Murray is currently a member of the AMA/Workers’ Compensation Board Information Technology Subcommittee. In recognition of his contributions, he received the AMA Long-Service Award in 1997.

After obtaining his medical degree from the University of Alberta in 1977, Dr. Murray completed a rotating internship at Rotorua Public Hospital in Rotorua, New Zealand, followed by a family practice residency at Calgary General Hospital. In 1980, he joined the staff of Red Deer Regional Hospital where he had privileges for 25 years. Today, Dr. Murray maintains an occupational medicine practice and is medical consultant to a variety of industries and businesses.

Dr. Murray has been recognized with various awards including Family Physician of the Year from the Alberta Chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Alberta Centennial Medal. He is a keen naturalist and golfer.

Dr. A. James D. Pope

Dr. James Pope began his service with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) in 2002 as a Representative Forum delegate, a role he continues in today. He has been involved with the Section of General Practice (SGP) since 2003, currently as a member of the SGP Executive. He is an active member of the AMA’s MD-MLA contact program. In the past, Dr. Pope provided his expertise as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review AMA’s Regional Structure and the Physicians Assistance Committee, and was an AMA delegate to the Canadian Medical Association General Council. For his contributions to the profession, Dr. Pope was honored with the AMA Long-Service Award in 2012.

After receiving his medical degree from the University of Alberta in 1973, Dr. Pope completed a family medicine residency at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton. Following additional training in pediatrics and anesthesia, he began practicing in Grande Prairie where he has been for the past 37 years caring for the people of the region.

Today, Dr. Pope is Chief of Staff and Facility Medical Director for Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Grande Prairie. The QE II Hospital is the only regional secondary referral center in northern Alberta, and services the city of Grande Prairie and surrounding area, as well as residents of northeastern British Columbia and the territories.

Dr. Harvey P. Woytiuk

St. Paul family physician Dr. Harvey Woytiuk has been an Alberta Medical Association (AMA) member since 1976. He has represented the AMA on the Primary Care Network Executive, Peer Review Committee, Physicians of the Century Selection Panel, Representative Forum, Canadian Medical Association General Council, the Ad Hoc Committee to Review AMA’s Regional Structure, and the Physician Liaison Council for Region 12. He was also a Councilor with the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta. For seven years he has been a physician lead with the St. Paul/Aspen Primary Care Network.

Dr. Woytiuk received his medical degree in 1972 from the University of Alberta and completed his family practice residency at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. In 1974 he began practicing in St. Paul and joined the active medical staff at St. Therese Hospital, where he served at various times as chief of staff for 13 years. He undertook additional training in anesthesia, cardiology and obstetrics, expanding the services he was able to provide to the community. In 2003, he was recognized with the Alberta Family Physician of the Year award.

Now in his 39th year of caring for the people in the community of St. Paul, he continues to work in a busy group practice. Dr. Woytiuk has been teaching in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Alberta since 1993, currently as an associate clinical professor.
Welcome and AMA President’s Remarks

Dr. R. Michael Giuffre

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Presentation of AMA Achievement Awards

The Alberta Medical Association (AMA) Achievement Awards were created to honor physicians and non-physicians for their contributions to quality health care in Alberta. The Medal for Distinguished Service and the Medal of Honor are the highest awards presented by the AMA.

Medal for Distinguished Service

Dr. Werner J. Becker
Dr. Cyril B. Frank
Dr. Suna A. Smith

Medal of Honor

Darlene R. Schindel

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President’s Closing Remarks
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Medal for Distinguished Service

Dr. Werner J. Becker

“Dr. Becker has worked hard to make contributions in patient care, medical education, medical research, public education and medical administration and leadership.”

Neurologist Dr. Werner Becker has made significant contributions to medicine and has been instrumental in helping people living with neurological issues and migraines manage their conditions.

