The 2017 Besrour Forum

The Besrour Forum is a gathering of family medicine champions and stakeholders from Canada and around the world who share, debate, and co-create ideas for advancing family medicine and primary care globally. It is organized by the Besrour Centre, which is a hub of international collaboration dedicated to advancing family medicine as a pathway to health equity. Our vision is to lead the way in creating a world where no one is left behind when it comes to accessing quality primary care. We seek to have a meaningful global impact through advocacy, research and quality improvement, and medical education and training.

The 2017 Besrour Forum is held in conjunction with the Family Medicine Forum (FMF) and is open to all FMF delegates. Registration is available through the FMF website; if you have already registered for FMF, simply revisit http://fmf.cfpc.ca/registration/ and edit your registration to add the Besrour Forum to your activities.

Besrour Forum: Tuesday, November 7, 2017

- **Deans Breakfast**: Deans of medicine from Canada and abroad will meet to identify their most pressing needs related to advancing family medicine in their respective institutions.

- **Research and quality improvement (QI) workshops**: Action-focused workshops will equip global family physicians with the skills they need to engage in research and QI. A half-day QI skills workshop will be delivered by Dr. Joshua Tepper (Health Quality Ontario); a half-day research skills workshop will be delivered by Dr. David Ponka (University of Ottawa) and Dr. Adelson Guaraci-Jantsch (Sociedade Brasileira de Medicina de Familia e Comunidade, Rio de Janeiro). Participants will gain the skills they need to include research and QI in their daily practices and to disseminate these skills to their primary care teams.

- **Poster sessions**: Innovative work in family medicine from all over the globe will be showcased. There will be opportunities to engage in scholarly discussions with poster presenters.

- **Ethics of International Partnerships session**: The Besrour community has developed an ethical framework and tools for the establishment of ethically sound international academic partnerships. Participants will:
  - Understand why partnerships are becoming increasingly essential in our interconnected world
  - Understand the different types of collaborations and ethical considerations when engaging with partners
  - Learn a framework for ethical decision making when establishing and managing partnerships

- **Continuing medical education session**: We will debate and exchange ideas about how best to build and support capacity within health systems internationally for continuing education for generalist physicians. Participants will be able to provide input into the development and refinement of tools that will be used to assess and understand the learning needs and context of ongoing learning of practitioners in different health systems.

- **Besrour Centre session**: Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on the vision and mission of the Besrour Centre and provide input into its path forward.

Besrour activities at FMF

FMF sessions delivered by Besrour community participants run throughout the conference. These include:
• **Wednesday, November 8th, 1:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.** Session W341: Preparedness for Your Practice: A discussion and simulation for family doctors in disasters (Enhanced clinical session)

• **Thursday, November 9th, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Session T511: La médecine de famille peut-elle contribuer a l’aide international du Canada?

• **Thursday, November 9th, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Session T195: Besrour Centre Narratives Working Group: Appreciative inquiry and storytelling for mutual understanding

• **Friday, November 10th, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** Session F463: Ready, Steady, ... Go! Besrour collaboration to develop mutually relevant research and QI-ready practices

• **Friday, November 10th, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Session F513: Canadian Family Medicine Influence on Canada’s International Assistance Policy

• **Friday, November 10th, 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.** Session F462: Come Meet the (Besrour) Family: The joys and challenges of global family life. This session will include participation from external stakeholders such as WONCA and the Government of Canada.

**Walk With the Docs – Advancing Family Medicine Globally, Saturday, November 11, 2017**

• This year the Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine is setting a new course for its annual fundraising walk at FMF by working with the Besrour Centre to support family medicine in Canada and around the globe. Lace up and help make a difference on a global scale. Register today: [https://www.gifttool.com/athon/SignUpMode?ID=1280&AID=3636](https://www.gifttool.com/athon/SignUpMode?ID=1280&AID=3636).

To learn more about the Besrour Centre please visit us at College Square or go to [www.cfpc.ca/The_Besrour_Centre](http://www.cfpc.ca/The_Besrour_Centre).