

# CRF Board of Directors 2026-2027

## Dr. Emil Lee (he/him), President



Dr. Emil is a community radiologist, with a subspecialty in interventional radiology, in the Valley Medical Imaging group in the Fraser Valley of beautiful British Columbia. Dr. Lee is honoured to join the Board of the Canadian Radiological Foundation and hopes to help continue and expand the excellent work of the Foundation. Dr. Lee is the Regional Medical Director/Regional Department Head of Medical Imaging, Fraser Health Authority.

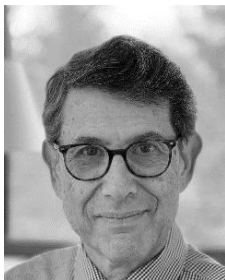
Dr. Lee was the President of the Canadian Association of Radiologists from 2017-2019 and Past President of the British Columbia Radiological Society and the Doctors of BC Section of Radiology, having served as President from 2010–2012. Dr. Lee is now on the Representative Assembly of Doctors of BC.

Dr. Lee has been a member of and continues to serve on national, provincial, health authority and local committees. Dr. Lee attended the University of British Columbia for medical school and his diagnostic radiology residency. After completing a fellowship in interventional radiology at the University of Iowa, he returned to British Columbia where he has been practicing since.

Dr. Lee was made a Fellow of the CAR in 2019.

Dr. Lee's outside interests include travel, running, scuba diving, skiing and having spirited debates with his wife and two children.

## Dr. David Koff (he/him), Vice President



Dr. David Koff is a radiologist with special interest for chest and body radiology, Professor Emeritus at McMaster University, past Chief and Chair of the Department of Radiology.

Dr. Koff created MIIRCAM, the Medical Imaging Informatics Research Centre at McMaster, leading research projects on radiation risk, validation of technology and applications of Artificial Intelligence to medical imaging.

For the last 25 years, Dr. Koff's research has centered on the electronic communication and workflow integration of medical images, and he co-developed the Canadian standards on lossy compression and Foreign Exam Management IHE profile. He raised more than \$10 million in various research grants and has more than 180 publications and presentations. His current research interests are about Artificial Intelligence for aggregation of imaging and medical data.

Dr. Koff is Chair and co-founder of Canada Safe Imaging, a radiation safety campaign, CAR Associate and a member of the International Society of Radiology Quality and Safety Alliance.

Dr. Koff is a co-founder of RealTime Medical, a leading Canadian teleradiology and software development company.

Dr. Koff has been a co-founder of IHE Canada (Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise) and is a member of the IHE section of the Medical Informatics committee at RSNA. He is past co-Chair of the IHE International Radiology Planning Committee. Dr. Koff is a member of the RSNA Informatics Committee, ESR Image Quality committee.

Dr. Koff has been organizing MIIT, the Medical Imaging Informatics and Teleradiology conference in Canada for 20 years, which became the Canadian track at SIIM. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Association of Radiologists and a Senior member of the IEEE.

## Dr. Baljot Chahal, Secretary-Treasurer



Dr. Baljot (Bill) Chahal is a radiologist with Insight Medical Imaging in Edmonton, Alberta. Dr. Chahal grew up in Edmonton and completed undergrad (Kinesiology), medical school, and residency at the University of Alberta. He also completed a fellowship in Musculoskeletal Radiology at the University of Ottawa.

During medical school, Dr. Chahal also completed an MBA at the Alberta School of Business given an interest in leadership, strategy, and non-profit organization management. He has a strong background in medical administration and leadership, having been a previous member of the CAR Board as Chair of the Resident and Fellow Section. He has also been a member of numerous committees with radiology organizations such as the ACR, RSNA, and SRU, as well as the Canadian Medical Association and local non-profits. He has won myriad academic, leadership, and research awards.

Dr. Chahal is honored to join the CRF Board and is excited to contribute his skillset to the future of Canadian radiology as Treasurer. Through innovation, strategic partnerships, and philanthropic entrepreneurialism, Dr. Chahal believes that the CRF should be well positioned to support the future of Canadian radiology for years to come. He believes in engaging radiologists across the career spectrum and thus looks forward to optimizing the engagement of trainees and early career radiologists in the CRF.

