

Information Release

The College of Family Physicians of Canada welcomes its 2020–2021 President



(November 5, 2020, Mississauga, ON) Dr. Catherine Cervin achieved Certification in the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CCFP) in 1981 and became a Fellow (FCFP) in 2000. She completed a master's degree in education in 2010.

Through a broad range of leadership roles, Dr. Cervin brings to the table a history of board and governance work, experience with strategic planning, an understanding of distributed medical education, a passion for caring for vulnerable populations, and a dedication to social accountability.

After training at the University of Toronto and at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dr. Cervin worked in various settings—including full-scope family practice in Timmins and Sault Ste. Marie, both in Ontario—before pursuing an academic career in the Department of Family Medicine at Dalhousie University.

Dr. Cervin was appointed the first Vice Dean, Academic of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) on January 1, 2018. She joined NOSM in 2011 as Associate Dean, Postgraduate Education. In these roles Dr. Cervin has supported the development of NOSM's family medicine residency program and generalist Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada residency programs, all of which help address the health care needs of the people of Northern Ontario and particularly those in rural, Indigenous, and francophone communities.

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Dr. Cervin's involvement with the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) includes serving as a member of the Section of Teachers Executive, chair of the Board of Examinations and Certification, chair of the Honours and Awards Committee, and chair of the Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine.

She received an Award of Excellence from the CFPC in 2010 and a Certificate of Merit from the Canadian Association for Medical Education in 2009.

As CFPC President, Dr. Cervin is eager to embrace a national role that will allow her to engage with family physicians across Canada. She is looking forward to advocating on their behalf with respect to their needs and priorities while also addressing social justice and equity issues that affect everyone in Canada.

The 2020–2021 CFPC Board of Directors

- [Catherine Cervin](#), MD, CCFP, FCFP, MAEd, President (2020–2021)
- [Shirley Schipper](#), MD, CCFP, FCFP, Past President (2020–2021)
- [Braden Bouchard](#), MBBS, CCFP, President-Elect (2020–2021)
- [Christie Newton](#), MD, CCFP, FCFP, Secretary-Treasurer (2020–2021)
- [Jean-Pierre Arseneau](#), MD, CCFP, Director-at-Large (2020–2023)
- [Carrie Bernard](#), MD, MPH, CCFP, FCFP, Director-at-Large (2018–2021)
- [Sarah Cook](#), MD, CCFP, FCFP, CCPE, CHE (newly elected for 2020–2023)
- [Sarah Funnell](#), MD, MSc, CCFP, FRCPC, Director-at-Large (2020–2023)
- [Marie Giroux](#), MD, CCFP, FCFP, Director-at-Large (2019–2022)
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- [John Maxted](#), MD, MBA, CCFP, FCFP, Director-at-Large (2018–2021)
- [Yan Yu](#), MD, MPP, MBA, CCFP, Director-at-Large (2019–2022)
- [Francine Lemire](#), MD CM, CCFP, FCFP, CAE, ICD.D, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer (non-voting member)

About the College of Family Physicians of Canada

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is the professional organization that represents more than 40,000 members across the country. The College establishes the standards for and accredits postgraduate family medicine training in Canada's 17 medical schools. It reviews and certifies continuing professional development programs and materials that enable family physicians to meet certification and licensing requirements. The CFPC provides high-quality services, supports family medicine teaching and research, and advocates on behalf of the specialty of family medicine, family physicians, and the patients they serve.

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