Honors and rewards fall to those who show their good qualities in action.

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ALBERTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
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AMA Awards Evening with the President  3–24
Friday, September 23
Long-Service Awards
Member Emeritus Awards
Achievement Awards
(Medal for Distinguished Service / Medal of Honor)
Award for Compassionate Service

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CMA Honorary Membership Awards
Installation of New AMA President
Presentation to AMA Past President
Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

Theodore Roosevelt
Our awards presentations are an important part of the fall Representative Forum and Annual General Meeting. The Alberta Medical Association and Canadian Medical Association awards celebrate the achievements of individuals whose fascinating careers have helped to make this world a better place.

For your reading pleasure today, our honorees have kindly provided their reflections about the importance of AMA/CMA service in their professional lives. Additionally, they have generously shared delightful insights into their personal interests and passions.

We hope you will enjoy this glimpse into the lives of those whose achievements we will be warmly applauding.
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Welcome and AMA President’s Remarks  
Dr. Carl W. Nohr

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AMA Long-Service Awards  
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Blessing

Toast to the Queen

Dinner

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AMA Achievement Awards  
Medal for Distinguished Service  
Medal of Honor

AMA Award for Compassionate Service

President’s Closing Remarks
AMA Long-Service Award

The AMA Long-Service Award recognizes physicians with 10 years of AMA service who 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. Kathryn L. Andrusky
Dr. E. Sandra Corbett
Dr. Arlie J. Fawcett
Dr. Tobias N.M. Gelber
Dr. Dennis W. Jirsch
Dr. Maureen D. McCall
Dr. Mariusz Sapijaszko

AMA Member Emeritus Award

The Member Emeritus Award recognizes significant contributions to the goals and aims of the AMA, seniority, long-term membership and distinguished service (20 years) based on criteria determined by the Board of Directors. Members Emeritus enjoy all the rights and privileges of a full member, but shall not be required to pay annual dues.

Recipients

Dr. Fraser W. Armstrong
Dr. Allan L. Bailey
Dr. Daniel J. Barer
Dr. Steven W. Chambers
Dr. Gordon H. Johnson
Dr. Gerhard N. (Gerry) Kiefer
Dr. Christine P. Molnar
Dr. Eric A. Wasylenko
AMA Long-Service Award

Dr. Kathryn L. Andrusky
*Family Medicine, Edmonton*

**Reflections on Service** I have been actively involved with the AMA since medical school and have held many roles, including as a member of the Board of Directors, a board representative to the Primary Care Alliance and a member of the Section of General Practice Executive. I have also served as chair of the Governance Review Group. I hope that I have been able to raise different perspectives and questions on multiple issues through my work on the Board of Directors and the Section of General Practice. Advocacy and leadership are integral roles for physicians – whether for individual patients, the health system or on behalf of our fellow physician colleagues. The AMA provides many positive opportunities to learn, participate and lead.

**Personal Interests** I am proud to be a board member for the City of Learners initiative with the City of Edmonton and Edmonton Public Library, which supports early childhood development, health literacy and adult literacy initiatives. I see those issues daily in my work and improving education and resources would greatly address preventative health challenges. I am also an avid traveller and have explored more than 55 different countries throughout the world. Currently, I am enrolled in dual Executive MBA programs through Queen’s and Cornell universities and was recently awarded the “30% Club Scholarship,” which is awarded to one MBA entrant each year with the ultimate objective of having 30% of corporate boards consisting of women.

Dr. E. Sandra Corbett
*Psychiatry, Fort McMurray*

**Reflections on Service** My introduction to active involvement with the AMA was with the Rural, Remote, Northern Program Working Group. Since then I have enjoyed working with colleagues in my medical staff association and my section and have served as president for both. My involvement in the Council of Zonal Leaders, the Representative Forum, and serving on the Board of Directors has helped me develop relationships and friendships with physicians all over the province.

I learned a lot from both the AMA staff and my fellow board members and came to appreciate that we, who practice in the north, share many issues with our colleagues. Through working with our association our voice can be heard and we can truly influence and improve the care of our patients.

**Personal Interests** My personal interests revolve around my husband, Roy, and our three adult children. Dancing is a passion, especially tap, where I’ve achieved Grade 8 level in the Al Gilbert Program. I sing regularly with the Uptown Music Program in Fort McMurray. Roy and I also like to travel, regularly back home to Ireland but also in Europe and the Americas. A highlight was our trip to Egypt in 2009 to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. Quilting, painting and golfing are other hobbies I enjoy.
**Dr. Arlie J. Fawcett**  
*Psychiatry, special interest in treatment-resistant Schizophrenia, Calgary*

**Reflections on Service**  
I have enjoyed my time of service with the AMA, both in terms of the opportunity to advocate for all of our patients and to interact with colleagues from all medical disciplines. The AMA is a very supportive organization that is very professionally run, and I have often been proud that our profession is able to navigate difficult and potentially contentious issues in such a professional manner. I have particularly appreciated the opportunity to advocate for access to quality care for patients who are socially disadvantaged and/or cognitively impaired and have difficulty advocating for themselves.

I would advise newest physicians that your career does not always unfold how you thought it would. Having involvement in different areas of medicine can provide support and perspective that nurtures you through life’s challenging times. Service to your profession can seem difficult when one is very busy, yet it can help you improve the lives of patients and other physicians – and yourself!

**Personal Interests**  
My two sons are 27 and 29 and doing well. I enjoy spending time reading, being part of a gourmet-cooking group, wine collecting and nurturing friendships with people of all ages. I come from a large family and have immensely enjoyed mentoring young people over the years, both in medicine and in my personal life! You learn so much from young people and I’m so interested in hearing their stories.

**Dr. Tobias N.M. Gelber**  
*Rural Primary Care and FP Anesthesia, Pincher Creek*

**Reflections on Service**  
I have been very proud to be part of primary care network (PCN) evolution, which has led to some significant improvements in how primary care physicians can deliver care. This includes team-based care, creating accurate patient panels and learning to do meaningful measures of clinical practice. Participation on the Primary Care Alliance has been particularly rewarding, as it has brought representatives of the major primary care organizations (Section of General Practice, Section of Rural Medicine, Alberta College of Family Physicians, universities, PCN physician leads) together to focus on primary care reform, specifically relating to implementation of the Patient’s Medical Home. While a part of SRM and SGP, we developed an overall compensation strategy that supports the care delivery principle of the Patient’s Medical Home. This includes changes to the fee schedule that will better support the Patient’s Medical Home and began work on the implementation of a province-wide alternative funding model.

