



Family Medicine Forum (FMF): November 10–13, 2021

The Besrou Centre for Global Family Medicine (Besrou Centre) is pleased to be highlighted at Virtual FMF 2021. View the FMF agenda at <https://fmf.cfpc.ca>

Below are the Besrou Centre's sessions at a glance.

Besrou Networking Session

- Tuesday, November 9th: 13:00–15:00 (ET)

This session takes place prior to the start of FMF. Join us as the Besrou community gathers to reflect and discuss our common issues, providing respective updates, and most of all, reconnecting socially. There is no fee to join. A Zoom invitation will be sent via email.

Family Medicine Forum

- Wednesday, November 10th: 9:00–9:55 (ET)—FAFM Co-RIG Presentation highlighting the Besrou Centre's two grants
- Thursday, November 11th: 11:30–12:30 (ET)—An introduction to advocacy
- Thursday, November 11th: 13:30–14:30 (ET)—The Four Principles in Time of COVID-19
- Saturday, November 13th: 13:30–14:30 (ET)—Implementation Research: Taking an idea to action

Registration

Register at <https://fmf.cfpc.ca>. **Early bird deadline is September 12, 2021.**

Delegates from low- to middle- income countries may be eligible for a reduced rate pending approval. Further details via separate email will follow. While single-day registrants will have access for the one day only, four-day registrants will have access to the full FMF event as well as on-demand content for 30 days after FMF (from November 14 to December 14, 2021).

Dr. Patrick Chege Memorial Research Award (formerly Besrou Poster Presentations)

The Besrou Centre is pleased to rename the annual research competition at FMF—meant to encourage family medicine researchers from low- and middle-income countries—in honour of the late Dr. Patrick Chege, a family physician who led the development of family medicine in Kenya and a valued partner of the Besrou community.

Thank you to everyone who submitted abstracts, resulting in a record number this year! Delegates will have opportunity to view the research from Canadian and global presentations. Abstracts will be available for viewing online throughout FMF. We hope you will join us!

Working Group Updates

Advocacy and Community Engagement

The group, led by Dr. Alain Pavilanis, will be presenting at the 23rd WONCA World Conference. His presentation is titled “Strategies for Engaging Communities in Primary Health Care Globally.”

Medical Education and Training

The first FM Pivot module has been launched! Following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the FM Pivot Educational Initiative was developed by a team of global Besroul Centre partners to help family physicians and family medicine educators prepare for similar challenges in the future within their own contexts. The first module “Finding Great Research Questions in Pandemics and Other Crises: An introduction for family medicine researchers” is now available! Learn more about the module at <https://www.cfpc.ca/CFPC/media/Resources/Global-Health/Besroul-2021-FM-Pivot-one-pager-ENG.pdf> (currently available in English only). You may access this module and an introductory module:

- Directly on the FM Pivot course page at <https://www.fmpivot.ca>
- Via the WHO’s IntegratedCare4People platform at <https://www.integratedcare4people.org/communities/>

Additional module topics coming soon include chronic disease, disaster preparedness, mental health, and virtual education.

The group will be presenting at the 23rd WONCA World Conference, with the presentation titled “Maximizing Co-learning between global FM partners – Exploring Innovative Approaches.”

Research and Narratives

The Dr. Patrick Chege Memorial Research Award – The Scientific Committee has been reviewing more than 30 abstracts in preparation for the poster sessions taking place at FMF 2021.

FM Vax: An International Survey on the Integration of Public Health and Primary Care in COVID-19 Vaccination Campaigns – The Besroul Centre has been leading an international study with the Primary Health Care Research Consortium (PHCRC) about primary health care perspectives on the integration of primary care and public health during the COVID-19 vaccination rollout. Our aim is to understand the relationship between public health-primary care integration and implementation outcomes. The Besroul Centre will soon be disseminating this survey and we welcome your participation!

Besroul Fellowship 2020 – The group continues to support Dr. Trinidad Rodriguez on the development of the training program that enables multidisciplinary health teams to improve the strategy of care provided to infants, children, adolescents, and their families—a capacity-building initiative. This program is part of a multi-level intervention that is being developed by her team at the Health

Innovation Center at Universidad Católica in Santiago, Chile. The project aims to create a strategy of health care for children that emphasizes implementing the principles of family and community health and focuses on attachment theory and nurturing relationships with caregivers.

Besroul Partner Update



Associate Professor Klaus von Pressentin is a family physician and the head of the Division of Family Medicine in the School of Public Health and Family Medicine at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Prior to joining the University of Cape Town in May 2020, he worked mainly in the rural areas of the public health system over the previous two decades. His scholarly interests include family medicine and primary care (including chronic diseases) as well as health services strengthening (especially leadership and clinical governance). These interests align well with the Besroul Centre’s Global Co-RIG-funded project led by the University of Cape Town, “Innovations to reduce morbidity and mortality amongst people with diabetes in vulnerable communities, Cape Town, South Africa.” The research team aims to complete the fieldwork by the end of August 2021, and hope that the findings from this evaluation will assist health care teams and planners enhance the provision of primary care to patients living with diabetes in the new era we find ourselves. We thank Dr. Klaus von Pressentin for this commitment and support to the Besroul Centre.

Besroul Partner Profile



Dr. Marcelo Garcia Dieguez is Associate Professor of Clinical and Epidemiological Analysis of Health Determinants Areas at the Universidad Nacional del Sur and Professor of Medical Education at the University Institute School of Medicine of the Italian Hospital in Argentina. Dr. Garcia Dieguez

specializes in the field of medical education and currently serves as adviser for medical education and knowledge transfer for the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and WHO. He is also member of the editorial board of several journals in Spain and Latin America. Dr. Garcia Dieguez is a valued partner of the Besrou community, member of the Medical Education Advisory Group, providing guidance on a number of the Centre's initiatives including co-lead on the FM Pivot Medical Education Module. We thank Dr. Garcia Dieguez for his commitment to the Besrou Centre.

Articles and Information of Interest

The *Canadian Family Physician* blog post by Dr. Clayton Dyck and Dr. David Ponka, "Global COVID vaccine equity – A Canadian responsibility"; available at <https://www.cfp.ca/news/2021/07/06/07-06>.

Ponka D. Mentoring: How to Support and Mentor Early Researchers in Educational Research. In: Akman M, Wass V, Goodyear-Smith F, ed. *How To Do Primary Care Educational Research – A Practical Guide*. Boca Raton, Florida: CRC Press; 2021.

International Events at a Glance

The Besrou Centre's schedule for upcoming conference participation is listed below. At some events we provide sessions and workshops while at others we attend as delegates. We invite you to consider joining your Besrou colleagues at these events (all pending COVID-19 status):

23rd WONCA World Conference of Family Doctors, Abu Dhabi, November 22–27, 2021
<https://www.globalfamilydoctor.com/Conferences/WONCAWorldconference2021.aspx>