



## **The Royal College welcomes new President, Dr. Françoise Chagnon**

**OTTAWA, February 24, 2017** – Dr. Françoise P. Chagnon, MDCM, FRCSC, has already earned a long list of accomplishments from her career: voice specialist to professional artists, businesswoman for an international family business and hosting presentations at McGill’s Schulich School of Music.

Now she has another position to add to her resume: 44<sup>th</sup> President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Effective today, the McGill educated otolaryngologist heads an organization that represents over 48,000 medical specialists in Canada. Her main focus during her two year mandate is promoting engagement between Fellows and the Royal College.

“I want to grow this profession through mentorship, ensuring all specialists have our support at every stage in their career,” she said. “By bettering ourselves, we’re giving our patients the best care every day.”

Facts about Dr. Chagnon include:

- She holds appointments at the McGill University Health Centre, St. Mary’s Hospital Center, and l’Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal
- She was the founding director of the Montreal General Hospital Voice Clinic
- Currently the director of two organizations: l’Assurance d’Hospitalisation Canassurance and Lallemand Inc.
- National oversight, Montreal-based: one of a handful of national association leaders based in Montreal

She succeeds Past President Dr. Kevin Imrie, MD, FRCPC, a Toronto hematologist and award-winning educator.

Dr. Charles Bernard, President and Chief Executive Director of the Collège des médecins du Québec, believes that Dr. Françoise Chagnon’s appointment as the new President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada bodes well: “Dr. Chagnon has a good understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of today’s medical practice,” he says. “She will advocate for every physician specialist’s interests, including those of specialists in Quebec.”

Dr. Chagnon has been involved with the Royal College for many years before her appointment as President, managing the Financial Reporting and Risk Oversight Committee, where she introduced best practices for Fellows on billing and financial ethics.

“Dr. Chagnon has incredible experience as a specialist and is highly respected in her current and past leadership roles,” said Royal College CEO Andrew Padmos, MD, FRCPC. “She’ll bring new perspective and skills to this role. We are proud to welcome her as our new President.”

Dr. Chagnon's full biography can be found online at <http://www.royalcollege.ca/rcsite/about/governance/royal-college-council/council-biographies-e>

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