Working with the AMA is a rewarding way to give back to the profession that has given me so much.

**Personal Interests**  
My biggest commitment is my family. My wife and I have four children who are very active and we are kept busy year-round with a variety of sports and music activities. The kids are involved with piano lessons as well as swimming, cycling, triathlon, track and field, soccer and downhill skiing. My own favorite activities are cycling and downhill skiing, especially together as a family.
Dr. Dennis W. Jirsch
Retired General Surgeon, Edmonton

Reflections on Service  My most notable experience with the AMA is being the editor of the Alberta Doctors’ Digest for the past 11 years. It has been gratifying to select topics that promise to interest the profession and, every two months, to write a short editorial that sums up my thoughts on the issue. Occasionally I pass someone in the hall who comments on something I have written. Good or bad, comments flesh out my views and make me a better writer.

There is no substitute for the AMA in terms of engaging the spirited voice of the membership on developments that keep changing the practice of medicine. It is easier to find one’s voice among a community of peers and the AMA is adept at promoting change that matters to patients and to medical practice. The supportive environment of the AMA is much valued through the various stages of a career in medicine and there is really no substitute.

Personal Interests  The practice of medicine can be a time-robber and I work to develop an exercise regimen appropriate to my age. I often find myself thinking about topics relevant to current physicians as they occur to me and to put my thoughts down on paper. I would encourage the use of a diary by physicians so they can clarify and note their own reactions to the concerns of the day. I find that recording my thoughts develops conviction on my part.

Dr. Maureen D. McCall
Family Medicine, Red Deer

Reflections on Service  My most recent work on the Physician and Family Support Program Advisory Committee stands out for me, as this committee works “behind the scenes” to support our members. Often members struggle with many of the same difficulties as our patients: serious illness, family breakup, addictions and other mental health issues. It is gratifying to know that the AMA provides this program to decrease both the stigma of seeking help and the cost of help, and provides prompt support through confidential peer assessment and excellent professional services.

The AMA has been invaluable in providing support during political ups and downs in our province during the 30 years of my career. AMA support to primary care networks has translated to excellent new programs in my community.

Personal Interests  My husband and I love to hike and have had some amazing adventures in our Canadian Rocky Mountains and are fortunate to have completed a number of challenging and inspiring walks in Nepal, Tibet and Japan. We are the proud parents of a loving and talented 17-year-old daughter, Nina, who makes us proud every day and a 22-year-old foster son from Nepal, Urgen Dorje Lama, who is working hard to advance his education in order to help his family back in Nepal.
Dr. Mariusz Sapijaszko  
*Dermatologic Oncology, Edmonton*

**Reflections on Service**  My involvement with the AMA started in the early 1990s during my medical school training. I represented the Calgary Medical Students’ Association at the Health Issues Council, Committee on Long-Term Care, as well as the Post-Graduate Medical Education Advisory Group. I was passionate about the role of the AMA in shaping medical care of Albertans and saw the promise of physician involvement as a cornerstone of medical care in Alberta. More recently, I was the president and fees representative of the Section of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery and am currently a delegate to Representative Forum. Serving my colleagues and communicating the issues facing dermatology care in Alberta was and continues to be very rewarding.

I have been involved in the AMA for over 20 years and am proud that my early work sharing the priorities of medical students helped to shape the AMA vision of the importance of patients’ long-term concerns. I recently joined the Fees Advisory Committee and am eager to contribute the voice of community-based physicians. Involvement in the AMA is paramount, as health care in Alberta is constantly changing and a strong physician voice is critical in fostering quality patient care and timely access to preventative and acute services.

**Personal Interests**  During my free time, I like to read and learn new things – either cultural, technical or musical. I find the beauty and richness of different cultures to be inspiring. In addition, the advances in natural, preventative and regenerative medicine are of great interest to me and have rekindled my passion for medicine. I enjoy walking the trails of the world-class Edmonton river valley and admiring the beautiful province we live in.
AMA Member Emeritus

Dr. Fraser W. Armstrong
Family Medicine, Edmonton

Reflections on Service  My AMA work started by representing physicians in the pursuit of more widely available medical knowledge resources through electronic sources. From there I moved to working directly with health regions and the ministry of health on linking existing clinical patient laboratory, X-ray and text report result databases – eventually leading to Alberta Netcare. Perhaps most rewarding was my association with the Physician Office System Program (POSP) initiative. I was involved from the first expressions of interest through to the completion of its mandate, serving as the AMA co-chair for much of that time. POSP spread otherwise unattainable/unaffordable information technology infrastructure to clinical care delivery in an amazingly expeditious fashion, increasing utilization rates from 10-80% in less than six years.

Working with the AMA allowed me to meet exceptional, dedicated folks, committed to the betterment of the profession of medicine and patient care. This involvement has and continues to infuse my clinical practice with renewed passion and insights for improving the care I provide to my patients, who are our profession’s lifeblood – something I learned from my father.

Personal Interests  Complementary to medicine I am fascinated by the broad ranging technical advances happening all around us, areas including business process, network infrastructures, energy efficiency and music. I’m a guitar enthusiast and enjoy playing and listening. I am passionate about cycling, skiing (on any phase of water) and living life to the fullest with my wife, Judy, and our children, Emily and Kieran. I would like to formally thank Vic Taylor, a dedicated friend, mentor and inspiration – so much more than his job as AMA staff.
Dr. Allan L. Bailey  
*Family Medicine, Spruce Grove*

**Reflections on Service**  Getting primary care network physician leadership at the Representative Forum and the establishment of the Primary Care Alliance Board both rank high for me. Although not yet completed, I have enjoyed the work to offer family physicians an alternative payment option under a blended capitation-funding model. I’ve also enjoyed working to establish a physician managed “data co-op,” enabling research and evaluation of the primary care system. Over the last 30 years, primary care physicians have achieved a stronger voice within our association and with other key stakeholders. We have improved fee and income equity, and provided many family physicians with an improved work life, ensuring a sustainable and high quality primary care system for Albertans.

The friendships, acquaintances and experiences I have acquired are a priceless gift of my service to the profession and the AMA. Developing in leadership and better understanding the politics of health care has been a rewarding process of growth and learning.

**Personal Interests**  I love outdoor pursuits and a weekend in the wilderness has always restored my spirit and given me the strength and endurance to do what we must do as physicians. My future “mission” is advocating for a better “built environment” to facilitate a healthier and happier population. We must reflect the evidence for improved determinants of health offered by the urban design and public health disciplines. Like the physicians of the late 19th century, who advocated for clean water for our cities, we should demand “healthy communities” through a well-designed “built environment.”

