

## Key Topics – March 2018 Section of Residents Council Meeting

Following are topics that were discussed at the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) Section of Residents (SoR) Council meeting held March 2018.

### 1. Joint meeting: Section of Medical Students (SOMS), Section of Residents (SoR) and the First Five Years in Family Practice (FFYFP)

Every two years a joint meeting is held between SOMS, SoR, and the FFYFP in order to strengthen collaboration and mentorship among the groups, provide feedback to College leadership about how the College can offer support, and identify priorities to guide committee work. General highlights from the meeting include the following:

- The importance of cultivating both informal and formal mentorship relationships early in professional development and throughout a career was highlighted
- A series of tools and resources to support skills development in practice management are being gathered, based on requests from residents and early practice physicians
- Other areas of discussion included financial planning, work-life balance, rural/remote practice, research, and member engagement

### 2. Value of membership

- The SoR discussed the value of membership and the importance of developing a branding campaign to ensure that both members and potential members see the value and benefit of membership. In addition to being the home and voice of family medicine, the CFPC is the accrediting body that lends credibility to the profession and supports members in maintaining their competence and licensure. One example of a value-add is the [online self-learning modules](#), which are available to residents for free.

### 3. Updates from Working Groups

- **Guide for Improvement of Family Medicine Training (GIFT) 2017:** Products from this year's project on advanced care planning—a lanyard card and one-pager—will be shared with all family medicine programs this spring. The group has also been collaborating with the Speak Up campaign's National ACP Day, which is set this year for April 16th. This could be a good avenue for collaboration and promotion of the group's work if it is finalized by that time. Please encourage promoting ACP Day at your institutions and direct people to the [website for the campaign's tool kit](#).
- **GIFT 2018:** The group's project will focus on quality improvement (QI) in residency education. The group has reviewed the environmental scan of QI curriculums within family medicine residency programs and has almost completed developing a survey to elicit resident perspectives on QI, with hopes of dissemination in late March to early April.
- **Resident Relations:** The group is focusing on resident engagement from a national perspective, and would like to remind residents to stay connected via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- **Knowledge Translation and Exchange:** The group is developing a process to evaluate the GIFT projects (past/present) and select future GIFT projects.
- **FMF Planning:** The group has submitted abstracts for several sessions, including Transition to Residency and Transition to Practice. Feedback from FMF 2017 is being reviewed to enhance events for 2018.

Please direct questions to your [SoR Council representative](#).