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TIME FOR A CHANGE

OBJECTIVE

Advocate for the physician voice, autonomy, and leadership in our evolving health care system.

PROFILE

- Experience advocating for physicians: contract negotiations, and leading Sections/Associations/MSA/Doctors of BC Committees
- Experience at several Medical Staff leadership positions at Health Authorities
- Familiarity with the legal and contractual framework under which physician services are provided, and good understanding of medical economic issues.
- Excellent listening and communication skills
- Living and working in Abbotsford BC for the past 10 years.

CURRENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- President, Fraser Health Authority Council of Medical Staff Association Presidents
- Chair, Doctors of BC Alternative Payment Physicians Issues Committee (APPIC)
- Past President, BC Association of Radiation Oncologist (Doctors of BC Section)
- Head, Division of Oncology, Fraser Health Authority
- Head, Dept of Radiation Oncology, BC Cancer Abbotsford
- President, Fraser Valley Uro-Oncology Society

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

- Mini-MBA Program, UBC Sauder School of Business
- Physician Quality Improvement (PQI) Program, Fraser Health, UBC CPD
- Physician Leadership Program, UBC Sauder School of Business,
- Physician Leadership Institute/CMA Courses

SUMMARY

Having worked as an APP physician in BC for the past 10 years, and having had the opportunity to lead my specialist group (Doctors of BC Section), as well as our MSA, I am acutely aware of the workload, wait-times, burnt out, erosion of professional autonomy, and other challenges we face as physicians. Individual physicians do not have a voice within our monopolistic Health system, and there is a need for strong advocacy from Doctors of BC.

In the recent past, I have been leading negotiations for service contracts, working with the Health Authority to review work conditions for APP physicians, and to improve transparency with regard to the administration of benefits. As such, I am aware of the significant barriers and challenges we face. Physicians are burning out, professional autonomy is at times non-existent, and workload continues to increase, while at the same time, the inflation adjusted compensation rates for physicians continues to decline.

Any solution will require engagement and collaboration between physicians and multiple stakeholders, who may often have very different priorities. My familiarity with working on contracts, experience with leadership positions at the Health Authority, and our local MSA, Engagement Societies, as well as the Doctors of BC Specialty Section and the APPIC, has given me a unique understanding of the various aspects of our system.

If elected to this position, I assure you of the utmost perseverance, sincerity in effort, and resourcefulness on my part.