

President of the Medical Staff

It has been a great honour to serve on the St. Joseph's Hospital Board of Directors this year. The respect, patience and understanding of all Board members in welcoming me and the messages of the Medical Staff are greatly appreciated.



I have had the pleasure of working closely with Dr. Donald Fockler to ensure that we can continue to strive for excellence in medical care at St. Joseph's. Joined at times by fellow Medical Executive members Drs. Conway and Kimberley, we have addressed complex issues relating to physician conduct and doctor recruitment in a fashion that both respected and helped to redefine the policies in place.

I wish to thank my colleagues on the Medical Advisory Committee who have shown great commitment to their duties and whose contributions have allowed me to present a broad and accurate report to the Board. Tami Beauchamp's administrative support has been superlative.

The departments of Internal Medicine, Psychiatry and Paediatrics and the Division of Ophthalmology have expanded by successfully recruiting new members who will undoubtedly contribute in the next era of medical leadership. A new Division of Laboratory Medicine, which would better represent the unique medical issues of that busy department, is to be created.

It has also been a challenging time to represent the position of our Medical Staff, who have firmly voiced concerns regarding the administrative direction of the hospital. A renewed spirit of communication, inclusiveness and consultation is certainly required in these times of limited resources and future uncertainty.

Despite this friction, I am confident that the collective creativity, energy and experience of the Board will maintain our institution as a model for compassionate patient care. I thank you for the extraordinary privilege of your confidence whilst serving as director.

Please welcome Dr. Desmond Conway to this chair for the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Stefan P. Schovanek,
President, Medical Staff