



J.A. Moss, DC

Dr. Jean Moss has had a very varied chiropractic career in the sixteen years since her graduation in 1970. She is one of the few who has been a member of faculty at CMCC for more than fifteen years. During this time she has moved through the administrative ranks to her present position of Executive Assistant to the Executive Vice President. Many of the positions she has held were created to fill a void produced by an expanding College. While meeting the heavy demands of CMCC she has managed to maintain a private practice and find time for her family.

Dr. Moss became interested in chiropractic after seeing her mother benefit from chiropractic treatment. She commenced her chiropractic education at the Anglo-European Chiropractic College in Bournemouth, England, with the first class in 1965, but in 1967 she transferred to the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College to complete her education to graduate in 1970.

Upon graduation, she went into full time practice with Dr. David Drum, at Bloor and Yonge Streets in Toronto. It was Dr. Drum who persuaded her to begin teaching. She became a clinician in the Out Patient Clinic, which involved supervising patient care and conducting case management and treatment seminars for the interns. The following year she increased her teaching load to include technique and thus became the first female instructor in the Chiropractic Sciences Division. In 1973, she took a brief leave of absence from CMCC while she and her husband went to live in Italy for a year. While in Italy, she was in private practice in Rome. It was during this time she became fairly fluent in Italian, a useful attribute since her present practice is located in an Italian area of Toronto.

In 1974 she returned to Canada and following the birth of her first child, she rejoined the faculty as a part time clinician, while building a private practice in her home. During this time she also completed a post graduate certification course in radiology. Her hours at the College increased and she became involved on a full time basis in 1975.

In 1976, she began co-ordinating and lecturing in the fourth year Female Care course. She designed this course to educate the chiropractic student in the major obstetrical and gynaecological conditions they would encounter in practice.

It was at this time she was made Associate Clinic Director. She became responsible for the support staff and the clinical laboratory and developed the intern evaluation program to monitor their progress through the clinic. Another major task she accomplished was organizing and maintaining the Clinic Records Department. In 1978, as it was becoming more evident that Dr. Moss's position was becoming increasingly administrative, especially as the number of interns was growing and the College was now operating two Out Patient Clinics, she was appointed Clinic Administrator. In this position she was

in charge of the daily activities of both clinics, including formulating the clinic budget and authoring the clinic handbook. Then in January, 1979, she became interim Clinic Director, while CMCC was searching for a replacement for Dr. Sherman, who had returned to Australia. This same year, she was also appointed Director of the Division of Clinical Sciences – a position she held for four years.

With the ever increasing size of the student body there was an increase in student related problems. Dr. Moss found herself tackling more student related problems and the acute need for a liaison between administration and the study body in non academic matters became evident. Thus, she was appointed Director of Student Affairs.

While dealing with the many problems of Clinical Sciences and Student Affairs, she also began assuming some of the administrative duties of the Dean's office and became Assistant Dean in 1982. In this capacity, she has written the Student and Faculty Handbooks and a Manual on Staff Policies. As Assistant Dean and Director of Student Affairs, she has sat on every major committee and often chaired many of these College committees.

Homecoming is an annual event on CMCC's calendar of events that has grown from a small affair in 1980, to an annual weekend of educational and social events that attract over one hundred alumni each year. Dr. Moss has been the co-chairperson of this event since its inception. She realizes how important it is for colleges to have the support of their graduates. As many graduates have never seen the new facilities at CMCC, Homecoming gives them the opportunity to come home and view the changes.

In the summer of 1985, Dr. Moss decided to become a student again, mainly as a result of a course at the University of Western Ontario for Senior University Administrators. In September, 1985, she enrolled in York University's Master of Business Administration programme, which she hopes to complete in December, 1987. Meanwhile, she has relinquished the positions of Assistant Dean and Director of Student Affairs to become Executive Assistant to the Executive Vice President. In this position she will be assisting with the preparation of the College budget, and the computerization of various departments.

Dr. Moss has authored several publications in notable chiropractic journals such as "The Reliability of Faculty Assessments of Student Case Histories" and "The Chiropractic Student: Past trends and future directions". She has also made several presentations at conferences, such as, FCER at Palmer West on "Women Chiropractors and their career patterns"; and Canadian Association of College and University Student Services (of which CMCC is a member) on Chiropractic.

Outside the educational environment, Dr. Moss has also been actively involved with several organizations. She is one of the founding members of the Canadian Council of Women Chiropractors and a member of Toronto Chiropractic Society, Ontario's newest and fastest growing chiropractic organization.

While Dr. Moss does not fit into the average mold of a chiropractor, she is one of a growing number of dedicated educators committed to providing the best in chiropractic education. She is also one of a group of chiropractic administrators who are responsible for improving the efficiency and status of our chiropractic colleges.

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