Dr. Becker received his medical degree from the University of Manitoba in 1969, followed by four years in family practice in Ontario. He then undertook residencies in internal medicine and neurology at Montreal General Hospital and the Montreal Neurological Hospital at McGill University. Thereafter, he had hospital appointments in Calgary and Lethbridge. As a member of the consulting medical staff at Lethbridge (now Chinook) Regional Hospital, he organized an outreach patient clinic that made specialized neurological services more available to patients in southern Alberta.

His contributions to neurological care in Calgary were groundbreaking, and included the launch of two innovative programs. First, the Urgent Neurology Clinic that improved access for patients with potentially critical neurological symptoms, and second, the Calgary Headache Assessment and Management Program (CHAMP), an inventive multidisciplinary program that improved care for patients with complex headache disorders. Dr. Becker was also closely involved in the early development of the Calgary Chronic Pain Centre, and since its inception has been the medical director of its headache program.

Dr. Becker is currently a professor in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences at the University of Calgary. He chaired and organized undergraduate courses and served as program director of the Neurology Residency Training Program. He has also published extensively, led a multicenter Canadian study on the clinical features of headache patients across Canada, and organized a national task force that developed the consensus statement for a Canadian Migraine Strategy.

Dr. Becker is renowned locally, nationally and internationally for his pioneering work in relation to headaches and migraines. He delivers lectures and presentations around the world and has received many awards and distinctions, most recently the John R. Graham Clinician’s Award by the American Headache Society.
Dr. Cyril B. Frank

“He is a strong advocate for medical services in Alberta and the patients he serves … and has been a prolific contributor to medical literature and a sought after lecturer in his field.”

Renowned orthopedic surgeon Dr. Cy Frank has dedicated his career to improving outcomes for Albertans living with orthopedic injuries or illness. His contributions to medicine as a surgeon, teacher, researcher and an advocate for his patients have had a profound impact on the people of Alberta.

Dr. Frank received his medical degree from the University of Calgary in 1976 and went on to complete an internship in surgery and a residency in orthopedic surgery in Calgary. A teaching fellowship in orthopedics at Calgary General Hospital was followed with Alberta Heritage Research Fellowships at the University of California, San Diego, and the University of Toronto, where he was involved in both basic and clinical research relating to arthroscopy and knee surgery. This training set the stage for his specialization in knee surgery.

In 1984, he joined the consulting staff at both the Foothills Hospital and Peter Lougheed Centre where he remains today. That same year, he took on the first of many critical leadership roles that would improve health care for the people of Alberta. He was research and clinical director of the University of Calgary Sport Medicine Centre, chair of orthopedic surgery at the University of Calgary, and scientific director of the Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis for Canada.

Dr. Frank is currently chief executive officer of Alberta Innovates-Health Solutions. He sits on countless local, national and international committees and boards. In 2013, he was named Alberta’s first representative to the Health Council of Canada.

Dr. Frank is a professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Calgary, as well as an adjunct professor in both the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Faculty of Kinesiology. He has published extensively, given almost 400 invited presentations and is the recipient of dozens of awards. In 2011, he was named one of Alberta’s 50 Most Influential People by Alberta Venture magazine and, most recently, he received both the Order of the University of Calgary and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Dr. Suna A. Smith

“She has set a standard for rural practice which deserves recognition and emulation by those seeking to serve the health interests of rural populations.”

Retired Camrose psychiatrist Dr. Suna Smith worked throughout her career to improve the mental health of rural Albertans. Her efforts enhanced the services and supports available to people living with psychiatric challenges and her advocacy on behalf of patients increased community understanding and compassion.

Dr. Smith received her medical degree in Ankara, Turkey. She came to Canada in 1960. She undertook a one-year internship at Regina General Hospital and finished her residency at the University of Alberta Hospital (UAH). After moving to Camrose, marriage and staying at home for 10 years to raise her children, Dr. Smith returned to the UAH in 1975 to do another year rotating internship. She then worked at Alberta Hospital Ponoka for four years. During this time, she was also consulting psychiatrist with Alberta Mental Health Services, travelling the province advocating passionately for her patients. In one legendary encounter she confronted a commanding officer on a military base to secure belongings of her mentally ill patient. Dr. Smith won the battle.

