



**Simon W Rabkin MD, BSc (Med) FRCPC, FESC, FACC**

### **VISION**

As a board member of Doctors of BC, I will commit to enhancing the ability and well-being of physicians to make a difference in these challenging times. I will embrace efforts to improve the practice of medicine across BC including rural and urban regions and thereby improve the health of our patients and all British Columbians.

### **I am a strong advocate for:**

#### **Supporting physicians:**

- ✓ Ensure adequate financial, personal, professional and technology support for all physicians and addressing issues of 'burnout'
- ✓ Create safe and healthy work environments
- ✓ improve capacity for work/life balance for urban and rural physicians

#### **Collaboration and Engagement:**

- ✓ Enhance connections among physicians
- ✓ Increase involvement of physicians in decision-making for improved health care

#### **Leadership and Education/Training :**

- ✓ Provide opportunities for training, ongoing learning, and creativity
- ✓ Support physicians to be at the forefront of innovation in medical care delivery
- ✓ Enhance physicians' voices and leadership roles in policy development that impact medical practice in institutions and in the community.

#### **Promoting REAL CHANGE:**

- ✓ Ensure physicians can practice and deliver high level of care
- ✓ Promote equity, diversity and inclusion
- ✓ Decrease wait times for tests and procedures
- ✓ Increase access to primary/community care
- ✓ Expand role of physicians to solve problems in the community and our health care institutions
- ✓ Address issues such as: the opioid crisis; post-COVID-19 recovery plans; mental health
- ✓ Assist in managing the rapid changes in technology, EMR, virtual care and AI.

## EXPERIENCE

**Leadership:** As President and past president over the past 4 years of the Vancouver Community of Care Medical Dental and Allied Health Association (over 2000 staff at Vancouver General Hospital, GF Strong and UBC Hospital and Community Physicians), I worked to enhance dialogue and engagement of physicians in their work settings, to strengthen the interface between the medical profession, institutions and health authorities, and to create avenues for greater collaboration. I am committed to continue this work.

**Boards and Committees:** I have served as President Hypertension Canada, President International Society of Hypertension 2010 Congress, and on boards and committees such as President Eric Hamber Foundation, Canadian Institutes for Health Research, VCH Medical Advisory Committee, UBC Grievance Committee, Doctors of BC Benefits Committee. These have all provided me with the broad medical and operational leadership skills for solving complex problems. My input has assisted in improving the well-being of members, providing guidance on board policy, operations and organizational performance as well as strengthening relationships with diverse stakeholders.

**As a Specialist** in BC, my voice on the board can help advocate for crucial resources to enhance diagnostic services, hospital and operating room resources for better patient care. The lack of adequate resources leads to frustration and burnout.

**Medical Practice:** Current - Cardiology Vancouver Hospital, Professor of Medicine, University of British Columbia. Previous - Family/general practice in Toronto, Churchill, Manitoba and Meru, Kenya

**Creativity:** Contributions to Medical Science: Over 290 papers or book chapters

**Awards (Recognition) for Service:** Silver Medal of Service, Doctors of BC, Distinguished Service Award Hypertension Canada

I am committed to duty of care for the Doctors of BC membership, to supporting physicians, advocating for real change and creative solutions for our challenging times, and improving health care delivery by physicians in our Province that will lead to better quality of health care for all British Columbians.