

## ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

### ADDRESS TO THE ACFP MEMBERSHIP FROM INCOMING PRESIDENT

DR. SUDHA KOPPULA

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What a day! All of this is very exciting, but very humbling as well. And I want you to know that I am very grateful for this opportunity.

First thing I would like to do is to thank Vishal for his hard work over the past number of years as he has described. He stepped in bravely into his role as President when ACFP urgently needed leadership. He has conducted his work with grace and diplomacy. Thank you for everything Vishal on behalf of all of us. I am happy that you will be continuing to work with us as ACFP past-President. Your experience in that role will be very helpful as we go forward.

I also wish to thank those who have always been supportive to me, including my family (my Mom, Dad, partner) and friends. My CFPC and ACFP colleagues, present here, thank you for your guidance and collaboration. I am looking very forward to working with you in this capacity.

And now for our own ACFP membership, Alberta's family physicians. I want you to know that we are here to work for you and represent you. I want you to know how proud we all are of you, for working this past long while under such challenging circumstances. You have continued, in the face of adversity, to treat your patients, teach, and adaptively run your clinics. We know you are exhausted, and we know you are feeling underappreciated. We also see you as dedicated, strong, resilient, and what Albertans need. We also know that you also need to be understood, valued, and represented well because Family Docs Rock!

ACFP is ready and well-positioned to do this for you. We have a great team in our Board, Terri Potter (our Executive Director) and I can't say enough about our wonderful ACFP staff led by her. Together, and with our primary care partners, we are here to listen to you. We know and you know that we have a lot of work to do. Please be in contact with us, starting with tonight's meeting. I am looking forward to hearing from you today and ongoing. And hopefully we will meet one day soon in person.

Thank you for this honour of serving as your ACFP President.

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