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<td>Affiliations</td>
<td>Dr. Catherine Varner joined the CMAJ in 2023 as Deputy Editor. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto and Institute for Health Policy, Evaluation and Management. She maintains an active clinical practice in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital where she is also a Clinician Scientist and Deputy Director at the Schwartz/Reisman Emergency Medicine Institute. Dr. Varner is a Decision Editor for the Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine and Deputy Editor and occasional contributor to Healthy Debate. Dr. Varner is the principal investigator of peer-reviewed grants funded by the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians, the College of Family Physicians of Canada, and the Mount Sinai Hospital-University Health Network Academic Medical Organization Innovation Fund. Dr. Varner is also a co-investigator on grants funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.</td>
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<td>Biographical details</td>
<td>Dr. Varner completed medical school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She subsequently undertook residency training at the University of Toronto in Family Medicine and additional fellowship training in Emergency Medicine. In 2011 she received her faculty appointment at the University of Toronto and has worked in the Mount Sinai Hospital Department of Emergency Medicine as an emergency physician and clinician scientist since her appointment. In 2020 Dr. Varner completed a Certificate in Health Impact Journalism from the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto. Since completing this training, she has contributed media stories to Healthy Debate, CMAJ News, and The Conversation.</td>
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