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The CUA exists to promote the highest standard of urologic care for Canadians and to advance the art and science of urology.



First let me say, wow! What a great annual meeting in Halifax! I would like to thank the scientific and social organizing committees, as well as the CUA corporate office, for an excellent job in making the annual CUA meeting such a success.

It is with enormous pleasure, honour, and pride that I take this opportunity to address my urologic colleagues as CUA president. Thirty-two years ago, as a junior resident, I had to choose what I would pursue as a specialty. At first, urology was not even on my radar. Having had no exposure to the field — with the exception of a week serving as a clerk — for me, urology was an unknown. It was through chance discussions with urology residents, as well as a couple of friends who had decided to apply, that I took the time not only to learn what the specialty had to offer, but also who urologists were. I quickly realized that urology was a perfect combination of surgery, medicine, and endoscopy. All urologists know exactly what I am talking about. But in all honesty, a very big factor in my decision to become a urologist was the urologists themselves.

When I looked more closely, I saw they were the most content of all the surgical specialists I got to know as a junior resident — happy with work and happy outside of work; they were well-rounded individuals who appeared satisfied with their life choices. Over 30 years later, I have never regretted my choice.

Unfortunately, even today urology is still a well-kept secret. As a community, we need to share the satisfaction of urologic practice and the joys of being a urologist with those who are now deciding on their future. I am, therefore, very supportive of the CUA's initiative in developing the "What is urology?" program. Keith Rourke has been tasked with leading an updated version of the CUA's, "What is urology" video, and this project has many young urology residents actively involved, as some of you may have noticed during the CUA meeting in Halifax. I would like to thank the residents and the many urologists who have taken the time to contribute to this project.

I would also like to once again extend my gratitude to you for giving me the privilege to serve as president of the very best group of specialists in Canada. Over the next year, I will listen and do all I can to keep our association great and, if possible, make it even better!

We all work very hard, so have a fantastic summer. Take the time to rest and spend a little more time with those you love.