

Thank you

To the editor: I was very pleased and proud that the March issue of *CJEM* published an announcement of my appointment as Campus Dean East (Sudbury) for the new Northern Ontario Medical School (NOMS).¹ My special thanks go to Garth Dickinson for the warmth and personal touch of his article.

Life is, however, full of surprises. In the same week as I received my copy of *CJEM* with the announcement, I was in the process of submitting my resignation to NOMS. In my 2 months on the job I met some wonderful people and got started on several interesting projects. The support of the communities, all across North-

ern Ontario, for NOMS is quite remarkable. I wish them all success for the medical school, and only regret that I can no longer be part of it. Unfortunately, unforeseen circumstances arose that made me realize that I would not be able to fulfil my mandate as Campus Dean in a manner acceptable to my standards and to the needs of the medical school, so I felt that I had to withdraw.

As I spend the next little while thinking about the future, it is a great comfort for me to know that my friends and colleagues in emergency medicine across the country are there to listen and to help if I need them. I think we are very lucky to have such a sense of community in emergency medicine, and we should do every-

thing we can to maintain and develop it. In spite of the many challenges we face, emergency medicine is a great and rewarding career. If anyone else is thinking about changing jobs, just remember that there is really “no place like home.”

My thanks again to *CJEM* and to CAEP, and my greetings to all.

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