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PRESIDING OFFICERS

Dr. Barbara Kelleher  
2016-17  
Doctors Manitoba  
President  
Master of Ceremonies

Dr. Granger R. Avery  
2016-17  
Canadian Medical Association  
President

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Dr. Scott Cleghorn  
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Dr. Adriana Krawchenko-Shawarsky  
Mr. Richard Deeley

Doctors Manitoba is grateful to the CMA for its generous financial support of this Awards Dinner
Dr. Granger Avery has spent four decades practicing medicine. A graduate of the University of London (England) and Auckland (New Zealand), he settled in British Columbia (B.C.) in the 1970s to commence a residency in anaesthesia at the Vancouver General Hospital. He subsequently settled in the small community of Port McNeill on North Vancouver Island to start a general practice, which included obstetrics, surgery, anaesthesia and emergency medicine. Dr. Avery’s lifelong dedication to his patients developed further with outreach clinics in eight remote First Nations communities in 1979.

For more than 35 years he has taught for the University of British Columbia (UBC) — including an interprofessional program — and is currently Clinical Professor in the Department of Family Medicine. He has also held leadership positions with the B.C. Ministry of Health, the B.C. Medical Services Commission and the Hospital and Health Authority. He is a past president of the British Columbia Medical Association (now Doctors of BC) and has been honoured with the Doctors of BC Silver Medal of Service Award, the Dr. Don Rix Award for Physician Leadership, the Excellence in Teaching Award from UBC’s Department of Family Practice, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for Services to Rural Medicine, and the Fellowship of Rural and Remote Medicine from the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada.
Throughout his career, Dr. Avery has worked tirelessly to increase access to care for patients, especially in rural communities. He led countless initiatives including reduced activity days, a successful province-wide response to government’s service-limiting proration plan (1997); a provincial system to track wait times for surgeries and diagnostic testing; a collaborative committee of the B.C. government and local physicians to improve rural health (2000), as well as founding the Rural Coordination Centre of BC (2005).

As an advocate, he continues to be deeply committed to improving the health care system in his community, across Canada and around the world. For the past 15 years, he has focused on understanding and improving the continuum of care: the co-ordination of care delivery, a patient’s illness journey, physicians’ life cycles and generalism. He seeks to improve coordination and collaboration between all health stakeholders to ensure a seamless and improved patient experience and a satisfying professional life for physicians.

Dr. Avery has been married for 38 years to his wife Winnie. They have three children and seven grandchildren.
Barbara Kelleher

DOCTORS MANITOBA
President 2016-2017

Dr. Kelleher represented the Brandon District on the Doctors Manitoba Board of Directors from 2003 to 2015. She has served as Honorary Treasurer (2014-15) and Honorary Secretary (2013-14) on the Doctors Manitoba Executive. In addition, she has been Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee (2014-15) and is currently a member of the Governance & Nominating and Awards Committees.

Dr. Kelleher was born and raised in Brandon. She received her MD from the University of Saskatchewan and has practiced in Brandon since 1991.

Dr. Kelleher is married to Gallagher McGuinness and between the two of them they have two sons Kit and Kelly and two daughters Emmy (Jody) and Bailey. They are also proud grandparents of Oliver and Eli.

Her interests include gardening, cooking, downhill skiing and golf.
Robert Kippen
CMA HONORARY MEMBER

Born in Winnipeg, Dr. Kippen received his MD from the University of Manitoba in 1971. He is a third generation graduate of the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Medicine.

After completing his residency in internal medicine at the University of Manitoba, Dr. Kippen completed a fellowship in Gastroenterology at the University of Chicago. In 1976, he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Dr. Kippen has worked as gastroenterologist at the Winnipeg Clinic since 1976, except for 3 years in Georgia in the mid 1990’s.

Dr. Kippen was president of Doctors Manitoba in 2013-14. He represented the Grace Hospital District on the Doctors Manitoba Board of Directors from 2001 to 2015. In addition, he has been Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, and a member of the Strategic Planning Task Force.

Dr. Kippen has also served as the President of the Grace General Hospital Medical Staff and Chairman of the Grace General Hospital, Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Kippen has held a university appointment at the University of Manitoba as an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine/Gastroenterology since 2000.

