

The Section of Teachers' (SOT) Newsletter

For teachers, preceptors, and educational leaders

Winter 2026

That's a wrap on Family Medicine Forum (FMF) 2025



FMF 2025 took over Winnipeg November 5th to 8th.

The teaching stream featured 23 sessions. There were many academic interest group meetings (including the new Indigenous Health Community of Practice) and the SOT hosted the annual Knowledge Café. SOT also co-hosted Together 2025 with the Section of Researchers, Section of Residents, and the Section of Medical Students.

FMF 2026 will be in Toronto November 11th to 14th with abstracts [due February 6](#). We hope to see you there!

Together 2025: Celebrating Learners, Teachers, and Researchers



Three hundred learners, teachers, and researchers attended Together 2025, the joint Section event that took place at the beautiful Canadian Museum for Human Rights.



A round of applause for our learners!

Thirty-six student and resident scholarships were awarded at the event.

Congratulations to our recipients!



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Destination: Family Medicine—a uOttawa initiative

On December 8th, over 200 high school students attended the University of Ottawa’s [Destination Family Medicine](#), which gave attendees hands-on experience with the full scope of family medicine.

Over 50 family doctors, residents, and medical students volunteered to help teach workshops and inspire the next generation to choose family medicine.

Read or listen to the [CBC article](#) profiling this incredible event.



Introducing your new SOT Council



The SOT Council was renewed in 2025, with new priorities and new Council members. Congratulations to Dr. Seyi Akinola, our new SOT Council Chair, as well as all of our [Council members](#).

We’re excited to get to work on our mandate to strengthen and support the capacity of our family medicine teaching community and we would love your thoughts on prioritizing our work ahead of our first meeting in January. Please use [this survey link](#) to send us your input.



FMF 2026 Call for Abstracts now open

The FMF 2026 call for abstracts opened December 10th, with session and workshop submissions [due February 6th](#).

NEW THIS YEAR! The Educational Innovation Showcase will spotlight forward-thinking educational innovations that address real challenges in family medicine education. Read more in the [FMF 2026 Call for Abstract Instructions](#).

Upcoming



- January 31st: Nominations due for the [Society of Rural Physicians of Canada Awards](#)
 - February 6th: Deadline for [FMF 2026 session and workshop abstract submissions](#)
 - February 9th to 13th: Resident Doctors Appreciation week! Join us in recognizing the contributions of our Family Medicine residents to Canadian health care.
 - March 6th to 8th: [Alberta College of Family Physicians Family Medicine Summit](#), Calgary
 - April 16th to 18th: SRPC’s [Rural and Remote Medicine Conference](#), Québec
 - April 16th to 19th: [Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada’s ICAM](#), Ottawa