Dr. Daniel J. Barer  
*Emergency Medicine, Edmonton*

**Reflections on Service**  I most enjoyed my six years on the AMA Board of Directors, establishing relationships with other members, and appreciating the diverse points of view and backgrounds around the table as we worked through complex issues. My work within the Section of Emergency Medicine has been especially rewarding as our section found its voice in the medical community. This was made possible through the hard work and dedication of my colleagues in Alberta’s emergency medicine community. Together we’ve made a positive impact on patient care through advocacy, both within the AMA and in the public sphere.

Overall I have found my involvement at the AMA to be both enriching and fulfilling. I feel that gaining perspective on the “big picture” enhances a physician’s ability to function well within the public health care system. I especially value the hard work of the presidents of the AMA – before, during and after their year as president. Our organization is better for having those fine individuals serve in that capacity.

**Personal Interests**  My family remains the cornerstone of my life. My wife Sheila and I raised three wonderful children who now reside in Calgary and Vancouver, and have been blessed with one sweet granddaughter. We enjoy spending time with them all. I am active in Edmonton’s music community, playing violin in a volunteer orchestra. Music has been an outlet for creativity since I was in grade school, and we have passed that appreciation for the arts on to our children. In order to help cope with 36 years of shift work, I have been a long distance runner since my last year of medical school, but have noticed that I’m slowing down gradually!
Dr. Steven W. Chambers  
*Family Medicine, Edmonton*

**Reflections on Service**  My decades of caring for patients and families from “womb to tomb” is of course the main joy of family practice. What a privilege to be invited into the lives of these people who became friends over the years. My time as president and on the Board of Directors of the AMA and CMA will always be special to me. The highlight would be my many years central to evolving primary care in the province, from helping develop the groundbreaking 2003 agreement to serving as co-chair of the Primary Care Initiative Committee while the first several dozens of the primary care networks were born. It has been an honor to get to know so many colleagues from all specialties and all locations. I truly appreciate the invaluable contributions to society they each make.

**Personal Interests**  I have enjoyed organizing recreational tours for groups of friends over the years, whether cycling the Icefields, hiking in Kananaskis or skiing the Rockies. Recently my wife Janet and I have been doing more travelling with friends, including hiking in Ireland, cycling in Germany, cruising the Rhine and Danube and going on safari in South Africa. I enjoy studying the history, geography and people in preparation for these journeys, as it enriches my experience greatly. In another life I would be a travel and tour guide!

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Dr. Gordon H. Johnson  
*Cytopathology, Edmonton*

**Reflections on Service**  My recollection of dates is hazy, but involvement with AMA began in the early 1980s when I worked with the Fees Committee of the ASLP (back in the day when there was a pathology fee schedule). This led to becoming a member of the AMA Fees Committee and I continued with this group for many years. I will not forget the many challenges that were dealt with, including the early efforts of dealing with intersectional fee disparities. While on the Fees Committee we initiated the efforts to make the fee schedule more equitable and introduced use of a relative value guide to enable this.

Working with the AMA is an open opportunity to become familiar with all of the non-medical aspects of our work and to develop contacts/friends across the province. I was always impressed with the superb abilities of the AMA staff on the committee. Their skills made the very large amount of work involved manageable.

**Personal Interests**  I am already partially retired, mainly so that I can avoid Edmonton winters and spend my time in the sunshine of Arizona. As my full retirement approaches I plan to focus more on my biggest passions – golf and woodworking. Together with my wife, Bonnie, we look forward to finally visiting and exploring some other parts of the world that circumstances have put on hold.
Dr. Gerhard N. (Gerry) Kiefer  
*Pediatric Orthopedics, Calgary*

**Reflections on Service** One of my most significant contributions was involvement in the selection of our current executive director, Michael Gormley. His guidance has helped shape our organization and the entire health care service delivery model in Alberta. Then, as president in 2006-07, I helped negotiate and implement our Physician Services Contract financial agreement, which resulted in recognition of overhead differences (Business Costs Program), the stress of isolation (Rural, Remote, Northern Program) and the Retention Benefit, resulting in income supplements outside of the regular fee schedule.

I have learned that the collective wisdom of the group and physician professionalism is the foundation for this outstanding organization that represents us. An effective AMA is essential to our role as advocates for our patients and improved health care delivery. Physician involvement provides individual physicians an opportunity to influence both the decision-making process, health care resources, and the entire health care system.

**Personal Interests** My family time is precious and rejuvenates my passion and enthusiasm for work and play. My life partner and wife has not only been extremely supportive of all my efforts, but also provides sage advice in everything we do. Spending time with family, and especially my granddaughter, helps me focus on what’s important. I enjoy a variety of sports with friends and family, although my interests have become less competitive with time, transitioning to tennis, hiking, cycling and spin classes.

In addition, I have always enjoyed community service and take every opportunity with leaders and the corporate community to emphasize the need for philanthropic support of the Alberta Children’s Hospital and the ACH Foundation in our goal for excellence in both clinical care and research.
Dr. Christine P. Molnar
Nuclear Medicine PET/CT and Diagnostic Radiology, Calgary

Reflections on Service  The opportunity to serve our profession during my two terms on the AMA Board of Directors has been one of the most meaningful professional experiences I have had in my career. Hearing the voice of Alberta physicians, understanding their needs for strong professional integrity, autonomy, fairness and their true devotion to achieving the highest quality of medicine possible for Albertans is a powerful experience. It is uplifting to be part of that team. Working on the AMA board to develop strategic directions and enabling change that will support our goals as a profession and an organization is an honor.

Through my participation over the past 30 years in AMA service through my section, Representative Forum and the Board of Directors, I have grown personally and professionally. I have developed skills like active listening, collaboration, strategic thinking and decision making, and leadership. I have truly enjoyed my connections with other physicians from across the province. I think it is important to realize that we are part of a very large team and by working together we can accomplish so much more than if we go it alone. Work hard but have fun! Find something that makes your heart sing.

Personal Interests  Now that our five children have flown the nest, I find I have more free time, but it seems to be no problem finding things to do. I love reading and learning, cycling, weightlifting, cooking, baking and gardening.

Dr. Eric A. Wasylzenko
Palliative Care, Applied Clinical Ethics, Okotoks, Calgary

Reflections on Service  Working on rural initiatives in the 1980s and then helping lead the development of cooperative physician workforce planning provincially and nationally in the 1990s were terrific opportunities to better understand the complexities of organized medicine. Political, economic, professional, academic and human considerations were all in play. Those experiences helped prepare me to contribute as an AMA representative to CMA in several capacities, including chairing the core Committee on Health Policy and Economics. The accumulated experience and connections with passionate leaders in medicine stimulated my interest in helping to address big system issues. That led to roles helping to develop palliative care and ethics programs that hopefully have made a difference to patients and colleagues.