He thanks his patients for their trust, his colleagues for their support and Doctors Manitoba and the CMA for creating and maintaining an excellent practice environment, and especially his family for their support and tolerance these many years.
Dr. Klassen has been a dedicated family physician in Winkler and the Boundary Trails Health Centre since 1978. His work at the hospital includes having privileges in family medicine, anesthesia, and emergency medicine. In addition to his work in the above clinical areas, Dr. Klassen has been the medical director for Manitoba’s Office of Rural and Northern Health since 2002 and has been an Associate Professor at the University of Manitoba, Department of Family Medicine since 2003. In 2010, Dr. Klassen was appointed Associate Head (Distributed Medical Education), Department of Family Medicine at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Klassen has received a number of Awards and Honors for his medical work including being selected Manitoba Family Physician of the Year by the Manitoba College of Family Physicians, and was named Citizen of the Year by the City of Winkler in 2014. In 2015, Dr. Klassen was awarded the Rural Long Service Award by the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada.

Dr. Klassen is married to Betty and they have two married sons, two wonderful daughters-in-law and 5 grandsons (Liam age 14, Asher 11, Adam 6, twins Graeme and Alex 4).
Dr. Rockman-Greenberg obtained her medical degree from McGill University in Montreal in 1974. She subsequently trained in Pediatrics and Medical Genetics and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Pediatrics in 1979 and in Medical Genetics in 1992 and a Fellow of the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists in 1982. Her academic career as a clinical and metabolic geneticist - her “first job”- began at Winnipeg Children’s Hospital and the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health, University of Manitoba in 1979 where she has worked ever since.

Over her career, Dr. Rockman-Greenberg served as Director of the Metabolic Service in the Program of Genetics and Metabolism, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) and from 2004 to 2014 she was Medical Director of the Child Health program, WRHA and Head of the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health, University of Manitoba. She currently is a clinician scientist in the Children’s Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba and has developed the Metabolic Disorders Clinical Trials Research team. Her research has focused on the identification of the molecular basis for genetic disorders that are over-represented in Manitoba’s unique populations. Subsequently, in direct collaboration with community leaders, she and her colleagues have translated research discoveries into relevant patient care programs including the development of new diagnostic tests, expanded newborn screening programs and carrier testing initiatives.
Most recently Dr. Rockman-Greenberg has been the principal investigator for Canada of an industry-sponsored clinical trial of a new enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) drug for the treatment of the rare metabolic bone disorder called hypophosphatasia (HPP). ERT has dramatically changed the natural history of the most severe forms of HPP from previously untreatable into treatable disorders. Over the course of her esteemed career, Dr. Rockman-Greenberg has received numerous awards including being named to the 2012 list of Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100, in the Trailblazers and Trendsetters category, being inducted into Canadian Academy of Health Sciences in 2014 and receiving the Health Research Foundation Innovations Medicine Canada Medal of Honour in 2016. She is the currently a clinical geneticist in the Program of Genetics and Metabolism, WRHA, a clinician scientist in the Children’s Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba and a Distinguished Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Child Health and Biochemistry and Medical Genetics, University of Manitoba.
Dr. Michael West was raised in Winnipeg and graduated from Vincent Massey Collegiate. He received his MD and PhD, under the direction of Dr. Victor Havlicek and Henry Friesen, from the University of Manitoba and trained in neurosurgery with Drs. Dwight Parkinson, Charles Drake and Charles Wilson. He practised neurosurgery in Winnipeg from 1982 to 1994, in the USA from 1994 to 2000, and was recruited back to Winnipeg in 2000 as Professor and Head of Neurosurgery at the University of Manitoba and Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

A Stereotactic Radiosurgery Program using the Gamma Knife was developed in Winnipeg under his direction in 2003; the first in Canada. During his Headship, Radiology and Neurosurgery worked together with the Health Sciences Foundation to develop the Centre for Surgical Innovation in the Kleysen Institute for Advanced Medicine that includes a neurosurgical operating room and an interventional radiology suite which incorporate intraprocedural MRI scanning. Dr. West initiated, with CancerCare Manitoba, the development of a Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy program to treat extracranial tumours.

