

## **Dr. Sandra Luscombe**

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Dr. Sandra Luscombe began her practice as a developmental pediatrician and member of the child protection team of the Janeway Child Health and Rehabilitation Centre in 2000. She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor at Memorial University's Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Luscombe completed her undergraduate degree in biology at Memorial University in 1985 and earned her Master of Science degree in Genetic Counselling from the Centre for Human Genetics at McGill University in 1989.

From 1988 to 1990, she worked as a genetic counsellor at the Montreal Children's Hospital and was a full-time faculty lecturer at McGill University's Department of Pediatrics and the Centre for Human Genetics. She decided to return to Newfoundland in 1990 and enrolled in Memorial University's Faculty of Medicine.

During medical school, Dr. Luscombe also worked as a biology teaching assistant and a part-time genetic counsellor with the Newfoundland Genetics Program. She completed her medical degree in 1995, and she continued her residency training and fellowship in developmental and behavioural pediatrics at Memorial University. She also went on to complete additional training in child protection and gynecology.

Dr. Luscombe is a former member of the Autism Society of Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Directors and Education Committee, and she currently serves as a member of the Society's Research Affinity Group. She is also a member of the Canadian Pediatric Society and the Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada's Professional Advisory Board and Working Group for Canadian Clinical Guidelines. In 2002, the Tourette Syndrome Foundation presented her with the National Medical Award for Outstanding Clinician.

Her interest in patient advocacy and the promotion of quality health care for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, led her to join the NLMA Health Promotion and Wellness Committee in 2006. In 2007, she became a member of the NLMA Board of Directors to represent physicians in advancing the province's medical profession. Prior to being elected President, she served as the Board Chair (2010-11), Honorary Treasurer (2009-10) and Honorary Secretary (2008-2009). She also served as a member of the Canadian Medical Association's Health Promotion Core Council from 2006 to 2008.

Dr. Luscombe resides in St. John's with her husband Richard and their children Lauren, Andrew and Daniel.