

Brief Bio for Dr. Dennis Kendel

Dr. Dennis Kendel, a medical graduate of the University of Saskatchewan ('71), has played leadership roles in both professional advocacy and professional regulatory organizations over the past four decades. As a practicing family physician in the first fourteen years of his career, he served in a wide range of leadership roles with the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) including service as the SMA President in 1979-80 and later as Chair of the Negotiating Committee. On January 1, 1986 Dr. Kendel accepted an appointment as Registrar (CEO) of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS) and served in that role until June 30, 2011.

During his two and half decades of service as Register of the CPSS Dr. Kendel also served in leadership roles with national organizations including as President of the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada and the Medical Council of Canada. Service in these national roles enabled Dr. Kendel to gain a deep understanding of professional regulation across Canada and in other countries. Working with the Milbank Foundation in the US, he facilitated dialogue between medical regulatory agencies across the US and Canada with the goal of helping them to learn from each other.

Closer to home, Dr. Kendel developed and sustained collaborative working relationships with leaders in the professional regulatory organizations for all of the professions in the health sector. Along with others, he worked very diligently to help the midwifery profession establish an effective regulatory organization.

Dr. Kendel fervently believes that all professionals ought to play a key leadership role in regulating their members in the public interest while also effectively engaging the public as a partner in the process.

In 2004 Dr. Kendel was awarded The Saskatchewan Order of Merit, primarily for his leadership in professional regulation.

Dr. Kendel currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Health Quality Council in Saskatchewan and the Health Council of Canada.