

Charlene Fitzgerald, MD, CCFP, FCFP, FRRMS

Dr. Charlene Fitzgerald has been practising Family Medicine in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador for the past 20 years. Her practice includes inpatient work, intrapartum obstetrics, emergency medicine, clinic, air evacuation, teaching, and visiting clinics in Natuashish. Dr. Fitzgerald is also a Clinical Assistant Professor and a NorFam Stream Lead at Memorial University's Faculty of Medicine.

Born and raised in St. Anthony, Dr. Fitzgerald moved to Hamilton, Ontario, to attend McMaster University in 1990. There she earned a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (honours) degree in 1994, as well as her Doctor of Medicine degree in 1997. Upon graduation from McMaster, Dr. Fitzgerald moved back home to Newfoundland and Labrador to complete her residency training in Family Medicine at Memorial University.

Dr. Fitzgerald was elected to the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association Board of Directors in 2016 as an At-Large Director and was voted President-Elect in 2018. Before joining the NLMA Board, Dr. Fitzgerald was President, of the Newfoundland and Labrador College of Family Physicians. She has also served on the national Board of Directors of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and has played a leadership role in her local medical community, serving on the Labrador-Grenfell Health Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, as More-OB Co-Chair, in the NorFam Cabinet (Stream lead for Faculty Development), and as a President of the Medical Staff at the Labrador Health Centre.

Dr. Fitzgerald is a Fellow with the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC). She is also a recipient of the SRPC Rural Service Award and the Rural Long Service Award, as well as the CFPC-NL's Award of Appreciation and Award of Excellence.

In her spare time, Dr. Fitzgerald has given back to her community through volunteer work that includes five years at Conseil Scolaire Ecole Boreale (as Secretary and President), two years with the Northern Voices Community Choir, and five years with the Mokami Players amateur theatre group. A lover of the great outdoors, she has been a member of the environmental organization Sierra Club of Canada since 2014 and a member of the Birch Brook Ski Club and Jackrabbit Program Coach since 2000.

Living in Goose Bay with her husband, two daughters and two stepsons, Dr. Fitzgerald enjoys time with her family, skiing and spending summers at the cottage.