

Charlene Fitzgerald, MD, CCFP, FCFP, FRRMS

Dr. Charlene Fitzgerald has been practising Family Medicine in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador for 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 with Memorial University.

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 in 1997. Upon graduation from McMaster, Dr. Fitzgerald moved back 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 service with the Conseil Scolaire of Ecole Boreale (as Secretary and President). She sang in the Northern Voices Community Choir and performed with Mokami Players amateur theatre group. A lover of the outdoors, she is a member of the environmental organization Sierra Club of Canada and a member of the Birch Brook Ski Club and Jackrabbit Program Coach.

Dr. Fitzgerald is married with two daughters and two stepsons and enjoys time with her family, skiing and summers at the cottage.

On June 1, 2019, Dr. Fitzgerald was installed as the 94th President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association.