



ADDICTION MEDICINE PROGRAM COMMITTEE WINTER 2016

CPD OPPORTUNITIES

[Ontario College of Family Physicians \(OCFP\), Medical Mentoring for Addictions and Pain \(MMAP\) network](#)

[Atlantic Mentorship Network for Pain and Addiction](#)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES / MEETINGS

[Two-day Treating Addiction Seminar with the renowned Dr William R. Miller— March 10–11, 2016, Whistler, BC](#)

[The 7th National Biennial Conference on Adolescents and Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder \(FASD\) —](#)

April 6–9, 2016, Vancouver, BC

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings Addiction Medicine Program members!!

In our summer 2015 newsletter we excitedly announced the development of a certificate of added competence (CAC) in Addiction Medicine. Our committee believes that a CAC in Addiction Medicine will provide the opportunity for practising physicians who face a community need or those with an interest in addiction medicine to enhance their skills. The CAC will also offer the opportunity for academic and community physicians involved in resident training to provide enhanced education in addiction medicine for *physicians returning to training from practice and for our future practicing physicians.*

We are now forming a Working Group for the development of the CAC in Addiction Medicine. This group will work with the CFPC leadership over the next 18 to 24 months to develop core competencies. The College is prioritizing a practice-eligible route for certification of family physicians seeking to meet community needs for a physician workforce with enhanced addiction medicine skills. Thank you to those of you who have expressed an interest in either being a part of the CAC Working Group or reviewing the core competencies developed by the Working Group. We will keep you updated in this newsletter about the activities of the CAC Working Group and the subsequent consultations that will occur prior to the final development of the CAC in Addiction Medicine.

FMF 2015 was a huge success! The Addiction Medicine Program offered several interesting presentations including a half day dedicated to a variety of relevant topics. Several talks involved collaboration with other programs and can be found on the FMF website. These talks included:

- Pan-Canadian Models of Care for Pregnant Substance-Using Women: Primary care-based approach
- Concurrent Disorders in Youth



[CMHA Grounding
Trauma—](#)

May 5–6, 2016,
Ottawa, ON

[Canadian Society of
Addiction Medicine
XXVI Annual Meeting
& Scientific
Conference 2016—](#)

October 20–22, 2016,
Montreal, QC

Includes
Fundamentals of
Addiction Medicine, a
full-day primer/review
course

Family Medicine
Forum—
November 9–12,
2016, Vancouver, BC

TOOLS FOR PRACTICE

[Authorizing Dried
Cannabis for Chronic
Pain and Anxiety:
Preliminary guidance,
September 2014,
CFPC](#)

[Alcohol Screening,
Brief Intervention, &
Referral: Helping
patients reduce
alcohol-related risks](#)

- **Reefer Madness From Cradle to Grave: Considering medical marijuana**
We welcome submissions of abstracts for topics related to addiction medicine for FMF 2016; please send your ideas to addictionmedicine@cfpc.ca.

Many of you are familiar with and have read the CFPC document entitled *Authorizing Dried Cannabis for Chronic Pain and Anxiety: Preliminary guidance*, released in September 2014. As many of you are aware, the medical literature and discussions about prescribing of medical marijuana is ever evolving. To maintain up-to-date information, the CFPC is awaiting support from Health Canada to pursue a second edition of this document.

We welcome any feedback or ideas to be addressed at our Committee meetings. Please contact us at addictionmedicine@cfpc.ca.

Thank you. Keep well,

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[Canadian Guideline
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