Dr. West has served the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada as a Program Surveyor, member of the Examining Committee for Neurosurgery, member of the Accreditation Committee, and Chair of the Neurosurgery Specialty Committee.

Dr. West has won several teaching awards and authored or co-authored over 100 scientific publications and invited lectures. Among his awards are the Award of Recognition from the Department of Surgery (University of Manitoba), the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of contributions to the field of Neurosurgery, an award for Professionalism from the Manitoba Medical Students Association, and the 2014 Distinguished Service Award from Doctors Manitoba.
Harold Booy

DR. JACK ARMSTRONG HUMANITARIAN

Dr. Booy completed his medical degree at the University of Manitoba in 1977. He started practicing in Winkler in 1983.

Dr. Booy has been active in providing the broadest level of rural Family Practice including emergency, obstetric and anaesthesia services, as well as inpatient and outpatient care for many years.

Dr. Booy has had a sincere and sustained commitment to work with Medical Missions. He showed an early interest in this in medical school. With the help of a Readers Digest International Scholarship he did his Third year elective period in the Republic of Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo). As a result of that experience, following his Family Medicine Residency, he added further training in obstetrics and anaesthesia so that he could provide these services in underprivileged countries.

After completing his training and a two month locum in Winkler, he moved to Pakistan with his wife Katie and their oldest daughter Michelle where he served at Bach Christian Hospital from 1980 to 1982. He then moved back to Winkler, but returned to Pakistan for 3 months in 1985/86.

Dr. Booy wanted his children to experience serving people in the developing world. He worked on several two week projects with Medical Ministries International accompanied by each of his children. These included the Dominican Republic in 1997 and 1999 and Equador in 2001. This led to other opportunities to serve on projects in Bolivia, Peru, the Dominican Republic and most recently Haiti.

In addition to his medical career, he and his wife worked with youth through their church for 10 years. Their service projects for underprivileged communities included street work, soup kitchens and building with Habitat for Humanity.
On retiring from youth work, they began fostering children. Over time this resulted in the adoption of their two sons.

Dr. Booy has shown a persistent love of providing service to those in underprivileged countries and communities. He models that service to his colleagues, his family and his community.
Dr. Zarychanski is an Assistant Professor and Clinician-Scientist at CancerCare Manitoba and the University of Manitoba in the Department of Medicine, Sections of Critical Care and of Hematology/Medical Oncology. After completing a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Manitoba, followed by subspecialty fellowships in Critical Care Medicine and Hematology, Dr. Zarychanski obtained a Masters degree in Epidemiology and undertook a research fellowship in clinical trials design at the University of Ottawa.

Dr. Zarychanski’s research focuses on the hematologic aspects of critical illness. In Winnipeg, he leads an acute-care hematology research team, a team that includes local investigators, trainees and research personnel. Nationally and internationally he develops and participates in clinical trials in collaboration with the Canadian Critical Care Trials Group and the International Forum for Acute Care Trialists (InFACT).

One of his major research programs is studying heparin (an inexpensive and widely available drug) to improve survival for patients with septic shock. This made-in-Manitoba research program will be enrolling patients in several countries as of 2017. Other key research programs include investigating IVIG in patients with septic shock, processes of care in massive transfusion, and the role tranexamic acid to reduce red cell transfusion in major non-cardiac surgery. In collaboration with the WRHA and Centre for Healthcare innovation, to reduce costs and increase patient participation in clinical trials, Dr. Zarychanski and his research team are building an integrated network of clinical databases to facilitate electronic randomized trials in Manitoba.
Dr. Zarychanski is the Associate Director of Knowledge Synthesis at the Centre for Healthcare Innovation in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He holds the Lyonel G. Israels Professorship in Hematology from the University of Manitoba and is the recipient of salary and operating grants from the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR). He is a committed scientist, educator of research methods, and mentor to students and residents interested in developing careers or being involved in research projects.
Dr. Keevin Bernstein was born and raised in Winnipeg. He completed medical school and an Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Manitoba followed by a Nephrology Fellowship at University of California, San Diego. He returned to Winnipeg and joined the Section of Nephrology in 1984.

