



RESPIRATORY MEDICINE PROGRAM COMMITTEE SUMMER 2016

CME/CPD OPPORTUNITIES

- [Thrombosis Pearls & Perils For Primary Care](#)
November 13, 2016
Vancouver Marriott
Pinnacle Downtown Hotel
Vancouver, BC
- [Lung Health 2017](#)
January 19–21, 2017
Budapest Marriott Hotel
Budapest, Hungary

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr Alan Kaplan, Chair, ON
Dr Tony Ciavarella, BC/AB
Dr Chris Fotti, SK/MB
Dr Suzanne Levitz, QC
Dr John Li, Atlantic
Dr Alison McCallum, Territories

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

The Respiratory Medicine Committee has been busy over the last while, with a number of initiatives completed or in development.

We are excited about our FMF respiratory topics, which include:

- “Doc, I can’t breathe!”
- Top 5 recent papers in respiratory medicine
- One-hour workshop on cough
- eCigarette pro-con debate
- Lung cancer screening (with Cancer Care Committee)
- Smoking cessation tools
- Management of terminal dyspnea (with Palliative Care Committee)
- Spirometry Mainpro+ workshop...

...and don't forget to join our Respiratory Breakfast to meet docs with shared interests from around the country!

In June 2016, Dr Kaplan spoke at the Canadian Pharmacy Society about spirometry in Canada, opportunities in pharmacy practice, and opportunities to leverage the relationship between pharmacists and patients to ensure that patients are informed of the need to have spirometry to ensure accurate respiratory diagnosis. He and Dr Levitz will publish an article about this in their journal, and with the help of pharmacist educator Christine Petrasko, they have drafted a flyer to be given to all patients receiving an inhaler in a pharmacy advocating for spirometric testing.

Our newsletter continues to highlight recent newsworthy respiratory topics, as well as review respiratory literature to highlight things that all practicing clinicians should know about. Editorials are written by members of our Executive.

Dr Kaplan and Dr Li gave a presentation on COPD at the Dalhousie Refresher Day in the spring, which was well received.

We have a new initiative in the planning phase to attempt to help respiratory care in rural and Northern communities, which now includes Dr Alison McCallum who works in Nunavut.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at respiratorymedicine@cfpc.ca if you have any questions!

Sincerely,
Dr Alan Kaplan, Chair, Respiratory Medicine CPFM Program Committee