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# HEALTH CARE IN 2020: CAN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR LEAD THE WAY?

Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
EN-2006, Engineering Building  
Memorial University, St. John's Campus

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**WE NEED TO ACT TODAY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF 2020 AND BEYOND,  
BUT THIS RAISES SOME SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS:**

What kind of healthcare will our province be able to afford, and who will decide? From the issues of personal responsibility and preventive care to geographic-based health disparities, we need to be prepared to face the future.

Human resources will also be a major concern: will we have enough doctors and nurses and other professionals?

As healthcare becomes more complex, will we need to change our approach? These and other fundamental questions will need to be addressed.

## PRESENTERS:



**John G. Abbott** is currently Chief Executive Officer with the Health Council of Canada. Prior to joining the Health Council, he was a management consultant specializing in public policy analysis and development. Before that, Mr. Abbott was Deputy Minister of Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Health and Community Services where he oversaw the re-organization of the province's system of regional health authorities and the expansion of the provincial drug program to meet the needs of low-income families and those with high drug costs. Between 1989 and 1999, he held a number of other senior positions: Assistant Secretary to the Treasury Board, Associate Deputy Minister of Health and Community Services, Chairman and CEO of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, Deputy Minister of Works, Services and Transportation and Deputy Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs.

Mr. Abbott served with distinction as a senior government executive in Newfoundland and Labrador for which he was recognized with the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration by The Institute of Public Administration of Canada.

He has a B.A. in Political Science and Economics from Memorial University of Newfoundland and an M.A. in Public Administration from Carleton University (Ottawa). He is also active in community affairs, has an interest in heritage property re-development and enjoys hiking (recently hiking Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro).



**Dr. James Rourke** has served as Dean of Medicine and Professor of Family Medicine at Memorial University of Newfoundland since his appointment in April 2004. He previously served as the assistant dean of Rural Regional Medicine at the University of Western Ontario, where he was a professor in the Department of Family Medicine. Since moving to Newfoundland and Labrador, Dr. Rourke has traveled extensively throughout the province and in New Brunswick to visit teaching sites.

Dr. Rourke was an active rural family physician (including obstetrics and emergency work) in Goderich, Ontario, for 25 years with his wife and partner Dr. Leslie Rourke. He has a long-standing interest in rural medicine and medical education and is a recognized leader at provincial, national and international levels. He was very involved in the initial development work that led to approval to build the Northern Ontario Medical School. He was chair of the World Organization of Family Doctors' Working Party in Rural Practice, which has organized seven world rural health conferences and was involved in developing a joint WONCA/WHO project "Health for All Rural People."

Dr. Rourke has received many honours and awards, including from the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario; the University of Western Ontario; and the Ontario College of Family Physicians. He has had more than 90 medical journal articles (most peer reviewed) published.

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