

Dear community members,

You are receiving this newsletter as you have indicated that Emergency medicine is an area of practice with which you identify. Thank you very much for your continued support!

### **Collaborative Working Group Survey by CAEP**

Most of you received CAEP's Collaborative Working Group survey last month. The purpose of this survey is to get a snapshot of the current ED physician workforce across Canada and their opinions on the various routes that currently exist for emergency medicine across this country. The survey is also being completed by emergency department directors and emergency medicine residents throughout Canada.

The CWG has collaborated with the CFPC in creation of the survey content. However, some committee members at the CFPC worry that the survey results will yield biased/divisive results. Nevertheless, we would urge our members to complete the survey in order to have our members' opinions adequately represented in the results. If you have not yet been asked to complete this survey, please go to <https://survey.royalcollege.ca/opinio/s?s=5165>.

### **Certificate of Added Competence (CAC) in Emergency Medicine**

Starting in the fall of 2016, candidates who successfully complete the CFPC (EM) examination will be awarded a certificate of added competence (CAC) in emergency medicine instead of the previously named certificate of special competence. Everyone awarded a CAC can use the CCFP (EM) lettering. Everyone who has a CCFP (EM) designation can continue using that lettering, provided they remain members in good standing with the CFPC.

People who currently hold a CCFP (EM) can apply to the CFPC for a CAC for a small administrative fee of \$50. The deadline for this is October 15, 2015. As of July 2015, over 600 physicians with the CCFP (EM) designation have applied and received their CACs (EM). For more information on how to apply and the progress of this initiative, please follow [this link](#).

### **FMF**

There will be an EM networking breakfast followed by a half day of EM sessions scheduled for Saturday, November 14. The topics presented will be: "Approach to the Acutely Agitated Patient in the Emergency Department," "Emergency Medicine – Top 10 Articles to Change Your Practice," "Approach to Common Hand Injuries in the Emergency Room," and "Frequent Emergency Department Patients".

At FMF 2016, the section of CPFM will be expanding its offerings by piloting high-scope sessions. Further details to follow!

### **Useful Clinical Resources**

- [Emergency Medicine Cases](#) – Free, open-access, Canadian-based emergency medicine podcasts and written summaries
- GERI-EM—Free, open access, with six interactive learning modules, each module worth one Mainpro-M1 credit. Designed primarily for physicians working in Emergency Departments who want to provide optimal care to their older patients. The modules on the website include the

following categories: recommended readings, resources for use in the ED, knowledge assessments (pre-tests), knowledge checks (post-tests), teaching material, in-page question and

answers with immediate feedback, videos of simulated patient encounters, and discussion boards.

**Your committee**

If you have any questions about committee initiatives, do not hesitate to send us an email by [clicking here](#).

Sincerely,

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