

## The Section of Teachers' (SOT) Newsletter

For teachers, preceptors, and educational leaders

Spring 2026

### What is your SOT Council up to?

The new SOT Council began meeting monthly in January 2026 to better keep the work moving forward. Here are some of the projects currently under way. If you have any input for the SOT Council, you can reach us at [education@cfpc.ca](mailto:education@cfpc.ca).



- Promoted teaching at both [ICAM](#) and the [Society of Rural Physicians of Canada](#) conferences, while also leading panel discussions and mentorship sessions with learners
- Prioritizing work to introduce physicians unaffiliated with the universities (such as international medical graduates and internationally trained physicians) to teaching
- Updating and expanding one of our more popular resources: Twelve [Points to Consider when Talking to a Medical Student About a Career in Family Medicine](#). We welcome any suggested updates to this document from our teaching community ([education@cfpc.ca](mailto:education@cfpc.ca))
- Planning teaching activities for [Family Medicine Forum](#), including our annual celebration and awards event, [Together 2026](#)



### CFPC Leadership Update

For the past nine-plus years, Dr. Nancy Fowler has served as Executive Director, Academic Family Medicine at the CFPC, bringing steady leadership, sound judgment, and an unwavering commitment to the CFPC's work.

Please join us in wishing Dr. Fowler a happy retirement and success in all her future endeavours.



We're pleased to announce that Dr. Leonora (Lennie) Lalla has been appointed Executive Director, Excellence and Self-Regulation in Family Medicine, effective March 30, 2026. Dr. Lalla brings extensive experience in family medicine and medical education along with a strong track record of leadership within the CFPC.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Lalla on this appointment.





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### CFP's Teaching Moment



Have you seen our quarterly teaching-focused section in the *Canadian Family Physician* (CFP)? Read the most recent articles from CFP's Teaching Moment section:

- April 2026: [Teaching point-of-care ultrasound in a rural family medicine residency](#)
- January 2026: [Ten tips for supporting clinical teachers' motivation to teach](#)

### FMF 2026 Planning is under way!

Join us in Toronto from November 11th to 14th where we'll have 24 sessions on teaching and faculty development to choose from!



New this year, the SOT Council will host a teaching lunch and learn series over the lunch hour each day.

Our annual celebration of learners, teachers, and researchers will take place in the evening on Thursday, November 12th, and we're looking for any talented members who are interested in performing short (less than five minute) numbers. If you play an instrument, sing, or just like to make people laugh, reach out to us at [education@cfpc.ca](mailto:education@cfpc.ca) to express your interest in performing at [Together 2026](#).

For those who just want to attend, the evening will feature a sit-down dinner and opportunities to cheer on your schools' award winners. Buy your tickets once the [FMF registration page](#) goes live in July!

### Spotlight on the Indigenous Health Community of Practice



The Indigenous Health in Family Medicine Education Community of Practice (CoP) recently hosted a dynamic virtual meeting with more than 40 registered participants.

Featuring Inuvik-based physician educator and ally Dr. Gail Robson, the conversation explored supporting resident integration in rural and remote settings, strengthening community connection, and navigating curriculum challenges grounded in CanMEDS-Family Medicine Indigenous Health Supplement competencies. All are welcome to join the CoP!

Email [education@cfpc.ca](mailto:education@cfpc.ca) to get involved. Our next virtual meeting is planned for September, and we hope to connect in person at FMF.



### Join the SOT Community

You're already a member of the SOT community if you received this newsletter directly, but do you have colleagues or residents who aren't members? Anyone can join and increased membership helps expand our teaching community!

You can update your CFPC member profile to indicate an interest in teaching, or use [this Google form](#) and we can update it for you.