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Principal area of practice or specialty:	Family Medicine
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As I seek re-election to the CPSO Board of Directors, my motivation is rooted in a deep commitment to patient care across the lifespan. My 30 year experience as a family physician, combined with a diverse background that spans clinical practice, medical education, and healthcare leadership, positions me uniquely to contribute to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) Board of Directors. During my first term as a Board member, this background and skill set allowed me to champion regulatory changes that helped increase the number of family physicians licensed in our province.

Having worked in diverse Family Practice settings including remote rural practice, GP-oncology, academic family medicine and now community based family medicine, I bring a broad perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing healthcare in Ontario today. My experience has equipped me with critical skills in decision-making, collaborative problem-solving, and strategic planning, all of which are vital for the governance and forward-thinking leadership required at the CPSO.

My background and experiences have taught me the importance of valuing diverse perspectives, especially voices that are often unheard. I am committed to ensuring that the CPSO Council reflects the diversity of the community it serves, promoting policies and practices that enhance access and equity in healthcare.

I am eager to bring my passion, experience, and perspective to the CPSO Board, contributing to its mission of regulating medicine in Ontario to ensure excellence in patient care. Given the current stressors on the health care system, it is imperative to have solution oriented thinkers on the CPSO council. I hope to continue to support the CPSO in navigating the complexities of current healthcare system, ensuring the profession remains adaptable, inclusive, and committed to excellence. Thank you for considering me for this position.