In 1980, she accepted the role of medical director and consultant psychiatrist with Rosehaven Care Centre in Camrose, St. Mary’s Hospital, Smith Clinic and community clinics. It was at Rosehaven that Dr. Smith left her most indelible mark. She developed an innovative adult day program for patients with dementia and pioneered better understanding of the then little understood issue of elder abuse. Her exploration of elder abuse informed and guided policy makers across Canada. In 1982, Dr. Smith developed the Department of Psychiatry at St. Mary’s Hospital, a significant achievement since at that time there were no rural psychiatric units in the province.

For 17 years Dr. Smith taught as a clinical instructor in the Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, at the University of Alberta. She has published and given many presentations locally and nationally. She has received several honors including the Canadian Mental Health Association Dedication Award and the Sisters of Providence Award. Dr. Smith officially retired in 2013, after more than 36 years of service to the people of Alberta, and was lauded by colleagues and former patients for her passion and dedication to medicine. She is now enjoying a more relaxed schedule with her husband, three children and seven grandchildren.
Medal of Honor

Darlene R. Schindel

“Her outstanding personal contributions span medical research, medical education and the betterment of health care throughout Alberta. There is no question she has over the years raised the standard of health care in Alberta.”

Darlene Schindel is a passionate advocate for the health and wellbeing of Albertans. During a career that has spanned over 30 years, she has taken on many different roles and tackled various issues and challenges, all with astounding success.

In 1977, Ms Schindel received her RN diploma from the University of Alberta Hospital, School of Nursing, and joined the Neurosurgery ICU at the hospital as a senior staff nurse. As team leader and charge nurse, she spearheaded new shift rotations and staffing concepts, all while pursuing her BScN at the University of Alberta. In 1981 she became the youngest unit supervisor at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in the Department of Neurosurgery, where she promoted the development of a clinical instructor position for neurosurgery and introduced new technologies, processes and systems to the unit.

While completing her Masters in Health Studies in Leadership, she was recruited to oversee the development of a province-wide neuromodulation program. Inspired by her passion for her patients, the program’s neurosurgeons promoted her to the role of business development manager and she became the first nursing coordinator in Edmonton. During her 18 years with the program, she participated in 12 different neuroscience clinical trials and co-authored a publication on the treatment of Parkinson’s disease.

In 2006, Ms Schindel joined the Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute as a senior advisor and her achievements were many, such as developing programs and teaching tools, and assisting in building the model for the new musculoskeletal clinic. She was also project director responsible for coordination and completion of all projects within the back and spine continuum for the province.

A natural teacher, Ms Schindel is currently working with educators to develop a nursing leadership course. She is now a Certified Professional Coach. Ms Schindel is health champion and Edmonton coordinator for ‘NSTEP (Nutrition, Students, Teachers, Exercising with Parents) Eat Walk Live program, which looks for opportunities to embed nutrition and exercise into the school curriculum and fight childhood obesity. Her work with ‘NSTEP is focused on preventing and improving the increasing health issues in children and youth.
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Louis Hugo Francescutti  MD, PhD, MPH, FRCPC, FACPM, CCFP, FRCP(Ire), FRCP(Edin), ICD-D, CCPE

Over the course of his career, Dr. Louis Hugo Francescutti has made it his mission to raise awareness of public safety and to promote injury prevention. Born in Montréal, Dr. Francescutti received his Doctor of Philosophy (Immunology) in 1985 and his Doctor of Medicine in 1987 from the University of Alberta. While training as a general surgery resident, he became fascinated with the subject of trauma prevention. In 1994, he completed his further studies in injury control while working toward a Masters of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

After completing his residency in preventative medicine at Johns Hopkins University in 1995, Dr. Francescutti joined the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, where he became an emergency and preventative medicine physician. In that role, he witnessed first-hand the devastating impact of preventable injuries. Dr. Francescutti currently works as an emergency physician at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and the Northeast Community Health Centre in Edmonton. As a professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta, Dr. Francescutti has taught courses in injury control and public health. In 1998, he was the recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Award and, in 2002, he earned a Clinical Teacher of the Year Award at the University of Alberta.