Dr. Bernstein became the HSC Central Dialysis Unit Medical Director in 1986. In 1988, he developed a prototype satellite dialysis model known as the Manitoba Local Centres Dialysis Program. This allowed patients to receive the same level of care in their remote home communities as provided at an urban centre. This program was the first and is the largest of its kind in Canada, eventually growing to 16 centres in rural and northern Manitoba, including four directly in First Nation Communities. He then became the inaugural Medical Director of the WRHA Manitoba Renal Program, in 1998 through 2007, creating a strategic plan which evolved into a cohesive and centralized approach to managing renal disease in Manitoba. As part of the program, he created the concept of Renal Health Outreach to promote kidney disease prevention and early identification well before any other province or national initiative.

Dr. Bernstein has also been a highly regarded teacher within the medical school where he has been responsible for coordinating undergraduate nephrology education since 1988. The undergraduate Nephrology course he developed, and continues to maintain, perennially wins the Manitoba Medical Students’ Association (MMSA) award as the best Med II course. In addition, he has been awarded many individual MMSA teaching awards as well as receiving the prestigious University of Manitoba, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Saunderson award for excellence in teaching.
Dr. Bernstein has twice led the creation of new UGME curriculum. From 1991 to 2000, he was the Faculty UGME pre-clerkship Med II curriculum coordinator, and co-led the implementation of the new preclerkship curriculum introduced in 1997. As Director, UGME Curriculum Renewal from 2010 to 2015, he led the development of the current four year UGME curriculum with clerkship introduced in 2013 and preclerkship in 2014.
Born and raised in Winnipeg, Dr. Osler completed both medical school and residency training here at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Osler’s father was a hard-working GP in solo practice and he was Dr. Osler’s inspiration and role model.

Dr. Osler has been a strong advocate for physician health and is passionate about the health of both patients and doctors. Her other passions include Global Health and CPD, and she is currently working towards her master’s degree in Global Surgical Care.

Along with being a busy Otolaryngology-Head and Neck (ENT) surgeon in Winnipeg for the last 18 years, Dr. Osler is an Assistant Professor at the U of M and has helped train numerous medical students and residents.

In February of this year, Dr. Gigi Osler was selected by the members of Doctors Manitoba to be the nominee as president-elect (2017-18) of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA).

Dr. Osler’s involvement in physician health includes the following work and committees:

- Chair, Physician Health and Wellness Committee, Doctors Manitoba, 2013 to present
- Co-chair, Executive and Planning Committees, 2015 Canadian Conference on Physician Health
- Wellness Committee, College of Medicine, University of Manitoba, 2014 to present
- Leadership Development Curriculum Committee, College of Medicine, University of Manitoba, 2016 to present
- Advisory Committee, Canadian Physician Health Institute, 2014-2016
- Chair of the Continuing Professional Development and Global Health Committees for the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
Dr. Osler volunteers annually on surgical missions to Uganda. She has been involved with Canadians Helping Kids in Vietnam (CHKV), a Winnipeg-based charity, and volunteered on the 2011 CHKV medical mission to Vietnam.
Dr. Maria Bronson is currently a PGY-4 Resident in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Manitoba. She has active professional interests in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and plans to complete her subspecialty training in this area in 2019. Dr. Bronson obtained her medical degree from the University of Ottawa in 2013. She is a member of the Canadian Medical Association, Doctors Manitoba, the Canadian Psychiatric Association, the Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and sits on the executive of the Manitoba Psychiatric Association.

