

**WELCOMING ADDRESSES****Congratulatory Remarks from Dr. John Kelton**

Congratulations to our medical undergraduates on their initiative to create a new scholastic journal, the *McMaster University Medical Journal*.

In these times, when health care is at the top of the public agenda, the ongoing development of new medical knowledge through scientific investigation is recognized as key to

Canada's economic future. Communication of that learning is essential for its effectiveness.

I am pleased to read in this first issue an update on some of the unique roots of McMaster's Faculty of Health Sciences. There is a profile of our pioneering founding dean Dr. John Evans and a review of one of the tenets for which McMaster is world-renown: the modern concept of evidence-based medicine.

Our passion as a centre for learning for health care professionals has always been tied to being innovative, col-

laborative, and directed by societal need. Thus, I'm also pleased to see a diverse selection of articles that ranges from an examination of patient decision-making in surgery to forensic pathology as a medical career. There's a look at the ethics involved in the recent national "Romanow Report" and an examination of concerns about international "medical tourism."

I wish the editors and their successors all success with the development of this new voice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kelton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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