

Officers

In accordance with the OCFP's by-laws and policies, the Board of Directors appoints the Officers, who must be current members of the Board. The President and President-Elect must be family physicians.



Dr. Eric Wong | President

 **London**

Dr. Wong is a Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Acting Vice Dean, Medical Education, at Western University's Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. An academic family physician with rich leadership experience in medical education, he also serves as Clinical Director for Practice Ready Ontario.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Wong is on a mission to visit all 48 Canadian national parks, having completed 38 so far.



Dr. Jocelyn Charles | President-Elect

 **Toronto**

Dr. Charles is a family physician in the Sunnybrook Academic Family Health Team and Chief of the Veterans Program at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. She is a Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. Her clinical and academic work has been focused on developing patient-centred models of care to meet the needs of patients with complex needs both in the community and in long-term care. She was recognized by the College of Family Physicians of Canada as the Family Physician of the Year for Ontario in 2019.



Dr. Firas Al-Dhaher | Secretary-Treasurer

 **London**

Dr. Al-Dhaher attended the University of Western Ontario for his undergraduate studies and medical school, and completed his residency training in Family Medicine at Western University in 2007. Since graduation, Dr. Al-Dhaher has practiced comprehensive rural family medicine as well as Hospitalist and Emergency Medicine in academic and community hospitals across Southwestern Ontario. He led a Family Medicine Training site from 2010 until recently, and serves as an adjunct professor at Western University and at Toronto Metropolitan University. He has a strong interest in rural medicine, physician leadership, and resident education.

Dr. Al-Dhaher is a huge fan of all Toronto sports teams, especially the Blue Jays, with Roy "Doc" Halladay being his favourite player.

Directors

New Directors – The OCFP called for new Director applications between Feb 20 and Mar 20, 2026. The Governance & Nominating Committee reviewed each application and conducted interviews with the individuals who best met the needs of the Board based on recruitment criteria. The OCFP is pleased to welcome six new Board Directors this year: Dr. Lizebeth (Libby) Cox; Dr. Alison Eyre; Dr. Maria Leis; Ron Noble; Dr. Nicholas Potvin; and André Veilleux.

Board Composition – In accordance with the OCFP's by-laws and policies, the Board is made up of 13 to 16 Directors and up to 25% of those may be non-physicians. For 2026-27, the Board will be made up of 15 Directors (including the Officers named above). 3 of them will be non-physicians.



Dr. Jennifer Bondy

 **Windsor**

Dr. Bondy attended Queen's University for her undergraduate studies, followed by Western University for a Masters in Epidemiology and Biostatistics and medical school. Dr. Bondy completed her Postgraduate Medical Training at McMaster University. She has practiced family medicine for over a decade, and aside from clinical practice, Dr. Bondy dedicates time to teaching and research.

In addition to her role as a board member with the OCFP, Dr. Bondy lends her time and expertise to Amplify Care as a Physician Advisor, and the Board of Health of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit. Former leadership positions include work with the Windsor-Essex OHT, the AFHT Board of Directors, and she is past president of the Essex County Medical Society. Currently, She is the Medical Director for Windsor Shelter Health, and practices at several shelters and drop-in centres for people experiencing homelessness in Windsor, Ontario.



David Courtemanche

 **Sudbury**

When he was 18 years old, Dave was an aspiring professional hockey player and was given a tryout with the New York Rangers.

After a week in training camp, head coach Herb Brooks called him into his office. Herb had just returned from coaching the USA men's hockey team to the "Miracle on Ice" gold medal at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

He told Dave that his game needed a little work and sent him back to the OHL. After some careful reflection, Dave decided that being a healthcare executive would be way more exciting and, subsequently, hung up his skates and went back to school. By all accounts, it was the right decision – except for the exciting part.



Dr. Lizebeth (Libby) Cox

 Owen Sound

Dr. Cox has been a family physician in Owen Sound since 2018, providing comprehensive primary care and serving vulnerable populations. In addition to her family practice, she works in the local Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic, leads a Primary Care Outreach Clinic for people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, and provides physician consultation services for the Supportive Outreach Services team.

Dr. Cox is passionate about collaboration and system improvement. She serves as Chair of the Grey Bruce Primary Care Network and Co-Chair of the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team; she looks forward to collaborating with colleagues across Ontario to strengthen family medicine through thoughtful leadership and high-quality, patient-centred care.

