



## EMERGENCY MEDICINE PROGRAM COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 2017

### CPD OPPORTUNITIES

- [FMF 2017](#)  
Montreal, Quebec  
November 8–11, 2017
- [Rural Resuscitation](#)  
Providers of educational  
content for rural hospital-  
based physicians.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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### UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

At FMF 2016 in Vancouver the Emergency Medicine Program Committee organized 13 seminars and lectures with practical emergency medicine (EM) content. A sold-out Top of Scope series was held the Wednesday afternoon prior to the start of the main FMF program. We look forward to a similarly strong showing for FMF 2017 in Montreal next November.



The EM and Addiction Medicine program committees are working together to provide resources for responsible opioid prescribing in the emergency department (ED), take-home naloxone kits, and opioid substitution (buprenorphine/naloxone) in the ED. This includes developing clinical practice guidelines and an interactive two-hour workshop for FMF 2017.



The CFPC Board of Directors requested EM committee input for the Collaborative Working Group on the Future of Emergency Medicine in Canada (CWG-EM) Report, which was released in Quebec City in June 2016. Read the [full CWG-EM report](#), and the [EM committee response](#). Following is a summary of the EM committee response to the report:



The EM committee shares the concerns regarding the current shortage of MDs providing ED care, and the predicted worsening shortfall in the next 10 years. This looming deficit of MDs providing ED care will affect Canadian citizens in both urban and rural communities.

We support the following steps to help mitigate the ED human resource shortage:

1. Curriculum changes for the current two-year family medicine residency programs, which may encourage the readiness of new graduates to include emergency medicine as part of their comprehensive family practice.
2. Expansion of continuing professional development resources for those holding CCFP who wish to include EM care in their current practice, in addition to those who may be interested in obtaining a Certificate of Added Competence in Emergency Medicine through a practice-eligible route.



3. An increase in the number of PGY3 EM training spots in family medicine residency programs.

We are concerned that the voice of non-EM certified physicians who provide emergency care in Canada was poorly represented in this report. The response rate of 9% in this cohort leaves this large portion of ED providers with a relatively small representation in the CWG-EM report. This group of ED physicians provides the majority of emergency department coverage in rural and smaller communities.



In an effort to better represent the voice of ED physicians who practice EM in rural communities, the EM committee is happy to announce that Dr. Deanna Field, from Truro, Nova Scotia, has agreed to join our group.

If you wish to provide any feedback or comments, please [contact us](#). Don't forget to [visit our website](#)!

Sincerely,  
Dr. John Foote  
Chair, Emergency Medicine Program Committee

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