Thomas J. Marrie became the twelfth Dean of Medicine at Dalhousie University on September 1, 2009, following the successful completion of a five year term as Dean of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta. Under his leadership, the Faculty engaged in major capital expansion with the construction of two health research buildings. He also developed an alternative funding plan that offered a new method to support faculty, enabling greater academic activity and more innovative patient care. Dr. Marrie has an active research program focusing on community-acquired pneumonia. Through his research he has contributed significantly to knowledge about this kind of pneumonia, particularly in the areas of outcomes and health services. His contributions have been recognized with numerous awards.