



Besroure Forum/Family Medicine Forum (FMF): November 4–7, 2020

Register today for the Virtual FMF 2020: <https://fmf.cfpc.ca/registration/>.

View FMF agenda: <https://fmf.cfpc.ca/program/>.

The Besroure Centre sessions will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020.

- 11:30 – 12:30 (ET): Role of Family Medicine During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- 15:00 – 16:00 (ET): Introduction to Program Evaluation for Academic Family Physicians

Thank you to everyone who submitted abstracts for the Besroure Poster Presentations. Poster presenters have received specific instructions to this year's event. If you have not yet received the instructions, please contact vera.shewell@cfpc.ca.

Abstracts will be available for viewing online throughout FMF. Single-day registrants will have access for the one day they're registered. Four-day registrants will have access to the full FMF event as well as on-demand content for 30 days after FMF (to December 8, 2020).

Promoting Social Responsibility in Health: How to unite in the French-speaking world

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 13:00 – 15:00 (ET) via Zoom

Join us! The Besroure Centre for Global Family Medicine at the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Conference Internationale des Doyens des Facultés de Médecine d'Expression Française (CIDMEF), and the Réseau international francophone pour la responsabilité sociale en santé (RIFRESS) are working together to build collaborative bridges. The session will be hosted in French with simultaneous English interpretation. If you have not yet received the invitation, please contact vera.shewell@cfpc.ca.

Besroure Centre for Global Family Medicine Announces Two Global Co-RIG Recipients

The Besroure Centre for Global Family Medicine at the CFPC is pleased to announce the two inaugural recipients of the Global COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Impact Grant (Global Co-RIG) Program:

- University of Cape Town in South Africa—Innovations to reduce morbidity and mortality amongst people with diabetes in vulnerable communities in Cape Town, South Africa
- Syiah Kuala University in Indonesia—Family Health Cadre Empowerment Program: An innovation for chronic disease management during the COVID-19 pandemic in low- and middle-income countries

The pandemic has put immense pressure on health care systems. The goal of this initiative is to advance efforts that aim to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with COVID-19. In particular, the program is seeking innovative ideas that reduce the virus's impact on highly vulnerable populations around the world that have limited access to primary care.

The grants were made possible through the generous support of the Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine, the Fondation Docteur Sadok Besroure, and the Besroure Centre for Global Family Medicine at the CFPC.

The CFPC and the Besroure Centre for Global Family Medicine congratulate the first Global Co-RIG recipients! You can read the project summaries online at <https://www.cfpc.ca/en/about-us/the-besroure-centre/news-current-projects>.

Besroure Working Group Updates

Medical Education and Training

Building on the experience and knowledge gained by our global family medicine community through the COVID-19 pandemic, the Besroure Centre is very excited to announce FM PIVOT! Across the globe, this year has highlighted the integral role of community-based family physicians and primary care providers for providing resilience within local health systems in the face of a global health emergency.

FM PIVOT was developed by a team of global Besroure partners and aimed to build capacity in family physicians and their educators as they strategize for such future emergencies within their own contexts. The initiative will feature theme-based interactive educational modules, webinars, platforms for discussion, and opportunities for sharing of resources. It will feature free access and be based on the WHO's Integrated People-Centred Health Services site (<https://www.integratedcare4people.org/communities/>). The planned rollout of our first module is December 2020. Stayed tuned for further details!

Advisory Group

The Advisory Group continues to meet quarterly to review and guide educational activities.

The **Besrouer Café** monthly discussions continue with African colleagues. Next Café is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd 06:30 – 07:45 (ET). Topic: Approach to Research in Family Practice. If you have not yet received your Zoom invitation please contact vshewell@cfpc.ca.

Besrouer Partner Update



Exciting news from our Indonesian partners!

By next year Indonesia will be starting the first family medicine residency program in 14 universities across their country, including their partner affiliate Syiah Kuala University. Congratulations to Dr. Ichsan and team!

As mentioned above they have also received a Global Co-RIG grant for the proposal entitled “Family Health Cadre Empowerment Program: An innovation for chronic disease management during the COVID-19 pandemic in low- and middle-income countries.” It will be implemented in six districts in Aceh province by the end of next month.

Besrouer Partner Profile



Last September Dr. Adelson Guaraci Jantsch finished his PhD, conducted at the Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, entitled “The impact of residency training in family medicine in promoting the attributes of primary care in Rio de Janeiro.” It is an observational retrospective study comparing 949,957 patients’ electronic health records and 5,363,407 consultations in primary care performed by doctors without residency training in family medicine and trained family physicians.

The study shows that a two-year residency training program in family medicine enables family physicians to be more competent to diagnose a wide range of chronic health conditions while requiring fewer laboratory tests and requesting fewer referrals to secondary care for ambulatory care of health conditions. The training makes doctors request more often referrals for surgical treatment for their patients, such as cataract surgery. It also prevents a series of hospital admissions for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions and other conditions, including mental health conditions. There is an increased demand for hospital admissions for conditions such as cardiac arrhythmias, pacemaker implantation, and AIDS/HIV treatment.

Finally, all of these events happen in a more coordinated way between the levels of care, but also over time. Trained family physicians promote more follow-up consultations with their patients, either after diagnosing a chronic condition, after referring a patient to secondary care or, in most cases, after a hospital stay.

Information of Interest

AMEE Research Grant Awards—AMEE is an international organization that seeks to promote scholarship in health care professions' education to advance knowledge and best practices in education, as well as build a community of scholars working in the field. AMEE has introduced a program to provide financial support of up to £10,000 (no facilities and administration fee) for educational research projects. You can find more information on their website, <https://amee.org/awards-prizes/research-grant-award-programme>.

Listen to the Besroure podcast series, 'Global Pandemic and Family Medicine' at <https://cfppodcast.libsyn.com/>.

Watch the clinical webinar with Dr. David Ponka and panel, 'Approaches to the Global Pandemic from an International Perspective' at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpKyuFHW-RA>.

Atlantic Fellows 2021 Program

In TUFH's Partnership with the [Beyond Flexner Alliance](#), you are encouraged to apply for the Atlantic Fellows 2021 Program. The aim of the fellowship is to develop leaders who understand the foundations of health inequity and have the knowledge, skills, and courage to build more equitable health systems and organizations. For details and application see https://healthequity.atlanticfellows.org/take-action?mc_cid=23f648ece1&mc_eid=4d69741158