

## Welcome to new CFPC President, Dr Sandy Buchman

**T**he College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is pleased to announce the installation of its 58th President, Dr Sandy Buchman of Toronto, Ont. The ceremony took place on November 4, 2011, during Family Medicine Forum in Montreal, Que. Let's get to know a little more about the College's new leader.

Sandy's passion for family medicine began at a young age. As a boy growing up in Toronto, he was inspired by his grandmother's physician, Dr Joe Greenberg, the "country doc" in the city. Sandy chose to pursue his career path in family medicine because of the warmth, humour, professionalism, and passion for family medicine that Dr Joe demonstrated.

After graduating from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont, Sandy completed his residency training in family medicine at the University of Toronto. For 22 years he practised comprehensive family medicine, including obstetrics, in Mississauga, Ont, with special interests in palliative care, global health, and HIV and AIDS. He received his Certification in family medicine in 1983 and became a Fellow of the CFPC in 1994.

Sandy joined the CFPC's National Executive Committee in 2010 and served as Secretary-Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Directors. He is currently the Chair of the Task Force on the CFPC's Relationship with Healthcare Industry; Co-chair of the Transitions in Care Steering Committee with the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer; a member of the CFPC's Governance Advisory Committee; and a member of the Council for the CFPC's Section of Family Physicians with Special Interests or Focused Practices.

Although currently on a leave of absence from his role with the in-patient palliative care unit at the Baycrest Geriatric Health System, Sandy provides home-based palliative care with the Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care in Toronto, where he serves as Education Lead. He is also the Primary Care Lead for the Toronto Regional Cancer Program at Cancer Care Ontario.

A strong advocate for medical education, Sandy teaches medical students and family medicine residents in home-based end-of-life and palliative care, and supervises residents at the Mount Sinai Hospital Academic Family Health Team. He is also Assistant Professor in the



Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto and the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University.

During 2006 and 2007, Sandy served as President of the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP). In 2004 he received the OCFP award for Family Physician of the Year for the southern region of Ontario. This year he received the OCFP's Award of Excellence for his leadership with the Toronto Regional Cancer Program of Cancer Care Ontario.

Sandy believes that actions speak louder than words. With this in mind, he provided a unique learning opportunity for each of his 3 sons when they turned 21. In an effort to broaden their awareness and appreciation of the quality of life we enjoy in Canada, Sandy traveled with them on humanitarian trips to Africa or South America. "We worked to provide primary care services to the people of the communities we visited, and helped them develop the capacity to help themselves," explains Sandy. "This broadened my appreciation of the health care system we have in Canada, despite its flaws. We also learned creative and innovative ways to do more with less from the people we met—a key life lesson."

As a strong believer in the social accountability of family medicine, Sandy believes his term as the CFPC's President is an opportunity to highlight the importance of social accountability through some of the College's projects. He hopes to advance this awareness through projects related to the Patient's Medical Home, primary care research, the health needs of rural and aboriginal communities, global health, care of the elderly, and end-of-life care. Sandy remains a dedicated advocate for improved access to consistent, high-quality, comprehensive health care, and looks forward to the opportunity to further enhance communications with College members, Chapters, academic departments of family medicine, sister medical organizations, and government representatives.

Outside of work, Sandy enjoys spending time at his cottage in Haliburton, Ont, where he enjoys windsurfing, kayaking, playing guitar, and spending time with his family, which includes his wife, Gail Baker, who is cofounder and Head of School at the Toronto Heschel School; Daniel, and his fiancée, Jill Satin; Noah, and his partner, Orit Sinai; and his youngest son, Seth.

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