Over the past two-and-a-half decades, Dr. Francescutti has spearheaded various public safety awareness initiatives and campaigns. He developed an award winning multimedia injury prevention program for teenagers called HEROES and created an emergency medical response computer program. Dr. Francescutti has published research on topics including emergency medicine, health promotion and sport injury. His outstanding research and initiatives have earned him prestigious grants from the Government of Alberta, Service Canada and the Alberta Medical Association.

For his many contributions in injury control, Dr. Francescutti was selected as one of Alberta’s Top 100 Physicians of the Century by the Alberta Medical Association/College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta and he was also awarded the Alberta Centennial Medal from the Government of Alberta in 2005. He received the Champion for Children Award and a Paul Harris Fellowship from the Northeast Edmonton Rotary Club in 2007. In 2011, he was selected by Alberta Venture as one of Alberta’s 50 most influential people and was appointed as the first Honorary Colonel of 1 Field Ambulance Edmonton. In 2012, he was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Dr. Francescutti has chaired numerous committees and task forces. He has been certified by the Institute for Corporate Directors — Directors Program. He is the founder of the Coalition for Cellphone-Free Driving and former director of the Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research. In 2010, he became president of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. An expert on issues related to injury and wellness, Dr. Francescutti frequently consults for industry and governments and has given well over 1,500 presentations. He has been invited to speak at prestigious national and worldwide events on issues related to road safety, wellness, public health, health care advocacy, trauma prevention and safety culture.

Dr. Francescutti lives in Strathcona County, Alberta. He and his wife, Linda, have three wonderful children. In his spare time, Dr. Francescutti is an amateur stonemason, timber framer and avid arborist.
CMA Honorary Members

Dr. Christine P. Kyriakides

Edmonton pediatrician Dr. Christine Kyriakides completed a PhD in physiology at the University of Sheffield, UK, and a post-doctoral research fellowship at the University of Reading, UK. She received her medical degree from the University of Alberta in 1991 and went on to complete her residency in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Alberta. In 1996 she established her own private pediatric practice and since then has been preceptor in pediatrics to undergraduate and postgraduate students at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Kyriakides has volunteered her time to various roles with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA). She was a Representative Forum delegate (2002-12) and a member of the Nominating Committee and the Government Affairs Committee. The work of the Committee on Reproductive Care, of which Dr. Kyriakides was a member, was instrumental in improving the health and care of mothers and babies in Alberta and across Canada. Dr. Kyriakides’s interest in politics led to her involvement, since 2004, with the Canadian Medical Association’s MD-MP Contact Program as well as the AMA’s MD-MLA Contact Program. For her contributions, Dr. Kyriakides was granted AMA Member Emeritus status in 2012.

Since 2000, Dr. Kyriakides has been the medical director of the Stollery Children’s Hospital and offers her expertise as a member, co-chair or chair of many hospital committees. She is a council member of the Edmonton Zone Medical Staff Association and is past president and former board member of Edmonton’s Youth Emergency Shelter Society.

Dr. Tzu-Kuang (T.K.) Lee

Dr. T.K. Lee, an internal medicine specialist, received his medical degree from the University of Singapore in 1971. In 1975 he came to Canada to complete his residency in internal medicine, followed by a Canadian Cystic Fibrosis fellowship in pulmonary medicine research at the University of Alberta (U of A). Since 1979, Dr. Lee has been on active staff at the Edmonton General Hospital, and subsequently the Grey Nuns Hospital, and in private practice in general internal medicine.

