

FOREWORD

As Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, I am delighted to introduce the 2016 edition of the ***Western Public Health Casebook***. As a collection of students' practical experiences, this casebook is a valuable educational resource.

I am proud and honoured to acknowledge the leadership that the Schulich Interfaculty Program in Public Health has demonstrated in furthering public health education. Public health relies on our organized efforts across many disciplines to effectively respond to outbreaks, keep people healthy and prevent injury, illness and premature death. In that same spirit of public health, the case-based approach to learning combined with the collective dedication to share this casebook broadly, is a truly innovative approach. This casebook will benefit many and contribute in a tangible way to building Canadian capacity in public health.

Leaders recognize the importance of collaboration and information sharing in reaching common goals. Those who are being trained and mentored today across Canada will lead the public health workforce of the future, not only in our country, but around the world.

I congratulate all of those who have completed and contributed to this program, and am looking forward to hearing about the future contributions and accomplishments that are sure to come from its graduates.

– ***Dr. Greg Taylor, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada
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