Learning from committed and skilled leaders has served me well at all stages of my career. The AMA has long been committed to developing leaders and lives the language of supportive, cooperative engagement. Being an active part of this organization will have a profound impact on any physician’s service to patients and colleagues.

Personal Interests  My wife and I are enjoying the adulthood of our six daughters and have been blessed with the first installments of the next generation. We love to travel internationally and are continuing our project to hike in every national park in Canada. An active volunteer life and work on our acreage keep us busy. After a late start, I have finally reached a semi-respectable golf handicap, while the game humbles me repeatedly.
AMA Achievement Awards

The 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. John M. Conly
Dr. Christopher J. (Chip) Doig
Dr. Charles H. Harley

Medal of Honor

Dave Colburn
Jocelyn M. Lockyer, PhD

AMA Award for Compassionate Service

The AMA Award for Compassionate Service honors a physician who, during his or her career, has served as an inspiration to others with outstanding compassion, dedication and extraordinary contributions to volunteer or philanthropy efforts to improve the state of his or her community.

Recipient

Dr. Annalee Coakley
Medal for Distinguished Service

Dr. John M. Conly

“I first met Dr. Conly in 1994 when he was my fourth year preceptor in infectious diseases. He was a role model and among those who inspired me toward internal medicine. He defines professionalism and always places the best interests of patients at the forefront. He’s an all around outstanding physician who exemplifies the best in our profession.”

“John is humble, but absolutely effective. He listens, processes and reflects, considering each stakeholder’s perspective. He promotes communication, solution building, and collaboration and succeeds in balancing efficiency and compassion. Most importantly, he is not afraid to move forward, even when faced with the difficult barriers frequently encountered when engendering change.”

Nationally respected and internationally renowned, Dr. John Conly is one of Canada’s leading infectious disease specialists. He is considered to be one of the world’s preeminent experts on antimicrobial resistance and is often quoted in articles relating to this burgeoning issue. His impact on improving standards of medical practice spans both research and clinical areas, and his dedication to strengthening the medical profession has had measurable results.

Dr. Conly received his medical degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1978 and went on to complete postgraduate education in internal medicine at the University of Toronto and fellowships in both microbiology and infectious diseases at the University of Winnipeg. He pursued specialized training in epidemiology at the University of Michigan and health policy and management at Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Conly arrived in Calgary in 2002, accepting a role in antibiotic stewardship in the Division of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Medicine at the University of Calgary (U of C). Shortly thereafter he became head of internal medicine at the university, a role he accepted while continuing to fulfill his antibiotic stewardship. A few months later, he took on another role, this one as co-chair of the Institute of Inflammation, Infection and Immunity (now the Snyder Institute). Under his guidance, the Department of Medicine established an academic alternate relationship plan (AARP) that stabilized and enhanced the research and teaching missions of the department. Dr. Conly also introduced initiatives in medical education, such as clinical simulation and bedside ultrasound, doubled the size of the department and significantly increased the number of female faculty on staff.

Today, Dr. Conly remains a professor in the departments of Medicine, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and Immunology and Infectious Diseases at the U of C. He is also medical director of Infection Prevention and
Control at the Foothills Medical Centre, medical director of AHS Antimicrobial Utilization and Stewardship, and co-chair of AHS’ Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee.

In addition to his expertise in antibiotic resistance, infectious diseases, hospital epidemiology and molecular epidemiology, Dr. Conly is also an expert in health care innovations, particularly the use of technology to enhance health care delivery. In recent years, he has led several health care innovations, including his Ward of the 21st Century (W21C) concept. W21C focuses on a multidisciplinary environment with a medical ward that is specifically designed and linked to a research and innovation center within the faculty. This living laboratory, which was a joint collaboration between AHS and the University of Calgary, allowed industry partners to evaluate new technological innovations in a clinical environment.

Dr. Conly has been the recipient of myriad awards and invited to join several prestigious groups, including the World Health Organization’s Advisory Group on Integrated Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance. He has authored or co-authored hundreds of manuscripts, abstracts or articles, led several innovative research projects, given innumerable addresses and presentations and sits on dozens of national and international committees.

**Dr. Christopher J. (Chip) Doig**

“As a former patient, I have the privilege to attribute both mine and my daughter’s life to Chip. I don’t say this lightly. He made critical decisions that saved both of us. There are not enough ‘thank yous’ in the world for hardworking people like him and he deserves every single last one that he receives. I am tremendously lucky to have crossed paths with Dr. Doig.”

“I have known Dr. Doig since he began his postgraduate training in internal medicine at the University of Calgary in 1989. From 2005 to 2012, Dr. Doig joined the STARS Board of Directors and provided strong governance oversight and clinical expertise to ensure a focus on patient care in a complex, multidisciplinary setting. He sets an example for our profession in setting the bar for the provision of patient care and safety, research, evaluation, professional standards and advocacy.”

Dr. Chip Doig’s unwavering commitment to his patients and his profession has earned him the admiration and gratitude of patients, families and colleagues. He is known for his calm, compassionate approach to patient care and his ability to manage the most complex critical cases with skill, focus and the utmost respect for patients. He is also a tireless champion for the medical profession, who has undertaken pivotal leadership roles that have advanced the practice of medicine and improved the health care system for all Albertans.
Dr. Doig received his medical degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1988 and completed a rotating internship at St. Paul’s Hospital in Vancouver in 1989, before undertaking specialized training in internal medicine at the University of Calgary (U of C). He completed a critical care fellowship at the U of C in 1995 and earned a Master of Science in Epidemiology a year later. In 1999, he received a Health Care Ethics Certificate from the University of Washington Medical School.

Dr. Doig joined the staff of the Foothills Medical Centre (FMC) in 1995 and in 2004 became the ICU medical director in the Department of Critical Care Medicine at FMC. He quickly became known in the ICU for his expertise in resuscitation of the critically ill and his ability to manage patients with severe sepsis and multiple organ dysfunction syndrome. Dr. Doig’s compassionate nature and understanding of medical ethics also helped him navigate the delicate task of working with families to manage end-of-life care and, where appropriate, discuss organ and tissue donation.

