

**PHYSICIAN DIRECTOR**  
**Government and Public Affairs Committee**  
**Corporate Relations Committee**

My first year as Physician Director was unfortunately interrupted by the H1N1 pandemic. As a result, I was not able to attend the 2009 conference. Likewise, all CHICA members were affected in some way by the pandemic, and we should all be proud of the role we played, despite difficult - and frankly, confusing - circumstances.

The Government and Public Affairs Committee has been disbanded; however it has been recognized that CHICA-Canada needs assistance working with government and the media, both in terms of reacting to current events, and in developing proactive messages to forward CHICA-Canada's mission. Discussions are being held with a communications firm to assist in this regard.

The Corporate Relations Committee (formerly Industry Relations Committee) met November 19<sup>th</sup> in Toronto. Prior plans for a teleconference earlier in the year were not possible because of many members being busy with H1N1 related activities. Plans were made for a teleconference early in the new year to discuss the direction of the group.

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