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Dear CFPC members:

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is aware that many of you have expressed concerns about the recently released College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) policy, “Expectations of Physicians Not Certified in Emergency Medicine Intending to include Emergency Medicine as part of their Rural Practice - Changing Scope of Practice Process”. The paper can be found here: www.cpso.on.ca/CPSO/media/documents/Policies/Policy-Items/Expectations-Physicians-Emerg-Med-Rural-Practice.pdf.

We want to assure you that the CFPC and the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) have been in contact with the CPSO about this matter, beginning with our response to a call for consultation on the proposed policy in spring 2017, [which we have attached here for your reference](#). We have also been in touch with the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada to discuss this issue. Further, regardless of any policy or guidance documents, we stand behind the quality of our training programs and we continue to champion the value of a generalist scope of practice and training that includes emergency care.

The CFPC and the OCFP are engaging with the CPSO’s leadership, raising comments many of you have posted on the RuralMed listserv or have sent to us directly. All of us, no matter where we practise, want the very best for our patients.

We will keep you apprised of developments as they unfold. If you have any comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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