



Vote for Dr. David Wilton – District 3 Representative BCMA Board of Directors

I ask for your continued support as your district 3 representative on the BCMA board of directors. I have enjoyed working with the other members of the BCMA board and I hope to be able to continue on in this role as we strive to make the BCMA a highly effective, inclusive and accountable organization serving the physicians of BC.

In the next decade, we in the medical profession face great challenges in striving to deliver the highest quality of care to the citizens of BC. With increasing fiscal constraint and an aging patient population the role of the BCMA as an advocate for the medical profession and the patients we serve will become increasingly vital.

As a clinical lead for the BC Patient Safety and Quality Council I have experienced the potential to effect large scale change when physicians are provided the time and resources to lead health system improvement. I believe that advocating for quality improvement and patient safety are inherent in our role as physicians. In the future I will continue to bring this perspective to the BCMA and be a strong advocate for enabling physicians to take a leadership role in transformative and sustainable change to our health system.

During my first term as a district 3 delegate, I was pleased to be a voice for improved governance and member engagement at the board. I served on the BCMA Governance and Nominations Committee, and was supportive of concrete steps this committee took to improve the transparency and accountability in the way it evaluated and made recommendations for important BCMA positions. I am also supportive of the recent recommendations made by the Internal Governance Sub Committee which aim to improve the operational effectiveness of the board and to broaden member participation at BCMA. I hope to advocate for their implementation in the next year. .

As a family physician based in Vancouver for more than 10 years, I have experienced many of the frustrations facing urban family physicians. As the medical director of the Hospital Medicine Program at VGH, I am also acutely aware of the many challenges faced by hospital based Specialists. These perspectives have led me to become a member of the Shared Care Committee; a joint committee of the BCMA and the Ministry of Health. This committee was created in recognition of the fact that the relationship between family physician and specialist physician is fundamental to the delivery of effective health care. Thru my participation on Shared Care and as a district delegate on the BCMA board I hope to continue to support initiatives that seek to bridge the gap between FP and Specialist practice, and work towards a more collaborative and collegial working relationship.

I also believe that we need to continue to work on long standing issues that have been a source of friction within the BCMA. Many of these issues surround negotiations, allocation and ongoing intersectional compensation disparities. As we make progress on these fronts, I expect that we will be able to heal some of the strains that have appeared in our profession. With fewer internal conflicts the BCMA will be able to better focus on its primary mandate to serve and advocate for the physicians of BC.

Please take the time to cast your vote. I ask that you consider voting to place me amongst your district 3 representatives.

Sincerely

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