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MD FRCP(C) FAAP Pediatrician



Dear friends and colleagues,

In times of profound change, doctors need an OMA leadership that is responsive, adaptive and relevant to its members.

As a pediatrician working on the front lines every day, and also as President of the Pediatricians Alliance of Ontario, I have extensive experience dealing with politicians, bureaucrats and the media on important issues. I've learned how to collaborate, and I've learned how to lead.

That's why I'm running for president of the OMA.

We've all been through a lot.

We must now have to adapt to the new reality of arbitration for implementation of the current round and for future rounds of negotiations. We face a new government with different ideas for health care.

Doctors must be not only part of the conversation but leading it.

To do that, the OMA leadership needs to be better at listening to its members. Otherwise, it faces irrelevance.

I am committed to harnessing the collective wisdom we share for the good of the profession and of our patients. I have a track record of getting things done.

I believe in doctors.

We can and must do better!

Thank you!

1. Member engagement and effective advocacy

Council's role in decision making and bringing grassroots views to decision making must be strengthened. Health Policy can create effective tools for physician driven advocacy but is not well coordinated or nimble and this must change. We must build on the changes made, but with a perspective from outside the Board.

2. Physician well being from training to retirement

We must better support the needs of our trainees, of new to practice physicians in all specialties and family medicine. Physician burnout is a major concern and there is an urgency to identify factors that are contributing to burnout so we can develop effective strategies to help us support our colleagues.

3. Preparation for bilateral engagements based on the binding arbitration framework

We must not only engage in Phase 2 of our current Negotiations cycle, but turn our attention to the Appropriateness Working Group, and how it will find savings" in the Binding Arbitration Framework. As well, preparation for the next negotiations cycle must start in 2020 and we must not only engage but allow Sections and Medical Interest Groups to have ongoing and meaningful input in the next Negotiations cycle.

4. Reform and modernization of the Schedule of Benefits

The Schedule of Benefits is outdated and must be modernized in a process involving government and OMA with a third party to arbitrate any disputes. This must be a thorough, evidence-based process to bring fairness to codes that exist now, and also fill in gaps where codes are needed. This cannot be a piecemeal project.

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Pediatrician

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- 2009-present **Assistant Professor**, Division of Community Paediatrics
Department of Paediatrics, University of Toronto
- 2003-present **Medical Director**, Yamashiro Pediatric Clinic, TORONTO, ON
solo community pediatrics practice w/ special interest in pediatric respirology and asthma
- 2014-present **Adjunct Professor**, Division of Family Medicine
Faculty of Medicine, Queen's University at Kingston

EDUCATION

Degrees

- 2014 **Masters Certificate**, Physician Leadership, Schulich School of Business, Executive Education Centre
 - 1993 Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
Doctor of Medicine
 - 1989 Faculty of Arts and Science, Queen's University
Bachelor of Arts with Distinction (Life Sciences)
- #### Postgraduate and Specialty Training
- 1998-1999 Fellowship training in Pediatric Respirology, The Hospital for Sick Children

Pediatric Leadership

- 2004-2015 **President** and Staff, Children's After-Hours Clinic, Toronto, Ontario
- 2000-2011 **Associate Staff**, Division of Emergency Medicine. Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON
- 2007 to present: **President**
Pediatricians Alliance of Ontario
(Ontario Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Khalifa MM, Yamashiro H, Duncan AMV, Hefferon M, Martin AE Case Report: A female with monosomy 18 mosaicism: a previously undescribed chromosome abnormality
Clin Genet 1996; 49: 318-320
- H Yamashiro, N Cutcliffe, S Dobson, D Fisman, R Gold. The role of pediatricians as key stakeholders in influencing immunization policy decisions for the introduction of meningitis

OTHER TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- 2009-present Practice Peer Reviewer, CPSO

AWARDS

- 2012: Special Achievement Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics for excellence in pediatric advocacy
- 2013 PAO: American Academy of Pediatrics: Pediatric Nutrition Grant
- 2015 PAO: American Academy of Pediatrics: Grant on Meningitis B vaccinations
- 2016 PAO: American Academy of Pediatrics: Grant on Adolescent HPV vaccinations

SELECTED ACTIVITIES & POSITIONS HELD

Ontario Medical Association

2017-present **Delegate** to OMA Council
Pediatrics Section, OMA

2016-2017 OMA Co-Chair

Physician Services Committee (PSC)

2014-2017 Board Director

Medical Assembly elected by Council

2016-2017 **Chair**, Health Policy Committee, OMA

2016 **Member**, Negotiations Committee, OMA

2004-2014 Chair, Pediatrics Section, OMA

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Walking with my wife, staying active

Volunteering: activities promoting Japanese culture

Aviation collector and enthusiast

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