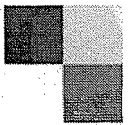


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## Dr. Gail Beck of Ottawa Becomes New President of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada

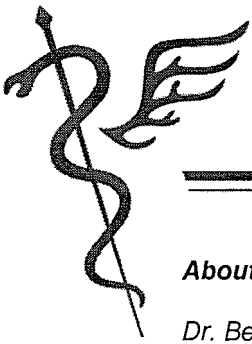
**Ottawa, ON-** Dr. Gail Beck, Director of Youth Inpatient Psychiatry at the Royal Ottawa Hospital, became the 2006-2007 President of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada at their Annual General Meeting in Moncton, New Brunswick on August 18, 2006.

"I am deeply honored to have been given this opportunity by my colleagues to preside over the Federation of Medical Women of Canada for this upcoming year. I wish to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing president, Dr. Karen Breeck for her hard work and dedication in guiding the Federation and giving it a clear direction. I certainly look forward to the challenges presented to me today. We will work together to make the changes and take the directions provided to us by our members in our just recently completed survey. It will be an exciting year." said Dr. Beck.

Dr. Beck's principal agenda is to complete the work on the strategic review started by Dr. Breeck, completing a new strategic plan for the organization for the next five years. As an adolescent physician, Dr. Beck has said that the Federation's women's health agenda for the year will focus more on the health of young women. The release of the new Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine provides a wonderful new opportunity to look at preventative medicine in young women as a means of ensuring a long, healthy life.

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## **About Dr. Gail Beck**

*Dr. Beck was born in Pembroke, Ontario and grew up in Joliette, Quebec. She completed her medical training and residency at McGill University. Dr. Beck is the Director of Youth Inpatient Psychiatry at the Royal Ottawa Hospital.*

*Dr. Beck is the Chair of District 8, Eastern Ontario, of the Ontario Medical Association. She is also the Treasurer of Medical Women's International Association. She is the President of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada.*

*From 1996 until 2002, Dr. Beck served as the Chair of the Committee on Women's Issues at the Ontario Medical Association. In this capacity, she negotiated the Maternity Leave Benefit, founded the OMA Mentorship Program, and initiated an outreach program for women physicians.*

*Dr. Beck was the inaugural Director of the Office for Women in Medicine at the Canadian Medical Association. She also served as the Acting Associate Secretary General of the Professional Affairs Directorate until she returned to full clinical practice in April, 2004.*

*Dr. Beck has been a Delegate to OMA Council since 1995 and a Delegate to CMA Council from 1994 until 2001 and from 2005. She is a Past President of the Academy of Medicine Ottawa, having served from 2003 to 2005.*

*Dr. Beck has also served on the Boards of Opera Lyra Ottawa and Bereaved Families of Ontario, Ottawa-Carleton. She is presently a Trustee of the Board of the National Museums of Science and Technology. Dr. Beck served on the Expert Panel on Health Human Resources and on the Technical Advisory Committee on Tax Measures for Persons with Disabilities.*

*An advocate for child welfare, women's rights and health and Canada's Gulf War Veterans, Dr. Beck was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 for her record of public service. In June 2006, Dr. Beck was honoured by the nomination of the Residents in Psychiatry at the University of Ottawa as the Best Clinical Supervisor.*

## **About the Federation of Medical Women of Canada**

*The Federation of Medical Women of Canada is a national organization committed to the professional, social and personal advancement of women physicians and to the promotion of the well-being of women both in the medical profession and in society at large. The FMWC was founded in 1924 in Ottawa with seven founding members to provide a networking group. It now has over 500 members.*

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