An accomplished researcher, with more than 125 publications in leading national and international journals, Dr. Doig’s work has been cited more than 8,500 times. He has received research funding from multiple granting agencies, including as a team leader for the Alberta Sepsis Network, and has been on the steering committee of international clinical trials. He has been teaching at the U of C since 1995, and is currently a professor and head of the Department of Critical Care Medicine at the U of C’s Cumming School of Medicine. Dr. Doig is also the regional clinical department head, Calgary Zone, Alberta Health Services.

In addition to his myriad clinical, research and teaching responsibilities, Dr. Doig has served as president of the AMA, member of the CMA’s Committee on Ethics, board member of the STARS Society and president of the Alberta Society of Intensive Care Physicians. He is also the recipient of many awards, including the 2016 Global Sepsis Award from the Alberta Sepsis Network, the 2014 Research Mentor Award from the U of C and an AMA Long Service Award in 2012. Dr. Doig was recently bestowed the CMA’s Dr. William Marsden Award in Medical Ethics.
Dr. Charles H. Harley

“Dr. Harley has a strong inner sense of vision and innovative thinking. He is known as an excellent communicator with his quiet, accessible style, earning the respect of his colleagues as someone who brings extensive clinical expertise, an open mind and a collaborative focus to the table, always keeping the patient and family in the forefront.”

“It is his ability to work so effectively within a very bureaucratic system, without being mired in the bureaucratic jungle, that I so admire about Dr. Harley. He is a leader who can make things happen, often behind the scenes, and patient care in Alberta is much better for it.”

In a career that has spanned almost 50 years, Dr. Charles Harley has had a profound impact on Alberta’s health care system, the patients it serves and the medical professionals who work to ensure Albertans receive the best possible care within the system. A skilled clinician, impassioned teacher and visionary leader, he has dedicated his life to the advancement and improvement of health care for patients and their families.

Dr. Harley received his medical degree from the University of Alberta (U of A) in 1965 and completed a rotating internship at the University of Alberta Hospital in 1966. He soon found himself in the role of chief resident in the Department of Medicine at the U of A and by 1970 was a clinical instructor and lecturer at the University of Calgary.

He returned to the U of A in 1972, embarking on a teaching career that would span several decades and influence thousands of medical students. While at the U of A, he helped develop the pioneering International Medical Graduate Clinical Preceptorship program, where he has served as medical director since 2003. He was named an Emeritus Professor in the U of A’s Department of Medicine in July 2005.

Dr. Harley’s commitment to improving health care led him to take on many leadership roles, including chief of the Department of Medicine at the Charles Camsell Hospital, chief of the divisions of General Internal Medicine and Medicine at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, and facility medical director at both the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital (GRH) and the Sturgeon Community Hospital. In addition, he has served as chair of the Edmonton Zone Medical Advisory Committee, held several roles with the Medical Council of Canada and spent two terms on the Council of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta, where he played an integral role in developing its Physician Achievement Review Program.

He is currently the medical director of the Edmonton Clinical Assistant Program and Acute Care Coverage Program and is co-chair of the Alberta Health Services Quality and Patient Safety Committee.

His leadership has been instrumental in the creation of many important initiatives, including the expansion of physiatrist positions to support stroke and brain injury rehabilitation. He also helped implement bed map changes to the GRH to facilitate patients returning home rather than transferring to continuing care.
Dr. Harley’s commitment to teaching and leadership is matched by his dedication to clinical practice and his patients. His focus on championing interprofessional care ensures patients receive the best, most comprehensive care possible. He is known as a consummate listener and as someone who never lets bureaucracy get in the way of caring for patients.

Dr. Harley has been recognized with myriad awards, including the Prix d’excellence/Specialist of the Year Award, Region 1, from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the National 3M Health Care Quality Team Award to the GRH for Inpatient Redesign from the Canadian College of Health Leaders.
Medal of Honor

Dave Colburn

“[Mr. Colburn] is a wonderful example of how leadership born out of a sincere commitment to an issue, and nurtured by volunteerism and public engagement, can create a lasting impact on people throughout the community. His clear understanding of health as a condition shared and shaped collectively – in the halls of our schools and the streets of our neighborhoods – is one that I consider often in my role as Minister of Health.”

“Alberta, which was once known as the home to the infamous “Lake of Fire,” is now viewed as one of the most progressive educational systems in the world in terms of LGBTQ human rights and public health. Much of this recognition can be traced back to Mr. Colburn’s passion and unwavering commitment to ensure that LGBTQ students did not have to go to school in fear for their safety.”

Improving the health of Alberta students is one of Dave Colburn’s proudest legacies. As a trustee with Edmonton Public Schools from 2004-13, Mr. Colburn took on many of the issues he was most passionate about, including a fight to see students offered healthier food choices in schools. Mr. Colburn first came to politics as a concerned parent, who had spent time volunteering in his daughter’s school and was dismayed to see how little attention was paid to healthy eating. He joined the parent’s council at Delwood School and began working to strengthen the voice of parents in his daughter’s school, before running for a position on the Edmonton Public Schools Board of Trustees in 2004. He won, and immediately set to work getting unhealthy foods out of school vending machines and increasing the healthy food options available in schools. In 2007 the board of trustees passed the motion to eliminate junk food, and the process of phasing out junk food from Edmonton’s almost 200 public schools began. Edmonton Public Schools was the first school board in Alberta to approve a policy of this nature, and since then more than a dozen boards have followed suit.

Born in Halifax, Mr. Colburn grew up in Toronto, before returning to Halifax to pursue a degree at Dalhousie University. He graduated with a master’s degree in sociology, before moving out west in 1971 and becoming a conductor with CN Rail. Over the next three decades he worked on Alberta’s railroads. He became a locomotive engineer with Via Rail in 2001, just three years before running and winning his trustee spot and, in 2006, left his position with Via Rail to concentrate on his educational advocacy work.
As an Edmonton Public School trustee, Mr. Colburn played a pivotal role in championing several important issues, including working to stop school closures in mature communities like his own. In 2010, Mr. Colburn was elected chair of the Edmonton Public School Board where, under his leadership, the district became the first board in the prairie provinces to create stand-alone LGBTQ policy. Mr. Colburn spoke publicly and passionately about creating a safe, caring and respectful world in which all people were valued and respected.

Mr. Colburn worked with the Alberta School Boards Association and the Canadian School Boards Association to add student health to their strategic planning and priorities. He also helped create two provincial health bodies, initiated joint advocacy work between influential provincial organizations and brought key partners together to discuss collaborations on student health.

Retired from trustee work since 2013, today Mr. Colburn is a student wellness advisor for the Canadian School Boards Association and a student wellness consultant for the Alberta School Boards Association, where he continues to champion student health and wellness.

