

## **Medical Leadership Team Bios**

### **Fredericton Zone**

#### **Chief of Staff: Dr. Ward Murdock**

A native of Truro, Nova Scotia, Dr. Murdock received his medical training at Dalhousie University in Halifax. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1976 and a Master of Science in biochemistry in 1978. Dr. Murdock graduated from the Faculty of Medicine in 1982 and received his post-graduate degree in obstetrics and gynecology in 1988. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada (FRCSC) that same year. Dr. Murdock has been a member of the medical staff at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital in Fredericton for 25 years. He was chair of the department of obstetrics and gynecology in 1992 and again from 1996-1999. From 1993 to 1996, he worked in Saudi Arabia as an assistant department head of obstetrics and gynecology. Over the years, Dr. Murdock has served on several local, provincial and national medical committees. Most recently, he was the regional medical president of River Valley Health for six years, and is currently the Atlantic Chair of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada.

#### **Medical Director – Dr. William Cook (interim)**

Dr. William Cook, a plastic surgeon, has nearly 30 years of experience within River Valley Health as a clinician and an organizational leader in ethical issues. Dr. Cook received his medical degree from Queen's University and completed his Ph.D. in Bioethics from UNB in 2003. He has been actively involved in ethics both locally at the institutional level, and nationally with the Canadian Medical Association. As well, Dr. Cook has been actively involved in the New Brunswick Medical Society and in 2001 was the recipient of Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellow Award for humanitarian service. More recently, Dr. Cook was Vice President, Medical Affairs of River Valley Health from 2005-2008. He provided a medical perspective to management, enhanced communication of organizational matters to the medical staff, provided key clinical areas with administrative leadership, and guided the organization's physician recruitment program.

### **Miramichi Zone**

#### **Chief of Staff – Dr. Koos Du Toit**

Dr. Koos Du Toit has practiced medicine for 40 years. He recently held the position of Vice President of Medical Services at the Miramichi Regional Health Authority. He has worked in the Miramichi as an obstetrician/gynecologist for the past five and a half years and has served as a member of the Medical Advisory Committee representing obstetrics, the Surgical Care Team, and the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. Prior to joining the medical team at the Miramichi Regional Health Authority, Dr. Du Toit practiced obstetrics/gynecology in his home country of South Africa.

### **Medical Director – Dr. Michael Hayden**

Dr. Michael Hayden completed his medical degree in 1990 from Dalhousie University. He returned to his home community of Miramichi to practice emergency medicine. He has the distinction of being the first physician to specifically practice emergency medicine on a full time basis in the community. For the past 17 years Dr. Hayden has continued to practice emergency medicine, and for several years has served as Chief of Emergency Medicine at the Miramichi Regional Hospital. Dr. Hayden has been involved in pre-hospital medicine, Advanced Cardiac Life Support education, has sat on several hospital committees, and in recent years served as the Chairperson of the Medical Advisory Committee.

## **Moncton Zone**

### **Chief of Staff: Dr. David Kogan**

Dr. David Kogan received his medical degree at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara in Mexico. He did his residency training at Dalhousie University, obtaining his Royal College certification in Obstetrics & Gynecology. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He joined the staff of the Highland View Regional Hospital in Amherst, Nova Scotia. During the 10 years he was in Amherst, he served as Chief of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and also Chief of Surgery during latter part of his tenure there. In 1996, he joined the staff of The Moncton Hospital and was Chief of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology from 2000 until 2004. He was also appointed as Co-Physician Director of the Surgical Suite in 2001, and was subsequently appointed Program Director of the Perioperative Services Program. In 2005 all surgical services were combined into one program for which he has been Medical Director/Surgeon-in-Chief. Provincially Dr. Kogan is a member of the Advisory Committee for the New Brunswick Surgical Care Network, and is also chairman of its Knowledge & Evaluation Sub-Committee.

### **Medical Director: Dr. Ken Mitton (interim)**

Dr. Ken Mitton has been a family physician in this region for 23 years. He served as Chief of Staff from 2002 to 2004 and again resumed the position in 2006 for an additional two year term. He has also been involved part time in private occupational health for a large multinational group company and co-chairs the pandemic planning committee at this organization. Provincially, he chairs the N.B. Provincial Pandemic Clinical Care Planning Committee, and as well is Co-Chair of the N.B. Physician Resource Planning Committee. Dr. Mitton is also known for his personal fitness accomplishments that have included three marathons, a half marathon, as well as competing in triathlons.

## **Saint John Zone**

### **Chief of Staff: Dr. Brian Wheelock**

Dr. Brian Wheelock is a graduate of Dalhousie University School of Medicine and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He completed his Neurosurgery Residency in 1983 and joined the Neurosurgery Program of Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation in 1984. He was appointed Clinical Department Head in 1991. He currently serves as Past President of both the Canadian Neurosurgical Society and the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences. Dr. Wheelock is a past member of the Board of Directors for the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation. Dr. Wheelock is an Assistant Professor of Dalhousie University School of Medicine and enjoys teaching and mentoring Neurosurgery residents.

### **Medical Director – Dr. Jim O’Brien**

Born in St. John’s, Newfoundland, Dr. O’Brien is a graduate of Memorial University of Newfoundland, in St. John’s. He received his Fellowship in Plastic Surgery, from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1985. He completed his residency in Plastic Surgery at the University of Toronto and a peripheral nerve fellowship with Doctors Susan MacKinnon and Alan Hudson. He joined the Associate Staff, Department of Plastic Surgery, at Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation in 1986 and moved to the Active Staff in 1987. In 1995, Dr. O’Brien was appointed Clinical Department Head, Department of Plastic Surgery and in 1997 became chair/director of Surgical Services for AHSC. Dr. O’Brien was appointed Chief of Staff in January, 2001, and continued to follow the Corporation’s vision towards enabling physicians to be active partners in the evolution of service delivery. In 2006 he was appointed Vice-President Medical Affairs. Dr. O’Brien is an Associate Professor of Surgery at Dalhousie University and, as such, is keenly interested in the training of the next generation of physicians.

## **Upper River Valley Zone**

### **Chief of Staff: Dr. Colin Lockhart**

Dr. Colin Lockhart was born in Bath, New Brunswick. He received his medical training at Dalhousie University in 1981 and completed his rotating internship in 1982. Dr. Lockhart began his medical career working as a family physician at the Northern Carleton Hospital in Bath from 1982 to 1985. In 1986 he worked in Melfort, Saskatchewan and one year in western Canada in Fort St. John, British Columbia. He returned to his home community of Bath in 1987 to open a full-time office family practice. Dr. Lockhart played a key role in the planning process for the new hospital in Waterville. He was instrumental in developing the in-patient program at the Upper River Valley Hospital and has been involved in clinical program development including the palliative care program. In addition to his full-time practice, Dr. Lockhart also works in the emergency room, provides inpatient care and home care.

### **Medical Director – Dr. David Bell**

Dr. David Bell graduated from the University of Toronto with his Doctor of Medicine in 1990. Upon graduation, he completed his internship at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax and then worked as a clinical associate in cardiovascular surgery at the Victoria General Hospital. In 1993, he completed his Family Practice Residency at Dalhousie University and joined the medical team at the Hotel-Dieu of Saint-Joseph Hospital in Perth-Andover as a family practitioner the same year. Dr. Bell has served as the president of the medical staff of the Hotel-Dieu of Saint-Joseph Hospital and represented the hospital on the River Valley Health Authority's Medical Advisory Committee. He is currently the board representative for Carleton Victoria on the New Brunswick Medical Society board of directors.