Dr. Cox can read about 100 pages an hour, but her Cairn Terrier, Alfie, is convinced he's her supervisor and has a knack for interrupting any good book.



Dr. Nicole Desmarais

 Hanmer / Greater Sudbury Area

For over 28 years, Dr. Desmarais has been deeply passionate about primary care. She is dedicated to driving equity, quality, and value in the very care that anchors our entire healthcare system. She actively brings this commitment to life through her role as an Associate Professor at NOSM University.

To help champion transformation, Dr. Desmarais recently earned her Global Executive MBA in Healthcare from Rotman. Studying alongside 35 global leaders during immersive learning trips to Singapore, Britain, and Europe unlocked invaluable insights into worldwide health systems, which she is eager to bring home to help shape a better future for local care delivery.

Together with her partner, she has raised eight children (six adopted) and cares for a house full of pets. Their bustling household hit a humorous milestone when her adult children staged a lighthearted adoption intervention after dog number eight.



Dr. Alison Eyre

 Ottawa

Dr. Eyre, Associate Professor, Director MDFM Stream, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Medicine, is a bilingual family doctor in Ottawa. As an academic family physician with clinical, leadership, and system change experience at the local, international, and provincial level she is keen to continue to support excellence in Family Medicine in Ontario and primary care system development based in comprehensive, patient-centered care. She brings strong intercultural experience with work abroad as well as years of work supporting the successful integration of refugees, immigrants and internationally trained doctors into our Canadian system.

Dr. Eyre loves fiber arts and is learning to grow plants that can be used for natural dyes. She may knit during meetings...



Dr. Maria Leis

 Toronto

Dr. Leis completed her medical training, family medicine residency, and emergency medicine fellowship at the University of Toronto. She continues to currently live in Toronto, Ontario, and practises emergency medicine at North York General Hospital and Michael Garron Hospital.

An Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto, she is a medical educator, researcher, and health system leader with a longstanding commitment to advancing health equity, women's health, and physician leadership.

Dr. Leis has held numerous provincial and national leadership roles in medical education, quality improvement, and health policy, and her scholarship focuses on intimate partner violence, social accountability, global health, and improving care for marginalized populations.

Currently she is completing a Masters of Public Health at Harvard University to complement her clinical acumen with population level training.

In her spare time, Dr. Leis enjoys mountain trekking adventures and long-distance running.



Dr. Taylor Lougheed

 North Bay

Dr. Lougheed practices mainly in Emergency Medicine and Sport Medicine.

He earned his medical degree at Queen's University, completed family medicine training at U of T, and additional training in emergency medicine at the University of Ottawa. He also has a Master's of Science in Healthcare Quality from Queen's University.

Dr. Lougheed is an Assistant Professor at NOSM University. He has previously served as the Chief of the Emergency Department, and as the President of the General Medical Staff at North Bay Regional Health Centre. He is currently a board member of the Children's Aid Society of the District of North Bay and Parry Sound, and on the executives of the North Bay Physicians Local Education Group, CAEP Antiracism and Anticolonialism Committee, and the CAEP Quality Improvement Committee.

When not working, Dr. Lougheed can be seen chasing his three young boys around North Bay and surrounding area!



Dr. Kim McIntosh

 Orillia

Dr. McIntosh completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Western Ontario and medical school at McMaster University, followed by rural family medicine residency training through the University of Toronto and in Orillia. She has built a broad career in comprehensive primary care, including emergency medicine, obstetrical care, in-patient care, community-based practice, and medical education. Her leadership roles have included local, regional, and provincial participation in health system transformation and primary care expansion, in community and in hospital.

Today, Dr. McIntosh serves as a Physician Lead for the Couchiching Ontario Health Team and Primary Care Network, and Chief of Staff at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.

She is committed to family physician wellness in all ways, and fills her own cup singing as a first soprano in a fantastic choir theCELLARSingers.com – check them out!



Ron Noble

 Toronto

Ron is the President and CEO of the Catholic Health Association of Ontario. He holds a Hons. B.Sc. in Kinesiology, an MBA in Health Services Management, and his Fellowship within both the Canadian College of Health Leaders and the American College of Healthcare Executives. He is a Certified Management Consultant (CMC) with the Canadian Association of Management Consultants, a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA-CMA), a certified member of the Institute of Corporate Directors and was previously a certified long-term care administrator with the Ontario Long-Term Care Association.