Dr. Chahal spends his free time spending as much time as possible with his wife and family/friends. He loves sports and doing all things outdoors - you can usually find him with his wife exploring Edmonton's massive river valley.

## Dr. Aline D. Khatchikian, Quebec Representative



Dr. Aline Khatchikian is an interventional radiologist recognized for her leadership in medical education and global health. Dr. Khatchikian received her medical degree from Université Laval, pursued a diagnostic radiology residency at McGill University, and completed an interventional radiology subspecialty residency program at Université de Montréal. Dr. Khatchikian currently works at Saint-Jérôme Hospital in Quebec.

Dr. Khatchikian has gained international experience by conducting training sessions in countries such as Switzerland, Brazil, and Mexico, encouraging medical students to become health advocates.

Dr. Khatchikian was the first Quebec resident to chair the Canadian Association of Radiologists' Resident and Fellow Section, where she worked with radiology trainees across Canada to promote the value of radiology. Dr. Khatchikian has also contributed to the Canadian Association of Radiologists Journal as a resident reviewer.

Dr. Khatchikian has been recognized for her contributions, receiving the Canadian Medical Association Award for Young Leaders. Dr. Khatchikian continues to advocate for equity in medical education and medical imaging worldwide.

## Dr. John Lysack, Alberta Representative



Dr. John Lysack is a Clinical Professor of Radiology, Clinical Neurosciences, Surgery, and Oncology at the University of Calgary, where he is also the Director of Head and Neck Imaging and the Vice Chair (Education) of the Department of Radiology.

Previously, Dr. Lysack was the Neuroradiology Section Chief and the Neuroradiology Fellowship Program Director at the University of Calgary. Dr. Lysack was also the Chief Fellow in Neuroradiology at Massachusetts General Hospital and an Instructor in Radiology at Harvard Medical School before moving back to Canada in 2007.

In addition to a medical degree, Dr. Lysack has master's degrees in engineering and law. Dr. Lysack has published on a wide range of topics (including spinal biomechanics and the use of artificial intelligence in diagnosing head and neck cancer) and is a consultant to industry and government at the intersection of technology, medicine, and law.

## Dr. Rui Ning Gong (she/her), Residents and Fellows Representative



Dr. Gong is a Diagnostic Radiology resident at Université de Montréal, where she has been actively involved in research, education, and leadership within the radiology community. Dr. Gong earned her Doctor of Medicine (MD) from Université de Montréal.

Dr. Gong currently serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) Resident and Fellow Section (RFS) and co-lead of the Education Subcommittee. In these roles, Dr. Gong has contributed to initiatives such as the Fellowship Talk Series and the CAR ASM Virtual Trainee Day, fostering professional development and collaboration among radiology trainees nationwide.

Beyond her national leadership, Dr. Gong has been actively involved in local advocacy as a delegate for the Association des médecins résident.e.s de Montréal (AMRM), contributing to discussions on resident well-being, training conditions, and professional development.

In addition to her leadership roles, Dr. Gong has contributed to various medical projects, including the development of the Phyla Health mobile app and the creation of educational content on Wikimedia. Dr. Gong has a wide range of research interests, including medical education, scientific contributions in radiology, and healthcare outcomes.

## Dr. Sheldon Wiebe (he/him), CHAR Representative



Dr. Wiebe obtained his medical degree and did his post graduate training at the University of Saskatchewan. He then undertook a pediatric radiology fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Children from 2002 to 2004 and then returned to Saskatoon to take a faculty appointment at the University of Saskatchewan and has been practicing in Saskatoon since July 2004. He was actively involved in the Biomedical Imaging and Therapy Beamline at the Canadian Light Source (Canada's National Synchrotron Facility) and in 2012 obtained an MSc degree in work related to x-ray phase contrast imaging using synchrotron light, also from the University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Wiebe has been actively involved in many administrative and leadership positions over that time; taking on the Interim Head of Department for the Saskatoon Health Region/University of Saskatchewan from 2006 to 2009 and again for part of 2010 and now again with the restructuring of the new Saskatchewan Health Authority has taken the role of Provincial Head for the Department of Medical Imaging, Saskatchewan Health Authority/University of Saskatchewan since January 2018. He is a full professor of the department of Medical Imaging, College of Medicine and University of Saskatchewan.