



**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

Physicians elect Dr. Tony Gabriel as new NLMA President

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St. John's, NL – Dr. Tony Gabriel was installed as the 87th President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association (NLMA) during its annual general meeting at The Rooms on Saturday, June 2.

Dr. Gabriel began his practice in family medicine in 1992 and has provided comprehensive primary care at the Gander Medical Clinic for the past 20 years.

During his inaugural speech, Dr. Gabriel spoke about the key issues that will be significant priorities over the coming year.

“During my term as president I look forward to continuing to foster a collegial and productive relationship with the provincial government – one that is based on mutual respect, consultation and cooperation,” said Dr. Gabriel. “A strong and effective relationship benefits everyone: government, doctors and, most importantly, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.”

Also addressing the meeting was Canadian Medical Association President Dr. John Haggie, a general and vascular surgeon from Gander. He presented the CMA Honorary Life Membership Award to retired anesthesiologist Dr. Ernest C. Dureke of Corner Brook and retired family physician Dr. Russell Harpur of Conception Bay South. The award recognizes physicians who have put into practice the aims and ideals of the medical profession.

The NLMA Honorary Life Membership Award was presented to retired St. John's radiologist Dr. Ronald Whelan, in recognition of his distinguished service to the association and for his achievements in medicine. Dr. Whelan is a former president of both the NLMA and the CMA.

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