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**36 years**

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**1. What is your fondest memory of your time here at Foothills?**

Kidding around with my many friends and colleagues in anesthesia, nursing, surgery and cardiology

**2. Of all your contributions here at Foothills, what are you proudest of?**

My two proudest accomplishments are a) teaching principles of surgery to fellows and residents; implanting the 1st dual chamber pacemaker in Alberta ( I think) with Dr. Eldon Smith; the 2nd implantable defibrillator in Canada with Dr. George Wyseb) and b) establishing the Lead Extraction Program at the Foothills , with Drs . Derek Exner, Doug Seal, nurses Lucinda Udoumoren and Susan Schwab, and the administration

**3. What advice would the you of today give the younger version of yourself at the start of your practicing career?**

My advice to a younger me would be to figure out how to spend more time with your children in their earliest years

**4. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing physicians at this time?**

I think the biggest challenges to physicians are how to keep up with the medical information explosion, (including the information and misinformation available to your patients), and how to structure your time between your work, your family and yourself

**5. When you arrive at the Gates of heaven, what do you hope to hear St. Peter say?**

If the gates and St. Peter are there, I'd hope he'd say that I did my best for my patients and was honourable in my dealings with others.