In addition to her active clinical work in residency, Dr. Bronson is a tireless contributor to educational and scholarly activities within the Department of Psychiatry and the Max Rady College of Medicine. She has been recognized by medical students through the MMSA for both teaching and mentorship and previously won the MMSA award for patient advocacy. With her collaborators/supervisors Dr. P. Anang and Ms. E. Gordon she received the Indigenous Initiatives Fund Grant 2017 to support their project entitled “Learning from Naujaat – Training from Naujaat” which champions both education and community engagement in one of Canada’s most northern communities. Most recently she has served as the senior resident for HSC. In the larger professional community, she is the chair of the Manitoba Psychiatry Association’s Social Advocacy Section where she has organized events advocating for optimal care for vulnerable populations including new-comers to Canada.
Before coming into medicine Dr. Bronson received a four-year honours degree in Physical Sciences with a Minor in Theatre Studies from the University of Guelph. She continues to pursue her passion for music playing second violin in the Mennonite Community Orchestra. She was recipient of the 2015 PARIM Resident Talent Scholarship for her musical abilities. She is bilingual in French and English, speaks conversational German and aspires to learn Inuktitut in the coming years.
It has been two and a half decades since Dr. Vorster moved from Johannesburg to Manitoba. He earned his medical degree in South Africa following in the footsteps of his grandfather, father and sister. He then emigrated to the tiny rural communities of Treherne and Holland where he has practiced for the past 25 years. Throughout these years he has shown unwavering commitment to the highest standard of patient care and advocates for this tirelessly. He has played a pivotal role in his local medical community in establishing systems, like a shared on-call system, that have led to long-term stability of medical services. He has participated for many years on the regional Area Standards Committee (CPSM), the South Area Medical Leadership Council (Prairie Mountain Health) and the Regional Medical Advisory Committee (Prairie Mountain Health), where he has demonstrated his vision for quality patient care, collegial collaboration and health system effectiveness and sustainability.

Dr. Vorster’s contributions extended beyond the local and regional, when he was elected in 2010 to Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba (CPSM), where he is currently serving in his second year as President. He also serves on the Finance and Audit Committee of the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC). In these roles he has been instrumental in addressing many of the key issues surrounding the evolving regulation of the medical profession both provincially and nationally.

While actively engaged in these provincial and national forums, he has maintained a full-time rural family practice. In his medical practice he not only provides care to individual patients and their families, but also to the entire community and surrounding area.

Dr. Vorster is a caring compassionate physician and a natural leader with vision, who builds through collaboration and respect.
Dr. Molly Seshia was born in Scotland and attended the Edinburgh University for her medical degree. Dr. Seshia first came to Manitoba in 1973 to complete a Neonatology fellowship at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Seshia has practiced neonatology in Winnipeg for over 40 years. She was the Section Head for Neonatology for over 20 years and led the group through many struggles and successes. As well, Dr. Seshia was the Director of the Neonatal Perinatal Medicine Program for two periods (1989-95 and 1998-2002) spanning 13 years. She became a Professor at the University of Manitoba in 1993.

Dr. Seshia is an original member of the Canadian Neonatal Network (CNN) which was created in 1995 by Dr. Shoo Kim Lee. The CNN is a group of Canadian researchers who conduct leading multi-disciplinary, collaborative research dedicated to the improvement of neonatal-perinatal health and health care in Canada and internationally. As well, Dr. Seshia was the site principal investigator of 6 large research studies, a co-investigator on 10 research projects and has been part of over 75 peer reviewed publications. She pioneered the use of telehealth in Neonatology in Canada.

Dr. Seshia’s dedication to neonatology was recognized nationally when she was the recipient of the Distinguished Neonatologist Award in 2009, bestowed by the Canadian Paediatric Society, in recognition of her dedication and role in the development of neonatology as a specialty in Canada.
Dr. Chiu has represented the Health Sciences Centre District on the Board of Directors since 2013. He has served as Honorary Treasurer (2015-16) and Honorary Secretary (2014-15) on the Doctors Manitoba Executive. In addition, he has been Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee (2015-16) and is currently a member of the Governance & Nominating and Finance & Audit Committees. Dr. Chiu has also served on the MD Financial Services Board of Directors since 2015.

Born in Hong Kong, he immigrated to Canada as a child with his parents and three sisters and grew up in Toronto. Dr. Chiu received his MD from the University of Toronto in 1991, and trained in pediatrics and neonatology at CHEO in Ottawa. He completed his MBA in 2012 at the Asper School of Business.

Dr. Chiu has been a staff neonatologist at Health Sciences Centre and St. Boniface General Hospital for 18 years. He is married to Dr. Leslie Simard-Chiu, a family physician, and has two daughters (Meredith and Gillian).