He has over 35 years of executive leadership experience within the healthcare industry, encompassing both the public and private sectors. He has served on numerous non-profit Boards as Treasurer, Committee Chair, and Board Chair.

His outside interests include family, travel, hiking and biking. He has admitted defeat to the game of golf, enjoying long walks in nature without the interruptions of a little white ball.



Dr. Nicholas Potvin

 Clinton

Dr. Potvin is a rural family physician with 15 years of practice experience in Alberta and Ontario. He earned his MD from Western University in 2009 and completed his Family Medicine residency through the Rural Alberta North (Grande Prairie) program in 2011. He subsequently obtained Certificates of Added Competence in Emergency Medicine and Obstetrical Surgical Skills, reflecting his commitment to comprehensive rural practice.

Driven by an interest in health justice, Dr. Potvin returned to Western to complete a Master's degree in Philosophy (2020) and a PhD (2025), where his dissertation examined the fair allocation of scarce healthcare resources. He is a member of the third cohort of the National Health Fellows Program at McMaster University and serves on the Board of the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada.

An instrument-rated pilot, Dr. Potvin combines practice in Southwestern Ontario with locum work in Northern Ontario, weather permitting.



Dr. Ilan Shahin

 Toronto and GTA

Dr. Shahin is a family physician who obtained his medical degree and MBA from McGill University and completed his residency at the University of Toronto. He was an inaugural Health Innovation Fellow at Women's College Hospital, and then co-founded ConsultLoop, an e-referral platform and wait time directory.

He remains active in digital health and entrepreneurship, leveraging AI tools to build patient-facing digital health assets focused on improving patient access to care. Dr. Shahin has been a committed board member with OCFP since 2021 and currently works in urgent care in Peel Region.

In his spare time, Dr. Shahin enjoys playing the guitar and the piano, and wondering what might have been...



André Veilleux

 **Ottawa**

André is a healthcare executive with more than 15 years of experience in primary care leadership, organizational development, governance, and health system transformation. He is the Executive Director of the Montfort Academic Family Health Team and the UMF Montfort Family Health Organization in Ottawa, where he has led significant organizational growth, interdisciplinary primary care expansion, and the development of an active Francophone academic teaching environment.

André holds a Master of Health Administration from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor of Health Sciences from the University of Ottawa. His experience spans healthcare administration, financial and human resources management, quality improvement, performance measurement, system partnerships, and strategic growth. He previously served as founding Co-President of the Archipel Ontario Health Team and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario.

Outside of healthcare, André is passionate about building homes and spending time on the lake.

Summary of Board Directors’ Locations, Roles, and Appointments/Terms:

Name	Location	Role	Appt Length	Appt Years
Dr. Eric Wong	London	President	2-yr appt	2026-28
Dr. Jocelyn Charles	Toronto	President-Elect	2-yr appt	2026-28
Dr. Firas Al-Dhaher	London	Secretary-Treasurer	1-yr appt	2026-27

Name	Location	Role	Term Length	Term Years	1 st or 2 nd Term
Dr. Jennifer Bondy	Windsor	Director	3 years	2024-27	2 nd
David Courtemanche	Sudbury	Director	3 years	2026-29	2 nd
Dr. Libby Cox	Owen Sound	Director	3 years	2026-29	1 st
Dr. Nicole Desmarais	Sudbury	Director	3 years	2024-27	1 st
Dr. Alison Eyre	Ottawa	Director	2 years	2026-28	1 st
Dr. Maria Leis	Toronto	Director	2 years	2026-28	1 st
Dr. Taylor Loughheed	North Bay	Director	3 years	2024-27	2 nd
Dr. Kim McIntosh	Orillia	Director	3 years	2025-28	2 nd
Ron Noble	Toronto	Director	3 years	2026-29	1 st
Dr. Nicholas Potvin	Clinton	Director	3 years	2026-29	1 st
Dr. Ilan Shahin	Toronto	Director	3 years	2024-27	2 nd
André Veilleux	Ottawa	Director	2 years	2026-28	1 st