



## Your Editorial Board: Dr. Harriet MacMillan

Dr. Harriet MacMillan is one of the rare clinicians to pursue 2 specialties. A 1982 graduate of Queen's University, she is certified in both pediatrics and psychiatry. She is on the active staff at the Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation and is an associate professor at McMaster University.

### Who was your most influential teacher?

I have been fortunate. I have had several wonderful mentors, but I wouldn't want to single out one of them.

### What aspect of your work gives you the most pleasure?

Two aspects. The diversity of opportunities available through clinical, research and teaching activities, and the chance for collaborating with people in other areas such as social work, education, law and community agencies.

### What is your favourite pastime?

Downhill skiing.

### What book did you last read?

*Simone de Beauvoir: A Biography*, by Deirdre Bair.

### What alternative profession would you have liked to pursue?

Journalism. This is another profession in which one has the opportunity to interview people.

### What illness do you fear most?

Cancer. We hear so much about the risk factors and yet there are still major gaps in our knowledge about it.

### What complementary therapies have you tried?

None.

### What advice do you have for a young physician?

If you are thinking about a career that combines clinical activity and research, it can certainly lead to great rewards. However, there are also big sacrifices necessary in terms of time commitment and restriction to a narrow content area.

### What was your biggest mistake?

I have made many, but the one I am most acutely aware of at the moment is that I did not learn computer skills early in my career.



### What was your biggest achievement?

I felt a sense of accomplishment in following through with my plan to qualify in 2 specialties.

### What make and year of car do you drive?

A 1994 Volvo 850 Turbo.

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Dr. Barnett Slepian, a Buffalo obstetrician-gynecologist who had performed abortions. The murder bears an eerie resemblance to the shooting of 4 other physicians, 3 in Canada and 1 in the US, since 1994; those doctors were all seriously wounded. All had performed abortions as part of their practices.

White, who is Manitoba's representative on the CMA board, takes the issue personally because a friend and neighbour, Dr. Jack Fainman, was one of the sniper's

victims. White has worked closely with the police task force that is tracking the murderer, and says police consider reward money "their most powerful investigative tool with this type of crime. That is why the CMA has challenged its divisions and affiliates."

White was "horrified" by the latest shooting but was not surprised that the first murder in this series of sniper attacks had occurred in the US. "I was expecting the gunman to follow his pattern of last year [when physicians were shot in Richmond, NY, and Winnipeg a few weeks

apart], although I was praying I would be wrong."

The CMA received heavy press coverage when it announced the reward Oct. 26. The *National Post*, which went to press for the first time Oct. 27, ran a half-page article with the headline: "CMA will offer \$500,000 reward in doctor shootings." The *Toronto Star* reported: "Canada's doctors post huge reward for killer."

President-Elect Hugh Scully said the association acted because "violence of any kind is abhorrent and must not be tolerated."