



Dr. Cheryl Hume

Candidate for District 7 Delegate to the Representative Assembly

Dear District 7 Colleagues,

I am asking for your support in electing me as your District 7 Delegate to the Representative Assembly. It would be an honour and a privilege to represent you and your interests on the RA of The Doctors of BC.

I feel I have both length and breadth of clinical experience in Medicine in rural and urban settings, and have an understanding of the complexities of practice management and the challenges faced by many physicians having been a full service GP for most of my career. I have been a strong advocate for access to quality care for patients and for support for physicians delivering care. I have experience with the Doctors of BC, I am aware of the issues currently faced by physicians in trying to deliver quality care to our patients, and I am passionate about making The Doctors of BC a more inclusive and representative organization that is helpful, welcoming and responsive to the needs of the membership.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cheryl Hume, MD, CCFP.

EXPERIENCE WITH THE DOCTORS OF BC AND THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

- I have been one of the SGP District 7 Delegates to the RA from June 2017 to June 2019
- I was on The Board of The Doctors of BC as District 14 representative from June 2015 to 2017.
- I am currently Chair of The Doctors of BC Nominating Committee and am committed to the engagement of our membership to our professional organization in a way that fairly reflects gender, demographics and type of practice.
- I have advocated for primary health care at both the Doctors of BC Board Level and on The Rural Issues Committee on which I also sit. I have presented to The Joint Standing Committee on how to promote rural distributive medical learning as an effective strategy for stabilizing medical care and physician recruitment and retention in rural settings.

CLINICAL- ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- I have been a full service rural family physician in Kootenay Boundary for 28 years. I had my own group clinic and did maternity, in-patient hospital and residential care. I have advanced skills in paediatrics and covered the paediatric on-call service in order to support the solo paediatrician.
- I now practice in Kelowna and provide locum relief service to Family Physicians. I am keenly aware that Kelowna, has 33,000 patients without a family physician and is in a primary health care crisis. I know this is a similar story throughout District 7 and I will be doing rural locum relief work.
- Currently I am the Clinic Physician for The UBCO Student Health Services in Kelowna
- I am an Assistant Clinical Professor in The Department of Family Practice at UBC.
- I lead the set up and was the program director for two UBC rural distributive medical education programs; The Trail Integrated Clinical Clerkship Program, and The UBC Rural Family Medicine Residency Program. I have taught students for years as well.
- I am passionate about improving access to primary care in both rural and urban settings This was the reason I became involved in setting up medical education training programs as a mechanism for recruitment and retention of primary care physicians.