**Jocelyn M. Lockyer** PhD

“Jocelyn has long been known nationally and internationally for her groundbreaking work across the spectrum of medical education and, particularly, professional development. Her work has had a strong emphasis on change and improvement, and I believe she has been able to affect the direction of medical education in Canada.”

“Dr. Lockyer has been one of Canada’s most prolific and important medical education researchers and innovators for a generation. She has been a North American leader in the area of continuing professional development for the past 25 years … she is setting the training standard for the next generation of Alberta physicians.”

Dr. Jocelyn Lockyer’s commitment to medical education and to advancing the role of family physicians has had a measurable impact on the health and wellbeing of people across Alberta. A highly respected leader, scholar and researcher, she has been instrumental in developing educational programs, activities, courses and tools that improve both physician practice and patient care.

Dr. Lockyer received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Waterloo in 1973 and her master’s degree in health administration from the University of Ottawa in 1975. She began her professional career in the Department of Family Medicine at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Hamilton, before moving to Calgary in 1977 and beginning
After completing her PhD in the University of Calgary’s Faculty of Education in 2002, Dr. Lockyer’s role became one of teaching and research, in addition to serving as director of Continuing Medical Education. She began teaching in the master’s and PhD programs in medical education, where her focus was on helping students better understand curriculum design and instructional methods. Her passion for research continued as she undertook several collaborative research projects, including one that led to the development and implementation of the Physician Learning Program for Alberta. In 2012, Dr. Lockyer was appointed senior associate dean, medical education, in the Cumming School of Medicine.

In the midst of her myriad teaching, research and administrative duties, Dr. Lockyer has served and chaired on numerous local, national and international committees. She was president of the Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education, a member of the Board for the Alliance for Continuing Medical Education and most recently served as president of the Canadian Association for Medical Education. She is also the recipient of many awards, including a 2010 Academic Medicine for Excellence in Reviewing Award and a 2004 Golden Apple Award for Teaching from the University of Calgary Medical Sciences Graduate Association.
AMA Award for Compassionate Service

Dr. Annalee Coakley

“Dr. Annalee Coakley is one of the most humble, compassionate, inspiring and effective physicians I have had the pleasure to work with, a sentiment I have no doubt would be echoed by all her colleagues, patients and collaborators alike.”

“Annalee brings an extraordinary spirit of compassion to her everyday work and to the lives of those she cares for and works with. For her, medicine truly is a calling and she is an inspiration to me and to others who meet her.”

Dr. Annalee Coakley has dedicated her medical career to caring for marginalized and vulnerable patients, including refugees who often arrive in Canada dealing with myriad health issues after enduring unimaginable trauma. As the medical director of the Mosaic Refugee Health Clinic in Calgary, she not only provides compassionate care to new Canadians, but also advocates for her patients locally, nationally and internationally.

Over the past four years, Dr. Coakley has worked tirelessly to ensure her patients receive the highest standard of care, no matter the circumstances. She regularly visits patients in their homes and makes herself available to answer questions and problem-solve for her patients beyond regular office hours.

When faced with challenges or limited resources, she never hesitates to purchase essential supplies or needed medications to ensure her patients do not go without. Dr. Coakley’s commitment to her patients goes beyond delivering excellent medical care to include all aspects of their social and economic wellbeing, including helping them connect to employment opportunities and other community supports.

Dr. Coakley received her medical degree from Queen’s University in 2001 and completed her residency in 2003 in the university’s Department of Family Medicine. Over the next several years, she practiced emergency and outpatient family medicine throughout Ontario and Nova Scotia, often working in remote, rural communities. In 2008, she relocated to Calgary, working as a hospitalist locum at the Peter Lougheed Centre and practicing outpatient family medicine and urgent care at the Sheldon Chumir Urgent Care Center. In 2009 she began practicing as a family physician at the Mosaic Refugee Health Clinic where, in 2012, she became medical director. She also practices at the East Calgary Family Care Clinic.

Dr. Coakley is a passionate advocate for programs that are crucial to her patients’ health and wellbeing. She was part of a team of concerned citizens who spoke out about cuts to the Interim Federal Health Program, and spent countless hours working directly with patients who had been declined status or lost their health care privileges.
In instances when patients faced overwhelming bills for uncovered hospital stays or procedures, she fought to reduce these costs. She even advocated for patients’ reinstatement at hearings and in court and met directly with government officials to negotiate on their behalf. On April 1, 2016, the Liberal government reinstated the program.

Her concern for vulnerable patients transcends borders and has led to her involvement with a charitable organization that provides medical care to a refugee camp in Kenya. That concern has prompted her to pursue additional training in tropical medicine and to teach about immigrant and refugee health at the University of Calgary. Most recently, Dr. Coakley marshaled the community to welcome and care for the influx of Syrian refugees coming to Calgary, establishing satellite clinics and caring for those who arrive battling illness, injury or trauma. In fact, she spent this past New Year’s Day at the downtown resettlement center caring for new arrivals.

Dr. Coakley has dedicated her life and her career to caring for vulnerable patients and showing them kindness and compassion – something far too many have never before experienced.
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CMA President

Granger R. Avery  MB BS, FRRMS

A world traveler in his youth, Dr. Granger Avery studied at the University of London in England and the Auckland University in New Zealand before settling in British Columbia in 1973. Following training in advanced obstetrics, he commenced a residency at the Vancouver General Hospital, specializing in anesthesia, and settled in Port McNeil the following year. There, he started his general practice, which included emergency medicine, obstetrics, surgery and general anesthesia.

Dr. Avery’s lifelong dedication to patient service developed further with outreach clinics in 1979, when he started working with eight remote clinics in isolated communities. The next year was the first of what would be a 35+ years teaching career at the University of British Columbia (UBC). He rose from instructor, to professor, to become a member of several executive advisory committees on admission selection and post-graduate expansion. As an advocate for education and equal access to health care, Dr. Avery continued to work in these areas, holding additional leadership positions within the BC Ministry of Health, the BC Medical Services Commission and the Hospital and Health Authority.

After 12 years of involvement with the British Columbia Medical Association (now Doctors of BC), Dr. Avery was elected president in 1997. In this role, he improved rural physician recruitment in BC, lobbying the government, convincing them to withdraw the “proration” laws which would have reduced physician fees and introduce on-call payments for rural physicians, a process that eventually spread to hospitals across Canada. Dr. Avery also authored the “Wait List” system, which recorded the number of patients awaiting surgery and diagnostic care, and made this publically available, persuading the government to improve funding to many essential services. Now a national initiative, it was the first of its kind in Canada to be developed at a provincial level.

