

## **Electronic Medical Records**

At present, the College has no position on the format of physician's records. However, after many years of discussion, and much controversy about its actual implementation, Council now feels it appropriate to suggest that a comprehensive, functional, integrated electronic medical records system may eventually become the expected standard for appropriate medical care. Such a point may yet be some time in the future, but Council urges physicians to consider such an eventuality in making their own decisions on this matter.

## **Medical Directories**

All physicians in New Brunswick now receive two copies of this directory. The question arises as to whether there remains any value in continuing to offer a printed directory. Some organizations have discontinued such in favor of online access only. To that end, the College would appreciate hearing by any means from physicians with any view on the issue. It would be particularly interesting to know whether, notwithstanding online access, there remains any value to a printed directory for physicians or their staff. Such information will help determine whether directories will be published in the future.



## **From the Archives**



### **100 years ago**

In 1914, Council began allowing physicians to make a single \$20 payment, which would grant them licensure "in perpetuity" instead of paying the \$1 annual registration fee. Council also approved increasing the Registrar's salary to \$100 annually. There were 265 physicians registered.

### **Seventy-five years ago**

In 1939, Council determined to resist pressure from several communities which wished to recruit Jewish refugee physicians, decided that all new registrants would have to be born in Canada, and decided to take no action against a physician convicted of driving while intoxicated.

### **Fifty years ago**

In 1964, Council agreed with the Medical Council of Canada to discontinue any questions in psychiatry as part of their examinations. Council also became the first in Canada to acknowledge certified general practitioners in the directory, upon application and payment of a fee.

### **Twenty-five years ago**

In 1989, Council agreed to work towards requiring 24 months of postgraduate training. By 1992, agreed to work towards developing a Peer Review process, and determined to publish the names of all certified family physicians, without charge, in order to clarify that they were not specialists.