Dr. Lee was president of the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) in 2005-06. He was a member of the Board of Directors, a Representative Forum (RF) delegate, and a member of the Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Government Affairs Committee, RF Planning Group, and Toward Optimized Practice Review Committee. He also served on the Canadian Medical Association Board of Directors. Dr. Lee currently represents the AMA as chair of the Personalized Physician Learning Committee. In recognition of his services, Dr. Lee received AMA Member Emeritus distinction in 2011.

Dr. Lee’s passion for teaching is apparent in the more than 25 awards he has received as a clinical professor of medicine at the U of A. He was selected as Teacher of the Year five times by the graduating class of medical students and is the recipient of many provincial and national teaching awards. Dr. Lee’s expertise is much sought after as shown by the numerous scientific presentations, invited talks and lectures he has given.
Dr. David P. O’Neil

Cochrane family physician Dr. David O’Neil received his medical degree from the University of Alberta in 1972 and completed his internship at Sacramento Medical Center at the University of California, Davis. He returned to Alberta in 1973 to a family practice residency at Calgary General Hospital. In 1974 he began practicing at Elnora General Hospital and thereafter at St. Mary’s Health Care Centre in Trochu and Three Hills Health Centre, where he remained until 2010. During those intervening years, he was a medical examiner for Elnora, Trochu and Three Hills, and was the medical director for the Trochu Fire Department EMT service.

Dr. O’Neil’s involvement with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) began in the 1990s. Since then he has held various roles including president of the Section of Rural Medicine, Representative Forum delegate, member of the Nominating Committee, Rural Locum Program Steering Committee, Rural Physician Action Plan Coordinating Committee, and co-chair of the Physician On-Call Programs Committee. In recognition of his services, Dr. O’Neil received AMA Member Emeritus status in 2012.

Dr. O’Neil has volunteered his time to various external organizations such as the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada, of which he was president, and the organizing committee of the World Conference on Rural Medicine. Today, Dr. O’Neil is Alberta Health Services Provincial Medical Director (south) for community and rural health service planning, and continues to advocate for the importance of rural medicine.

Dr. Douglas C. Perry

Dr. Douglas Perry received his medical degree from the University of Alberta in 1973 and, since 1974, has practiced emergency medicine at the Misericordia Hospital. From that time, Dr. Perry has held many senior positions with the hospital including president of the medical staff and vice-president medical. His over 20 years of organizational leadership experience includes such roles as senior vice-president, president and chief executive officer of Caritas Health Group.

Dr. Perry has been a member of the Alberta Medical Association since 1976 and has volunteered considerable time to several roles including: president (1985-86); member, Board of Directors, and Representative Forum delegate; member, Clinical Practice Guidelines Advisory Committee, Nominating Committee, Toward Optimized Practice Leadership Committee, Primary Care Initiative Committee, and Physician Resources Planning Committee. He also served as speaker for the AMA and the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), as chair of the CMA board, and as a member for ten years on the board of MD Management. In recognition of his contributions, Dr. Perry received the AMA Long-Service Award in 1993 and AMA Member Emeritus distinction in 2011.

Today, Dr. Perry divides his time between his clinical work on the emergency medical staff at the Misericordia Hospital and his health care and management consulting practice. A respected medical leader, Dr. Perry has played a pivotal role in guiding several provincial, national and international health initiatives. He is a recipient of the Capital City Communicator Award from the International Association of Business Communicators.
Dr. Terry D. Sosnowski

After receiving his medical degree from the University of Alberta in 1972, Dr. Terry Sosnowski became a staff emergency physician at the Holy Cross and Rockyview hospitals in Calgary. In 1980, he came back to Edmonton to join the staff of the Charles Camrossell Hospital as chief of the Department of Emergency Medicine. Since 1993 he has been staff emergency physician and director of medical education at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Dr. Sosnowski has assumed various roles with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) including president of the Section of Emergency Medicine and member of the Committee on Medical Aspects of Transport Accidents and the Committee on Hospitals. He served for six years as a member, then chair, of the Canadian Medical Association Committee on Education and Professional Development. Dr. Sosnowski was recognized in 1992 with the AMA's Long-Service Award, in 1996 with the AMA's Medal for Distinguished Service, and in 2012 with AMA Member Emeritus status.

