

## **Dr. Christopher Cox, MD, FRCSC, FACS**

Dr. Christopher Cox is a general surgeon and breast surgical oncologist in St. John's. During his medical career, Dr. Cox has practiced within both the Central and Eastern region health authorities in Newfoundland and Labrador, which has given him an appreciation of the challenges that affect patients and physicians employed in these unique and diverse workplaces.

He completed his medical degree from Memorial University in 1994 and completed the requirements for a Graduate Diploma in Community Medicine in 1999. He completed his residency training in 2000 and went on to complete a Fellowship in Breast Surgery Oncology from the University of Toronto in 2010. He is also a Fellow of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Cox established his practice in general surgery in 2000 at the James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre in Gander. He moved to St. John's in 2010 to continue his practice in general surgery and breast surgical oncology at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital. Dr. Cox is also an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Surgery at Memorial University's Faculty of Medicine.

During his career, he has held a number of leadership positions at the James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre, including Chair of the Credentials Committee, Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee and Chief of Staff from 2006-08. He is also a member of the Multi-Disciplinary Breast Site Committee and related Sub-committees. Prior to practicing medicine, Dr. Cox worked in public health inspection and environmental health.

Dr. Cox first served on the NLMA Board of Directors as a student member in 1990 and later as a resident representative from 1996-98. He was elected to the NLMA Board as a Director At-Large in 2013 and was later elected to the position of President-Elect in 2015. Dr. Cox was installed as President of the NLMA during the Association's 2016 AGM on June 4. He has also held such positions Chair of the NLMA Finance and Administration Committee and was a member of the NLMA Negotiations Committee. He is also the NLMA's representative on the Canadian Medical Association's Committee on Health Policy and Economics.

Dr. Cox is a two-time recipient of the Dr. C. Heughan Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in General Surgery, awarded by Memorial University in 2012 and 2014. His research on the burden of axillary disease after neoadjuvant therapy in women with locally advanced breast cancer has been published in the Canadian-based peer reviewed journal, *Current Oncology*.

He lives in St. John's with his wife Donna and their two sons Mark and Joel. In his spare time, he has been an active volunteer with Scouts Canada and Hockey Canada.