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**Dr. Brian Day's stint as CMA president is a victory for health care choice
... and a blow to the defenders of the health care monopoly**

Vancouver, BC (August 16, 2007) – The Canadian Independent Medical Clinics Association (CIMCA) today celebrated the upcoming appointment of Dr. Brian Day as president of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), noting that his leadership will be a great step toward health care choice and patient-centred care in Canada.

“We fully expect the defenders of the health care monopoly to be up in arms that Dr. Day has reached the pinnacle of Canada’s health care establishment,” said Zoltan Nagy, president of CIMCA. “Dr. Day’s stint at the helm of the CMA will help to rescue Medicare from self-serving interest groups and union leaders who block needed health care reforms to protect their own entitlements.”

CIMCA is an advocate of health care choice and supports the CMA’s latest policy advocating wait-time benchmarks for all procedures and the right to access private insurance when the public system fails. Our current system is failing those most in need. Many other countries with universal systems offer blended public/private health care and have no wait lists.

“The decision by Canada’s physicians to make Dr. Day CMA president is consistent with growing public support in Canada for an increased role for the private sector in our health care system and the 2005 Supreme Court decision to allow private health care insurance,” said Nagy.

The CMA will install Dr. Day as president on August 22, 2007 at its 140th annual general meeting in Vancouver. Dr. Day has been a champion health care choice in Canada for the past 15 years.

CIMCA is a non-profit organization that represents medical clinics, health care workers and patients. Its mission is to promote improved access to high quality and timely health care for all Canadians.

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