Since 1995 Dr. Sosnowski has taught at the University of Alberta, presently as a clinical professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. He is also coordinator of the PGY1 Program in the faculty. Dr. Sosnowski is a reviewer of the Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine and the Canadian Medical Association Journal. Among the many awards Dr. Sosnowski has received are the Outstanding Teacher Award (Emergency Medicine Residency Program) and the Dr. Garnet E. Cummings Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Clayne A. Steed

Dr. Clayne Steed obtained his medical degree from the University of Alberta in 1975. After two years of further training at the Edmonton General Hospital and the University of Alberta Hospital, he joined a family practice in Raymond, Alberta. Today, more than 35 years later, he continues to care for the people of Raymond as a general practitioner at Raymond Medical Clinic. Dr. Steed was chief of staff of Raymond General Hospital for eight years and since 1995 he has been site chief.

During his career, Dr. Steed held various positions with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) including: president (2000-01); member, Board of Directors, and Representative Forum delegate; member, Executive Committee, Government Affairs Committee, Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Nominating Committee, Physician Resources Planning Committee, Physician Office System Program Deployment Committee; AMA co-chair, Secretariat; and chair, Physicians of the Century Selection Panel. Dr. Steed also served on the Canadian Medical Association Board of Directors. In recognition of his significant contributions, Dr. Steed received the AMA Long-Service Award in 2008 and AMA Member Emeritus distinction in 2011. This year, Dr. Steed received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Dr. Steed’s passion for rural medicine is evident through his long-time involvement with the Rural Physician Action Plan Committee. He was the AMA representative to this committee for 17 years as a member then vice-chair and chair. Dr. Steed is currently co-chair of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Chinook Primary Care Network.
Dr. Luxie C.E. Trachsel

After receiving her medical degree from the University of Alberta in 1972, Dr. Luxie Trachsel entered general practice for five years and thereafter completed a specialty residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She established a private specialty practice in 1983 and took on numerous hospital and regional positions, as well as joining the active or consulting staff of all Edmonton hospitals.

Dr. Trachsel has been an Alberta Medical Association (AMA) member since 1979. She was chair of the Committee on Rehabilitation for several years, as well as a Representative Forum delegate and fees representative for the Section of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in the 1990s. In 1999 she became AMA’s Assistant Executive Director, Professional Affairs, remaining in this role until her retirement. Dr. Trachsel actively served on many internal and external committees, including the Rural Locum Program Steering Committee, Physician and Family Support Program Advisory Committee, Health Issues Council, AMA/Workers’ Compensation Board Advisory Committee, and Health Quality Council of Alberta. For her many contributions, the AMA granted her Member Emeritus distinction in 2011.

For 20 years Dr. Trachsel taught in the Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta. She was also involved in community associations including Goodwill Industries of Alberta and the Canadian Ski Patrol, where she was medical advisor (mountain division) as well as national medical policy advisor.

Dr. Brian D. Willis

In 1972 Dr. Brian Willis obtained his medical degree from Queen’s University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and went on to complete a rotating internship in general surgery, orthopedic surgery, cardiology and pediatrics. He arrived in Canada in 1977 and joined a general practice in Edson, where he has cared for the people of that community for 36 years. He is also on active staff of the Edson and District Healthcare Centre, where he served six years as chief of medical staff.

