



## EMERGENCY MEDICINE PROGRAM COMMITTEE – WINTER 2016

### UPCOMING CPD & EVENTS

- **[CAEP 2016](#)**  
Quebec City, QC  
June 4–8, 2016
- **Lady Minto Hospital  
Emergency Rounds: All Day  
EM Sim Workshop**  
Salt Spring Island, BC  
May 14, 2016  
[Contact](#)
- **[FMF 2016](#)**  
Vancouver, BC  
November 9–12, 2016

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr John Foote, ON, Chair

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representative

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representative

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representative

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Representative

### UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

#### Involvement in FMF 2016

Family Medicine Forum (FMF) 2016 will see an increase in emergency medicine (EM)-related content, which will include two half days; one will be geared to top of scope continuing professional development and the other to general family physicians. Session abstracts have been submitted and we are awaiting approval. We will provide updates as they become available!

#### Status of enhanced skills in the overall family medicine mission

The EM Committee has voiced its concerns regarding a recently published editorial by Dr Roger Ladouceur in the December 2015 edition of *Canadian Family Physician*, which implies that enhanced skills training and certification may reduce the number of family physicians offering comprehensive care, including house calls. Read the *CFP* editorial [here](#), and read our response [here](#).

The EM Program Committee feels this editorial ignores the fact that many family physicians with enhanced skills continue to deliver excellent, comprehensive care to a disproportionate number of people from vulnerable populations at unsociable hours. We feel that enhanced skills training is beneficial to both the community and the discipline of family medicine.

#### A Choosing Wisely top 5 list for Canadian emergency physicians and patients

CAEP has created a list highlighting five of the most common wasteful and potentially harmful practices specific to Canadian emergency care. Please review them [here](#).

#### CAEP position statement on the definition of an emergency physician

The Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians has withdrawn their controversial definition of “emergency physician”. We will provide further updates on this in future newsletters and communications.

If you wish to provide any feedback or comments, please [contact us](#). Don’t forget to [visit our website](#)!

Sincerely,

Dr John Foote  
Chair, Emergency Medicine Program Committee