In 2000, Dr. Avery recognized the need for a coordinated medical body to help manage the issues faced by those practicing in rural health care environments, and created with government the first BCMA Collaborative Committee which now manages BC’s rural programs. In 2005, he and his colleagues developed the Rural Coordination Center of BC, an initiative that continues to grow and promote a wide range of activities, including education.

Dr. Avery has also been involved in the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) for many years. He was an integral member of the CMA Council on Health Care in 1993 and has since played a variety of roles within the organization, including serving as Chair of CMA’s CEO Search and Review Committee, as well as Director and Vice Chair of the CMA Board of Directors.

Dr. Avery continues to be deeply committed to the health care system in his local community, across Canada and around the world. From speaking engagements, to volunteer work, and his membership in a wide range of associations and commissions, Dr. Avery demonstrates passion and commitment for all the work he does. For the last 10 years, he has been working to understand the importance of, and improve, the entire “Continuum of Care” – a physician’s life cycle and the necessary system supports.

Duly recognized for his contributions, Dr. Avery has received awards including the Doctors of BC Silver Medal, the Excellence in Teaching Award from UBC’s Department of Family Practice and the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal for his services to rural medicine.
CMA Honorary Members

Dr. Robert W. Broad  
*Neurosurgery, Edmonton*

**Reflections on Service**  What stands out the most for me was work on the Joint Subcommittee on Alternate Payment Plans, which was the predecessor to the alternative relationship plans (ARPs). This work extended over a number of years, and the committee created the principles and established the initial alternate payment plans to fee-for-service. I was a member first and eventually became chair. Being involved in those initial steps helped set us in the right direction toward establishing ARPs. Over the years, I have also been a member and later chair of the AMA Committee on Financial Audit, and for a number of years was head of the Section of Neurosurgery. Through the AMA I became a member, and eventually chair, of the CMA Audit Committee.

There is a personal satisfaction that comes with this kind of professional involvement, which is a reward in itself for supporting a member organization like AMA. Having an organization of us and for us is tremendously important for us as a profession and as individuals. The strength is in people stepping up and taking on roles as they arise and getting involved.

**Personal Interests**  I golf, garden and travel some. I also enjoy time with family, especially my four kids. My youngest is still in university and is a medical student, so will be at home for a couple more years. I’m not close to retirement yet, so am still very busy with work.

Dr. Eugene J. (Sean) Cahill  
*Family Medicine, Sherwood Park*

**Reflections on Service**  Over the years I have served the AMA as a member of the Board of Directors and as a delegate to the Representative Forum and CMA General Council. I have also served on the executive of the Section of General Practice, which brought into closer focus the competing interests within a section and how harmony is achieved. Being on the AMA board afforded me insight into the complexities of health care delivery. Serving as a delegate to the CMA General Council allowed me to experience the shared interests of delegates on common ground and to witness how the CMA interacts with government.

The AMA and CMA offer the opportunity for members to enhance and expand their skills in the practice of medicine. Effectively delivering health care to the community requires the involvement of physicians at both the planning and the delivery phase. Membership in the AMA offers the company of dedicated caring physicians, with an energizing influence that brings to one’s life. The AMA has kept the profession united and been a source of support when the profession has been underappreciated. It welcomes and facilitates the growth of individuals within its membership as a means of strengthening the organization for all.

**Personal Interests**  I hope to enhance my golf game, return to trap shooting, travelling and reading. Mostly I look forward to becoming a useful grandfather. I also hope to remain engaged in medicine, especially the care of the elderly and disadvantaged.
Dr. William S. Hnydyk  
*Family Medicine, Edmonton*

**Reflections on Service**  
I’ve had the unique opportunity to experience service to the AMA as a senior staff person for nearly 13 years and lead or be part of numerous programs, committees and projects. While they were all rewarding, providing senior staff oversight of the Physician and Family Support Program (PFSP) stands out for me. When PFSP was one of the benefit stream programs threatened with loss of funding during one round of stalled negotiations, it was heartwarming to see how the general membership rallied around the program and sent a very strong message to government that it was imperative that the program be preserved. For me it demonstrated that membership truly valued a program that provided assessment and treatment for colleagues in times of need.

My experience at the AMA has reinforced my belief that AMA is a wonderful organization to learn and develop leadership skills that will help you in both clinical and administrative medicine.

**Personal Interests**  
As I enter the “retirement” phase of my career I hope to continue to grow as a leader and hopefully provide value for the membership of the AMA by participating in committees, programs and projects on a part-time basis. The rest of the time I will focus on tipping the work-life balance towards more life, which will include golfing more and travelling three months of the year to escape those Alberta winters! My wife and I are also looking forward to spending more time with our children and six grandchildren!

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Dr. Lyle B. Mittelsteadt  
*General Practice/Administrative Medicine, Edmonton*

**Reflections on Service**  
My first experience with the AMA was as a member of the Government Affairs Committee, and I enjoyed the opportunity to interact with political and medical leaders to discuss issues. Another highlight was working with International Medical Graduate physicians practicing under limited licenses to establish a section within the AMA. My recent work in supporting the sections of the AMA involved in mental health and addiction care delivery has also been very gratifying, as has supporting individual physicians when they are in need of advocacy.

As a young boy, I dreamed of being a physician and I am grateful to have achieved that dream. This vocation is often hard, with long hours and time spent away from friends and family. It also carries rewards – the smile on a young mother’s face as she holds her newborn baby or seeing a family through life’s challenges. Being a physician is a gift. Like most gifts in life, you get the most joy when you can use that gift for the benefit of others. Working with my colleagues to make our health care system work a little bit better has been tremendously rewarding.

**Personal Interests**  
My wife and I love good literature and good movies, and enjoy going to the Citadel and Shakespeare in the Park. We have four grandchildren, and our two granddaughters live here, so we are thrilled to attend their soccer games, piano recitals and other activities. No one can achieve success in life without the support of many others. I would like to thank my loving wife, Betty, and my family for their support and devotion throughout the years. It is their love that sustains me.
Dr. Sandy J. Murray  
*Family/Occupational Medicine, Red Deer*

**Reflections on Service** I am fortunate to have served the profession on a variety of committees, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee including a year as president in 1988-89. Subsequently I served on the board and committees of the CMA. During my year as president-elect, the AMA formed a Committee on Environmental Health and, as chair, I presented an AMA position paper to pulp and paper development hearings. I encourage the CMA and AMA to continue pressing forward on issues of environmental health.

