



Congratulations on the publication of the first issue of the University of British Columbia Medical Journal, created by students, for students.

I am honoured to be a part of this historic issue – the first medical student journal in Western Canada – and I know that this will be the first of many successful issues.

Each year, bright, motivated young British Columbians like you begin along the long and often difficult road to a career dedicated to helping others. As the Minister of Health Services, I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your commitment to improving the lives of your communities. We recognize the hard work that this journey takes, and deeply appreciate your efforts.

British Columbians need you now, more than ever. As our population grows and ages, each of you will be crucial to our efforts to keep B.C. as the healthiest province in Canada. As you continue in your education, I hope that you will consider the opportunities available in communities across the province, where each of you, as highly-trained medical professionals, is in great demand.

We remain committed to investing in your education and the education of future doctors. That is why we have doubled the number of doctor training spaces, expanded post-graduate opportunities and created additional campuses in Victoria and Prince George, with a fourth currently in development in Kelowna. In fact, we are proud that UBC has the highest number of seats of any English-speaking medical school in Canada.

So again, congratulations on the publication of this inaugural issue of the UBC Medical Journal, and, on behalf of all British Columbians, thank you.

Yours truly,

Kevin Falcon
Minister of Health Services

