

## Urgent Care Association of America



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I was born in Halifax Nova Scotia, Canada and went to Dalhousie Medical School. I spent nineteen years in a rural Nova Scotia Family Practice. It was a small town and the Family Practitioners ran the hospital. My practice included ER coverage, obstetrics, and assisting with surgery. It was a very fulfilling practice. I was deeply involved in medical politics. I was Chief of Staff of our hospital, President of the Nova Scotia Medical Society, and National Board Member of both the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Canadian Medical Association.

In the early nineties, the Canadian Government imposed a lot of cutbacks in healthcare because of the federal deficit. In our community, they closed our obstetrical unit and downsized our hospital. My medical practice was totally altered. As a physician, I felt powerless and devalued. Then I discovered there were communities in the United States where I could do a broad-based practice and enjoy a little more sunshine at the same time! I joined a multi-specialty group in beautiful North Carolina that was developing their first urgent care. Considering my generalist skill set, it was a perfect match.

I have been a member of UCAOA since its inception.