

## Family Physician – Outside Metro Halifax

### Dr. Michel Chiasson, MD, CCFP, FCFP

#### DESIGNATIONS

Proud Rural Family Physician, Chief of Staff Sacred Heart Hospital, Cheticamp, N.S.

#### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Past DNS Board of Directors Member (Chair of Section Forum)
- 6 terms GP Council Member and Treasurer
- Medical Council of Canada Exam Oversight Committee
- Chief Examiner CAPP
- Chief Assessor NSPAR Program of CPSNS
- Member NS PRAP Recommendations Committee
- Preceptor/lecturer Dalhousie Family Medicine
- Cape Breton Medical Association Treasurer
- Trail Minor Hockey Board Member

#### MOTIVATION

My motivation to serve on the Doctors Nova Scotia Board of Directors is rooted in more than 23 years of practice in Nova Scotia and a deep respect for the communities we serve—from small coastal and rural towns to larger regional centres. Through rural family practice, support of internationally trained physicians, medical education, and peer support programs, I have developed a practical understanding of the realities facing physicians who care for Nova Scotians in every corner of the province. Having had the privilege of serving a two-year term as Section Chair and Board member, I understand the importance of thoughtful, grounded governance and am confident in my ability to ask the important questions at the Board table and advocate strongly for physicians at all stages of their careers. I am particularly motivated to help Doctors Nova Scotia remain a strong provincial leader in physician and patient advocacy, while constructively addressing workforce sustainability, physician remuneration, and quality-of-life issues that directly affect patient care in our communities. As a father of three, I have learned the importance of listening, collaboration, and compromise—values that reflect both family life and the spirit of Nova Scotia medicine. Thank you, and merci, for your support.

### Dr. Natasha Harlow

#### DESIGNATIONS

**Emergency Medicine Attending** | 2023 – Present  
**Queens General Hospital**, Liverpool, NS  
**South Shore Regional Hospital**, Bridgewater, NS  
Western Zone

**Family Medicine Attending** (Clinic, Hospitalist, Emergency, Long-Term Care) | 2019 – 2021  
**Twin Oaks Memorial Hospital**, Musquodoboit Harbour, NS  
Central Zone

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### *Dr. Natasha Harlow's profile cont'd*

#### **Credentials:**

Doctor of Medicine (MD), Dalhousie University, 2017

Family Medicine Residency, Dalhousie University, 2019

Certification in the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CCFP), 2019

Enhanced Emergency Skills Program (Family Medicine–Emergency Medicine), Dalhousie University, 2023

CCFP-EM Designation, 2023

#### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- **Assistant Professor**, Family Medicine & Emergency Medicine, Dalhousie University, NS | 2019 – Present
- **Local Co-Lead**, Pediatric Emergency Care Champions, TREKK & IWK Health Centre | 2025 – Present
- **Scientific Planning Committee**, Dalhousie Continuing Professional Development – Spring Refresher | 2025 – Present
- **Physician Lead**, Rapid Assessment Zone Working Group, South Shore Regional Emergency Department | 2024 – 2025
- **Family Medicine Representative**, Maritime Resident Doctors Board of Directors | 2018 – 2019
- **Family Medicine Representative**, Postgraduate Medical Education Committee, Dalhousie University | 2018 – 2019
- **Contract Negotiations Committee Member**, Maritime Resident Doctors Board of Directors | 2018 – 2019
- **Student Union Representative**, Acadia University Board of Directors | 2012 – 2013

#### **MOTIVATION**

I am seeking a position on the Doctors Nova Scotia Board of Directors because I believe strong, collaborative physician representation is essential, particularly as we approach the next contract negotiation cycle with the current agreement expiring in March 2027.

I practice emergency medicine in Nova Scotia and work alongside physicians in a variety of settings, including rural and regional centres. This has given me an appreciation for the challenges doctors face in providing care, from access and resource limitations to recruitment and retention. I am interested in contributing to the collective voice of physicians as Doctors Nova Scotia works with government and health-care partners to improve patient care and access across the province.

I have had the opportunity to serve on boards and committees and to be involved in contract negotiations during my time on the Maritime Resident Doctors Board of Directors. These experiences highlighted the value of listening carefully, engaging respectfully, and approaching complex issues with balance and fairness.

If elected, I hope to be an engaged and approachable Board member, grounded in frontline practice and committed to representing colleagues thoughtfully, while supporting physicians across Nova Scotia during periods of change and negotiation, and ongoing system improvement efforts.