Dr. Willis has been an Alberta Medical Association (AMA) member since 1979. He served as president of the Section of Medical Examiners and as a Representative Forum delegate representing that section. In the 1990s he was president of the Westview Regional Medical Organization, RMO representative on the Ad Hoc Committee to Review AMA’s Regional Structure, and AMA representative to the Physician Liaison Council for Region 8. Dr. Willis received the AMA’s Medal for Distinguished Service in 2000 and AMA Member Emeritus status in 2012.

For 27 years (1985-2012) Dr. Willis was a medical examiner in Alberta. He was an executive member of the McLeod River Primary Care Network. Since 2007 he has been a clinical lecturer in the Department of Family Medicine and a preceptor for third-year medical students in the Integrated Community Clerkship program at the University of Alberta (U of A). Dr. Willis is a recipient of the Alberta Rural Physician Award of Distinction and the U of A Preceptor Excellence (Year 3) Award.
Installation of new AMA President

Dr. Allan S. Garbutt

Crowsnest Pass family physician Dr. Allan Garbutt officially assumes the role of Alberta Medical Association (AMA) president this weekend.

Dr. Garbutt has dedicated considerable time to the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) over the past two decades. He has been extensively involved with the Section of Rural Medicine, having served as president and currently in the role of past president. He is a director of the Rural Physician Action Plan. His other AMA positions include the Board of Directors, the Primary Care Alliance Forum, General Practice Representation Working Group, Physician Advocacy Group, Executive Committee, Joint AMA/CPSA Executive, Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and Government Affairs Committee. He has been a Representative Forum delegate since 1997. For his contributions to the profession, Dr. Garbutt was recognized in 2010 with the AMA Long-Service Award and in 2011 with AMA Member Emeritus status.

Dr. Garbutt received his medical degree from the University of Western Ontario and completed a rural family medicine residency at the University of British Columbia in 1993. His passion and advocacy for rural medicine led him to Crowsnest Pass where he remains today, helping to care for the town’s residents as well as the many tourists who visit each year.

Since 1994, Dr. Garbutt has been a clinical lecturer in the Department of Family Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary. He holds the same position with the University of Alberta. He is a long-time member of the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada.

Dr. Garbutt also devotes time to the community of Crowsnest Pass. The past two years he has organized, with the help of his colleagues and Back Country Butchering, the donation of enough ground beef to supply the local food bank for several months.
Presentation to AMA Past President

Dr. R. Michael Giuffre

Dr. Michael Giuffre officially ends his term as president of the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) this weekend and assumes the role of immediate past president.

Dr. Giuffre has committed his time to various roles within the association. He has been a Representative Forum (RF) delegate since 2003 and is presently a member of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Council of Zonal Leaders, RF Planning Group, Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Nominating Committee, and the Joint AMA/CPSA Executive. He served as chair of the Committee on Quality Assurance and as a member of the Advisory Committee on Membership Benefits.

Dr. Giuffre received his medical degree from the University of Calgary (U of C) in 1984. Thereafter, he undertook a pediatrics residency in Calgary and in Brisbane, Australia, then, in 1988, a pediatric cardiology fellowship at Toronto’s Hospital for Sick Children. He also pursued advanced clinical and research training in pediatric cardiology and electrophysiology at the Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston, Texas.

In 1990, Dr. Giuffre established a clinical and academic practice in pediatric cardiology at the Calgary Associate Clinic and the Alberta Children’s Hospital. That same year, he was appointed clinical assistant professor at the U of C. Today, Dr. Giuffre practices at the Providence Pediatric Clinic in Calgary and is a clinical professor of cardiac sciences and pediatrics.

Dr. Giuffre’s distinguished career has resulted in many awards and distinctions including Gold Star Teacher Awards from the Faculty of Medicine at the U of C, a Physician of the Year Award from the Calgary Medical Society, and in 2008 was named a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Cardiology. Most recently, he was named one of Alberta’s 50 Most Influential People by Alberta Venture magazine. He has published extensively and volunteers his time and expertise to a variety of local, national and international organizations, and is a member of both private and public boards of directors including UNICEF Canada.