

## First Dean of the Northern Ontario Medical School Sudbury Campus

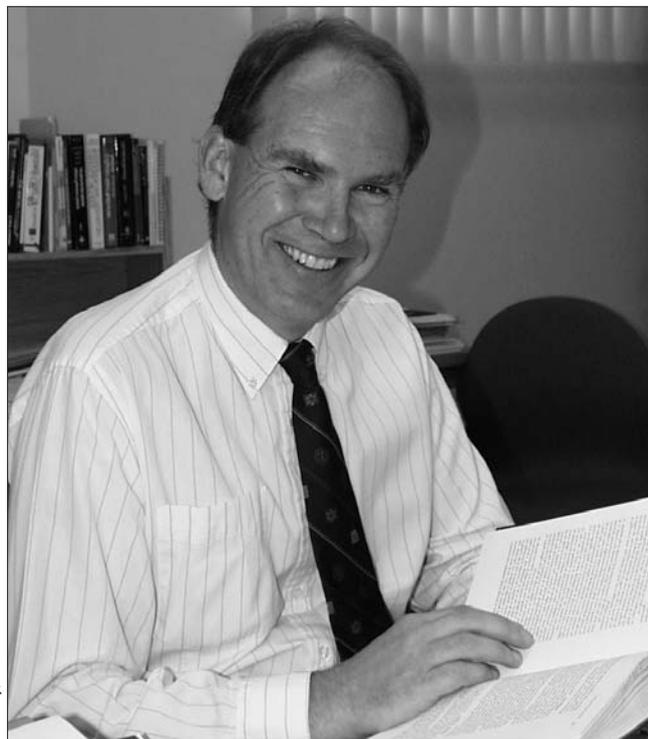
Tim Allen has been named the first Campus Dean of the Northern Ontario Medical School (NOMS) in Sudbury. NOMS is the first new Canadian medical school to be created in a generation and is a joint venture between Laurentian University in Sudbury and Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. There will also be a Campus Dean in Thunder Bay. Both Campus Deans will work closely with the Founding Dean, Roger Strasser, a world renowned leader in medical education, to guide NOMS at this exciting stage of its development.

Tim is best known to CAEP members for his numerous contributions to the continuing medical education of emergency physicians. He pioneered CAEP CME with the first Roadshow, "Recognition and management of acute myocardial infarction." Tim presented this program with Eric Letovsky across English Canada and also *en français* throughout Quebec, reaching over 45 communities of emergency and family physicians over a 7-year period. As Chair of the CAEP CME Committee since 1996, Tim has been instrumental in developing several high quality national educational workshops for emergency physicians. Tim is also one of our Associate Editors at *CJEM*, responsible for the section on Education.

Born in England, Tim spent some of his childhood in Sudbury, where he attended public school. He completed his undergraduate university and medical training at the University of Toronto. This was followed by a rotating internship at Hotel-Dieu Hospital in Quebec City and a residency in emergency medicine at the University of Cincinnati, completed in 1973. A man of letters, Tim obtained certification with DABEM in 1983, MCFP(EM) in 1983, FRCPC in 1986 and CSPQ in 2000.

Tim has been a full professor in the Faculty of Medicine at Laval University since 1997. At Laval, he was the founding director of the Section of Emergency Medicine (1985), the CCFP(EM) residency program (1989) and the FRCPC residency program (1999). Tim has been an examiner in Emergency Medicine for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the American Board of Emergency Medicine, and is currently chief examiner in Emergency Medicine for the Quebec College of Physicians. He was chairman of the board of examiners for the Medical Council of Canada in 1993–95.

Tim's academic passion has been medical education. In



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**Dr. Tim Allen, Campus Dean, Northeast, of the Northern Ontario Medical School**

1997 he received the CFPC Award for Research and Development to study the assessment of competence in Emergency Medicine. In 1999 he was awarded the Royal College Fellowship for Studies in Medical Education, which allowed him to take a Master's degree in Education, studying the effect of formative evaluation on clinical reasoning skills.

As Campus Dean, Northeast, of the Northern Ontario Medical School, Tim now has the opportunity to return to his childhood roots and share in the excitement of creating a new medical education program for new medical students in a new medical school. In Tim Allen, NOMS has chosen an excellent role model for a future generation of physicians.

Tim, from your many friends and many, many former students across the country, we wish you hearty congratulations and best wishes.

**Garth Dickinson, MD**

Senior Associate Editor, *CJEM*

### Emergency Medicine attains departmental status at University of Ottawa

In December 2002, the Senate of the University of Ottawa approved the creation of a new Department of Emergency Medicine within the Faculty of Medicine. The University of Ottawa joins Queen's University (1996) and Dalhousie University (1999) to become just the third Canadian university to create a full academic Department of Emergency Medicine.

Largely through the efforts of Dr. Ian Stiell, the University of Ottawa has an international reputation of excellence in emergency medicine research. The University of Ottawa faculty and research teams have given birth to and nurtured the Ottawa Ankle Rules, the Ottawa Knee Rules, the Ontario Prehospital Advanced Life Support (OPALS) studies, the Canadian C-Spine Rule and the Canadian CT Head Rule, among many others.

In postgraduate emergency medicine education, the University of Ottawa is home to one of the oldest and most sought after CCFP (EM) programs in the country and to Canada's first combined emergency medicine FRCPC-MSc epidemiology fellowship training program. The faculty at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario has been a national resource for postgraduate pediatric emergency medicine training for over a decade.

Congratulations to all of my colleagues at the University of Ottawa and to Ian Stiell, who has been appointed the Interim Chair for the new Department.

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### CAEP welcomes Medical Students' Section

Last September the CAEP Board approved the establishment of the Medical Students' Section, the purpose of which is to bring together medical students from across Canada to facilitate their involvement and participation in the field of emergency medicine. There has been an increasing interest in EM by medical students over the last few years, and it was felt that the creation of a Medical Students' Section (MSS) would allow students a forum in which to communicate and become involved in this diverse and exciting specialty.

There are several projects currently underway. A comprehensive and informative Web site is being developed. It will offer a variety of features tailored to the interests of medical students, including an in depth look at a career in EM from a variety of EM specialists and subspecialists, strategies for preparing for EM rotations, and more. In addition, a student listserv has been activated and will be used as a tool for communicating and generating discussion among students. Visit the CAEP Web site for a look at the Medical Students' home page and for information on how to subscribe to the student listserv. The

Medical Student Symposium, a huge success in recent years, will continue to be held, along with the first official meeting of the MSS at the CAEP Scientific Meeting in June 2003.

General membership in this committee is open to all CAEP members, and we are urging all students who are considering a career in emergency medicine, whether as a FRCPC-EM, CCFP-EM, Peds-EM, or rural practitioner, to become involved in some way. Our hope is to develop a student group with a diverse range of interests and experiences that wishes to contribute to and learn from the EM community. Please send any questions, comments, or MSS membership requests to [medstudents@caep.ca](mailto:medstudents@caep.ca).

Thank you to the CAEP Board of Directors and the Residents' Section Executive for their continued support.

**Yael Moussadji**

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