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In recognition of exceptional leadership, outstanding commitment to training and education, and significant contributions to the development of health care standards



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Gordon Burrill has been an active contributor to a wide range of CSA health care committees over the past 20 years, holding a leadership role on many committees. Whether serving as Chair, Vice-Chair, or an active member, Gordon is a passionate, knowledgeable, and active contributor to standards development. With a unique and comprehensive view of the Canadian health care system, he sees the essential role that standards can play in protecting patients, staff, and the public, and has dedicated tremendous amounts of time and effort to planning, developing, and building acceptance for CSA standards.

Gordon is an excellent role model and encourages his fellow members to volunteer for task forces and working groups to further the development of standards. Gordon is also an educator, having delivered more than 400 courses aimed at improving and promoting the uptake, understanding, and use of CSA's voluntary health care facility standards across the country and even outside of Canada. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gordon quickly and aptly shifted the delivery of the educational programs to an online presentation format with interactive opportunities for the participants, which further increased the reach of some of these programs. Moreover, Gordon ensures that direct feedback from instructing training courses is used to continuously improve the standards. These efforts have allowed several CSA Standards to become universally recognized and firmly established parts of health care facilities design, construction and renovation projects as well as operations and maintenance procedures across the country.

Gordon's commitment to patient safety is second-to-none, and he is a firm believer in standards as a way to effect change. This is evident through his numerous accomplishments, including being part of the initial committee that created the CSA Z317.13 *Infection control during construction, renovation and maintenance of healthcare facilities* standard, being part of the leadership group for the CSA Z8000 *Canadian healthcare facilities* standards, and leading the development of an entirely new standard on installation, testing, maintenance and use of patient lifting devices, CSA Z10535.2. Gordon managed the process of developing these standards with clarity, integrity, and decorum, ensuring that any potentially political or sensitive concerns were addressed or resolved through CSA's consensus process.

Through his significant contributions to health care engineering, CSA standards, and the physical health care environment, Gordon Burrill epitomizes the spirit of the John Jenkins Award.

Gordon is one of the lucky ones who married his high school sweetheart. They have been together for over 40 years, blessed with three wonderful children and eight beautiful grandchildren that form the center of their worlds. When he's not spending time with his family, Gordon is the President of Teegor Consulting Inc., in Fredericton, NB.