



The College of
Family Physicians
of Canada

Le Collège des
médecins de famille
du Canada

Report Card 2008

Activities/initiatives related to each of the 3 Goals in the Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Champion quality health care for all people in Canada

- Presented the CFPC Position and Vision Statement on improving access to care for Canadians:
 - a) A target of 95% of Canadians in every community having a family doctor by 2012.
 - b) All people in Canada will have access to a family practice/primary care setting where they will have a personal family doctor and a registered nurse and/or a nurse practitioner; and access to other health care professionals as needed.
- Produced the interim report of the CFPC-CMA Primary Care Wait Times Partnership
- Released the *CFPC Report Card: Supporting the Future Family Medicine Workforce in Canada – Is enough being done today to prepare for tomorrow?* at the National Media Conference.
- Released discussion paper “Exploring the Competency Interface between Primary Care and Public Health”.
- Submitted paper to Senate Subcommittee on Population Health detailing the role of family medicine.
- Engaged several provincial governments and regional health authorities in looking at better ways of integrating mental health services in primary care (Shared Mental Health Working Group and Canadian Collaborative Mental Health Initiative – work in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan).
- Strategic partnerships (CFPC, Canadian Pediatric Society (CPS), CMA, Society of Palliative Care Physicians of Canada) advocated for system change to better support care to specific populations: patients at the end of life (representation on Quality of End of Life Coalition of Canada) children and youth (CMA, CPS)
- Received input into consultations on stigma reduction of the Mental Health Commission, as well as representation on the panel responsible for producing the Depression Consensus statement.
- Released 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS) results.

- Achieved Health Canada funding for Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN) to conduct surveillance of the management of chronic diseases in Canada.
- Section of Researchers' Research Day program included a Town Hall featuring the opportunity to interact with representatives from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR).
- *Canadian Family Physician* (CFP) launched its new website. It is now fully searchable, listed in PubMed and available through HighWire and PubMed central.
- CFP published at least 9 original research studies examining aspects of collaborative care.

Goal II: Support members in providing patient care through education, research, and the promotion of best practices

- Launched the Section of Family Physicians with Special Interests or Focused Practices.
- Introduced the Alternative Route to Certification (ARC) program.
- Canadian Library of Family Medicine (CLFM) continued to provide library and information services to support CFPC programs on comprehensive and continuing care, collaborative care, and special interests or focused practices.
- Developed the CanMEDS-Family Medicine roles.
- Developed a process for assessing the equivalency of training and certification in other countries.
- Expanded the Associate Member category to include other health professionals who work with family physicians.
- Produced and disseminated a module on interprofessional education in mental health care via webinar/teleseminars.
- Through FMF, CFP and e-news, contributed to CPD for our members in areas such as palliative care and global health.
- Introduced new awards to recognize members in their early careers and for international activities.
- Disseminated research originating from CFPC/QCFP/CMQ regarding CPD and performance in practice.
- Disseminated research on doctor-patient communication.
- Added CFPC's policy on Equity and Diversity to CFPC's bylaws.
- Achieved CFPC's largest annual membership increase and lowest attrition.
- Advisory Committee on Family Practice (AdComFP) enhanced connections to Chapters and increased attention to the development and review of health policies.
- Added Key Principles and Values paper to the Primary Care Toolkit.
- Developed, launched and maintained *Flu Information for Family Physicians* website – a comprehensive information resource about pandemic influenza.
- Developed and coordinated CFPC communications about Mainpro to family physicians

in each province that implemented mandatory CPD requirements: Quebec – May/June 2007; Saskatchewan – June/July 2007; Alberta – July/August 2008.

- Held a Leaders' Forum for Board Members.
- Continued work with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada to advance improvements in intra-professional relations through education, training, CPD and practice – Collaborative Action Committee on Intra-Professionalism (CACI)
- Met with CIHR to advocate for career paths in research for family physicians.
- Organized and supported annual meeting of Family Medicine Research Directors.
- Attended several university Resident Research Days.
- Family Medicine Forum exhibit hall included all the University Departments of Family Medicine as well as CARMS and CAIR.
- Held largest ever Family Medicine Forum with over 3200 registrants.
- Institute for Healthcare Communication held 11 Faculty courses training 118 new faculty and 370 workshops with total attendance of 1767.
- Developed the pilot of an online accreditation system, Quickconnect – to be launched in 2009.
- Canadian Library of Family Medicine supported PEARLS-ce and the Alternative Route to Certification (ARC) programs by providing library services and instruction to program candidates.
- Continued to develop and maintain library web pages to ensure that CFPC members and external stakeholders have access to appropriate online resources and information.
- Provided instruction about biomedical information and knowledge management to individuals and groups at CFPC meetings.

Goal III: Ensure that the role of the family physician is well understood and highly valued

- Promoted family medicine as a specialty in Canada to other stakeholders in Canadian health care.
- Increased and supported participation of students and residents in FMF sessions and activities including exposure to family medicine as a career choice.
- Enhanced National/Chapter collaboration in planning and delivering Family Medicine Forum.
- Enhanced the current CFPC website while working on the development of a new website.
- Created a new website to highlight "Family Physicians of the Year".
- Expanded e-mail promotion of CFPC activities (e.g. eNews, FMF promotional

newsletter, Kaleidoscope, Chapter newsletters, etc.)

- Enhanced websites for NPS and CPCSSN.
- Coordinated the presentation of articles about family medicine in the medical school journals of each university in Canada.
- Coordinated and supported the Family Medicine Interest Groups in all 17 medical schools.
- Carried out collaborative projects with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Canadian Psychiatric Association, Canadian Pediatric Society, the Society of Palliative Care Physicians, the Canadian Psychological Association, Canadian Medical Association, Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada, Society of Rural Physicians of Canada, Canadian Nurses' Association.
- Produced an electronic Chapter Newsletter.
- Expanded the profile and promotion of the annual Family Physician of the Year program.
- Enhanced the program and national profile of Family Doctor Week in Canada to build awareness and celebrate the importance of family doctors
- Continued to meet with government leaders and health authorities to enhance the value of family physicians and the need for improved support and resources.
- Maintained leadership role in NPS partnership with the CMA, the RCPSC, CIHI, and Health Canada.
- Promoted resident research projects in Canada along with newly established awards recognizing outstanding scholarship by family medicine residents.
- Established closer links and held meetings with various primary care research organizations, such as the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG).
- Expanded awareness of Medical Student Scholarship Program.
- Made *Canadian Family Physician (CFP)* available to residents and students (particularly on-line).
- Published research articles in CFP exploring the issue of medical students' choices of specialty (and what needs to be done to encourage the choice of Family Medicine).
- Established regular teleconferences, e-mail discussion groups and a bimonthly newsletter to facilitate communication with Chapters, reviewers and providers.
- CLFM collaborated with the Section of Residents and individual residents to identify and promote information sources.
- CLFM established, developed and maintained a database of stories about Canadian family medicine and family physicians, through the CFPC History and Narrative

program.

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