

Fikre Germa, MD, CCFP (EM), FCFP

Fikre Germa grew up in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where he attended St. Joseph's High School. Germa left Ethiopia during the political Derge regime era and lived briefly in Uganda and Zambia respectfully before he settled in Lagos, Nigeria with his parents where he completed high school and his undergraduate studies. Germa immigrated to Vancouver, Canada where he completed his postgraduate training in Family Medicine and Emergency Medicine.

Over the years, Germa has worked as an Emergency Physician all over Canada. To mention only some career highlights, Germa has worked as the Director of Emergency Medicine at North Sydney Hospital (Nova Scotia) and Prince George Hospital (British Columbia) as an Emergency Physician. He is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Practice at McMaster University (Ontario).

Fikre Germa is an avid volunteer. His life's work is a direct reflection of his innate desire to care for others. Germa is currently the Vice-President and founding member of *Ethiopian North American Health Professionals Association* (ENAHPA) Canada. ENAHPA works to assist in improving healthcare standards, quality, access and delivery to the citizens of Ethiopia through various sustainable targets. The mission is to mitigate the profound health-care crisis in Ethiopia and Africa through the transfer of knowledge, skills and state-of-the-art technology. To learn more about ENAHPA, please visit: www.enahpa.org

Outside of ENAHPA, Germa is also a former Chair of the Library Committee for Ethiopia (CNIS). He was awarded *Volunteer of the Year* by the *Canadian Network of International Surgery* (CNIS) and was received volunteer recognition by the Organization of International Development (OID) for his work in Kumasi, Ghana.

Fikre Germa has also contributed to several research and medical related publications. He is a member of the Canadian Association of Emergency Medicine, the Ontario Association of Medicine, a member of the Northwest Territories Medical Association, a member of British Columbia Medical Association, and The Federation of Emergency Medicine for Africa. He is also currently working on a book project to be completed this year "*Heroes of the Ethiopian Diaspora*".