I am known as a hardworking journeyman who stands up for my fellow physicians, and I have gained more from the profession than the profession has gained from me. I have learned much from my colleagues, and I am very grateful for the opportunities the AMA and CMA have provided me.

I have always believed that a well-trained, sensible family doctor is one of the most valuable assets in a community, worth today, as in Homer’s time, many another man. – Sir William Osler

**Personal Interests** I enjoy golf, scuba diving and studying languages. Studying languages is a great way to learn about culture and history. I have studied Polish, Italian and Spanish and enjoy them all, but am not fluent in any.

My wife Dorothy is my rock – as intelligent as six people put together and as stubborn as any Icelander can be. Our older son Fraser lives in Rome with his family and is a human resources consultant for the United Nations. Our younger son lives in Inuvik, where he is a librarian, a jail guard and a firefighter like his wife. We are proud of them all.

Dr. Wendy L. Tink  
*Family Medicine, Calgary*

**Reflections on Service** Springboarding from teaching to medicine was one of the greatest decisions of my life. I am both humbled and proud to have cared for three generations of families, shared in their greatest joys and sorrows, and every day learned something new. It has been fun to work with learners of all levels to incorporate the science and art of medicine into improving the lives of patients and families.

Advocacy for integrated, patient-centered care and a strong effective physician voice to shape local and provincial programs and services has been an integral part of my career. The AMA started me on my leadership journey. Thank you for leadership development, and opportunities to work with visionary physician leaders and staff within and external to the AMA. Wisdom created by increasing perspectives and collaborative initiatives led to profound personal and professional satisfaction. I am pleased to have served on the CMA Council on Medical Education, Physician Resource Workforce, Section of General Practice Executive and Representative Forum. It has been heartening to see meaningful change in health care and be part of the AMA learning organization.

**Personal Interests** I am the proud mother of Jessica and Andrew and have two grand doggies, Lucy and Ted. We continue to develop Stella’s Dream Lake House, a “magical place where families can come together, have fun and play.” I love to travel, and with some diligence my golf game might catch up to my water and snow ski abilities!
Installation of new AMA President

Dr. Padraic E. Carr

Dr. Padraic Carr, a psychiatrist in Edmonton, officially assumes the role of AMA president this weekend.

“It is truly an honor to have been elected by the doctors of Alberta as president of the Alberta Medical Association. I am extremely proud of our profession, and have the greatest respect for the selfless work doctors do every day. As a practicing physician, and in my role as a member of the AMA Board of Directors, I know that doctors are key to the provision of quality health care for the citizens of Alberta.

“We will face many challenges over the next year. In the context of relentless political and economic change, we will be tasked with creating a new master agreement which will define our important role in the health care system. At the same time, we must endeavor to ensure that our patients continue to receive the best care possible and to serve as their advocates. I have every confidence that we will master these tasks admirably. I feel very fortunate to be supported by colleagues whom I hold with the highest admiration, and I look forward to all that we can accomplish together.”

Dr. Carr received his medical degree in 1990 from the University of Alberta and thereafter completed a rotating internship at Royal Alexandra Hospital and a residency in psychiatry at the University of Alberta Hospital. In 1995 Dr. Carr became site leader/facility chief for Grey Nuns Community Hospital, Department of Psychiatry, and remained in that role for 11 years. Dr. Carr has assumed executive roles with numerous organizations, associations and boards on regional, national and international committees. He was president of the Professional Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta, the Grey Nuns Community Hospital Medical Staff, the Alberta Psychiatric Association, and representative to the Assembly of the American Psychiatric Association for Western Canada. More recently, he was president of the Canadian Psychiatric Association. Dr. Carr was recognized internationally in 2004 as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

For 21 years Dr. Carr has mentored and instructed medical students and residents, currently as a clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Carr began his service with the AMA in 1992 as the resident representative on the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and has served in a range of roles since then, such as president of the AMA Section of General Psychiatry and a member of the Nominating Committee, Executive Committee and Joint AMA/CPSA Executive.

He was a member of the Board of Directors from 2006-14 and has been a Representative Forum delegate since 2003. He received the AMA’s Long-Service Award in 2013.

In his role as president, Dr. Carr will serve as a member of the AMA Board of Directors and on various internal and external committees such as Representative Forum Planning Group, Executive Committee, and Provincial Physician Liaison Forum.
Dr. Carl W. Nohr officially ends his term as president this weekend and assumes the role of immediate past president.

“I love our profession. My ambition as president was to serve in such a manner that I would earn the esteem of my colleagues in our great profession. You may decide for yourself how well I have done.

“I have talked about and lived as well as I could the highest ideals of professionalism, according to the contract we have with society. It has been my experience that this is the path to patient-centered integrated care, and also the path to professional happiness.

“I have asked you to be good stewards of the trust the public has placed in us. I have asked you to contribute to system sustainability. I have asked you to be kind and compassionate to patients and to each other.

“I continue to believe it means something very special to be a doctor and that we can maintain that with every interaction we have with patients every day. This will sustain our profession and make our lives satisfying and happy. My final request of you is that you will reflect on our great profession from time to time and enjoy the rewards of a life well lived as a doctor.”

Dr. Nohr attained his medical degree in 1978 from McGill University and went on to an internship at the University of Western Ontario. General surgery residencies followed at Western Ontario and McGill universities, then a Research Fellowship in Surgical Immunobiology (PhD, McGill) and a Transplantation Fellowship (University of Minnesota). Dr. Nohr has served on many hospital, regional, provincial and national committees and has numerous publications, abstracts, chapters and proceedings to his name.

He was an associate professor with tenure and taught for 10 years at McGill University. In 1993 he received the Residents’ Award for Excellence in Teaching from McGill’s Department of Surgery. In 1995, he moved to Medicine Hat and began practice there as a community general surgeon with front line hospital-based duties. Dr. Nohr has an independent practice, working out of a house converted to an office.

Dr. Nohr has served with the AMA on such groups as the Council of Zonal Leaders, Physician and Family Support Program Advisory Committee, Joint AMA/AHS Medical Staff Bylaws Working Group, Representative Forum (RF), Nominating Committee, Provincial Physician Liaison Forum and Provincial Medical Staff Bylaws Committee.

He served two terms as Speaker at RF. He was a member of Council with the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta as well as president of the Palliser Medical Staff Association and acting president and vice-president of the South Zone Medical Staff Association.

In his role as immediate past president, Dr. Nohr will continue on the AMA Board of Directors and various other internal AMA committees.