The November 2008 issue of the CFPC's E-News is here. We hope that you continue to find it an enjoyable way to stay current with topics in family medicine and initiatives from your College.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

What a year it has been...

Dr Ruth Wilson

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at Family Medicine Forum (FMF) 2008 in Toronto later this month, where I will be stepping down as your president. What a year it has been, and what a bright future for our discipline! We have seen an increase in the interest of medical students in family medicine as a career choice, back to the levels of a decade ago. We have seen sustained interest in vibrant family medicine interest groups in our medical schools. When we meet in Toronto at the end of November at FMF 2008, attendance by students, residents, and new grads promises to boost our hopes for the future of family medicine....

Click here to read Dr Wilson's entire message.

Question of the Month, November 2008

The Question of the Month for November 2008 is: Quality Improvement Initiatives in Family Medicine

Quality Improvement (QI) is a theme that has become increasingly popular. In family practice, many of us think of QI as an opportunity to do what we do better than before. For example, we can ensure that our diabetic patients receive care that meets the guidelines, e.g. HbA1Cs. Many family physicians believe they can do a better job at meeting standards and guidelines if they have an electronic medical record (EMR) in place to measure the outcomes of care.

"Quality is a value that is given to the best care possible and usually involves a process of continuous practice improvement with attention to measuring the performance..."
Advisories, Warnings & Recalls.

Last Month's Newsletter

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We welcome your continued feedback on e-

of ALL dimensions of patient-centered care," according to the CFPC's Advisory Committee on Primary Care.

Given this, and that many of you are involved in new models of care... what does QI mean to your practice? Are you involved in a specific QI initiative?

Please take a moment to answer our Question of the Month for November 2008: Click here...

Many thanks for taking the time to answer the question of the month for October 2008.

"Do you believe that it is acceptable to allow the pharmaceutical industry to fund some of the CFPC's Mainpro-accredited educational activities?"

This question elicited a large number of responses and comments.

Here are some of your responses...

WHAT'S NEW AT THE COLLEGE?

FMF 2008 - Happening soon!

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP), and the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers invite you to join us for Family Medicine Forum 2008.

Family Medicine Forum 2008 - Register On-line · Download the registration form & view the full program at www.cfpc.ca/fmf

For updates to program, click here.

Where: Sheraton Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

When: November 27 - 29, 2008

Family Doctors - Key to Quality Health Care for Canadians

CFPC Celebrates 5th Annual Family Doctor Week in Canada, November 24-29, 2008

Mississauga, November 20, 2008 - The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) proudly announces the fifth annual
Family Doctor Week in Canada to acknowledge and celebrate the special role family doctors play as valued providers of high quality, frontline medical care for the people of Canada.

"In addition to celebrating the special relationship between family physicians and their patients, Family Doctor Week in Canada presents an opportunity for government, health care organizations and other professionals to recognize the contributions made by family doctors across the country," said CFPC President, Dr. Ruth Wilson. "Casting a light on the essential role of family physicians heightens the awareness and appreciation for the outstanding care they provide for their patients and communities."

"Canadians with a family doctor view the health system and their access to care much more positively than those without," adds Dr. Calvin Gutkin, Executive Director and CEO of the CFPC. "Family doctors provide the front line of health care, and the special relationships that they have with their patients, healthcare colleagues and communities are highly valued and appreciated. It is an honour for the CFPC to acknowledge the outstanding dedication of family doctors across the country and their commitment to their patients' health and well-being."

The CFPC will present the Reg L. Perkin Awards to ten outstanding family doctors - one from each province - for providing exceptional care to their patients, making meaningful contributions to the health and well-being of their communities, and dedicating themselves as researchers and educators of future generations of family doctors.

For more information about the FPOY program and awards: fpoy.cfpc.ca

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Plan to Participate, Plan to Pledge:

Help us promote Family Medicine at the 3rd Annual Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow!

The date for this year's Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow is Saturday, November 29th, 2007 from 7:00 am - 8:00 am at Family Medicine Forum 2008 in Toronto. This walk and run is organized by the CFPC’s Research and Education Foundation (REF), and proceeds go towards supporting the CFPC Medical Student Scholarship Program. Everyone is
invited to participate in the walk by walking, running, or just gathering pledges. For more information please visit us at http://www.cfpc.ca.

Notice to all members

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) will hold its Annual General Meeting and Annual Members' Forum on Saturday, November 29, 2008, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto, Ontario, in the Dominion Ballroom north. Boxed lunches will be available.

The Annual General Meeting will take place from 12:00 to 12:30 pm. Business conducted at this meeting will include election of officers and directors, approval of the audited financial report and appointment of the auditor, and announcement of changes to the CFPC's bylaws. Changes to the bylaws that will be presented at this meeting can be found on the CFPC website.

All registrants are invited to join College members for the Annual Members' Forum from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. The main topic to be discussed at this year's Forum will be the College's new Section of Family Physicians with Special Interests or Focused Practices. The Forum will also be open for discussion of other topics of interest to attendees.

CONVOCATION

Convocation and the President's Installation will take place Saturday evening, November 29th, from 7:00 PM to 9:15 PM in the Grand Ballroom on the Lower Concourse of the Sheraton Centre. In addition to honouring our new Fellows and Life Members, the Convocation Ceremony will also recognize new Certificants and recipients of the College's major awards. Convocation will conclude with final remarks from our outgoing President, Dr. Ruth Wilson, of Kingston, Ontario, and the installation of our new President, Dr. Sarah Kredentser, of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Family members of those being honoured are welcomed to attend this auspicious occasion! Following Convocation, please join your family, friends, and colleagues at the Hilton Hotel for our annual FMF Celebration - a great way to wrap up this year's FMF, and to have some fun before you go.

To learn more, click here...
Click here to view the list of honorees:

The 2008 Honours and Awards Recipients will be celebrated during Family Medicine Forum (FMF) 2008 in Toronto, November 27-29. Drop by the new CFPC REF Showcase of Honorees to view the profiles of outstanding family physicians, family medicine residents and medical students!

Practice Resources

**Well Beings: A Guide to Health in Child Care.**

The Canadian Paediatric Society has launched a new edition of Well Beings: A Guide to Health in Child Care. Well Beings is described by the Canadian Pediatric Society as "the definitive guide to child care in Canada". First published in 1992, the new third edition has been updated with the latest information, evidence and best practices in child care. Packed with useful forms, checklists, tools and resources, this guide also has visual clues to alert readers to key points.

To learn more - click here:

To order, visit this link.

An online companion to the book, featuring printable handouts, links to additional resources, and information for sharing with families, is available on the Caring for Kids website at www.caringforkids.cps.ca.

Have you checked out the CFPC's Clinical Practice Guidelines web page recently?

To access the College's CPG database, click here...

**Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

**Volume 86, Number 11, November 2008**

WHO 60th anniversary commemorative volume

Special theme issue: Health financing; Primary health care; Formula funding; Health promotion; Barriers to reform; Solidarity gains; Ready for change; Priority health care; Devolution for health; Big steps; Public-private divide; Fragmented systems; Out-of-pocket payments; Roundtable discussion; Public health classic; User fees, Taxes and aid; risks of receiving aid; Universal coverage; Debt relief and health.

To learn more, click here...
Innovative! Original! Ground-breaking! Defining!

These are just a few words that describe the most significant contributions of family medicine researchers who will be honoured at this year's Section of Researcher's dinner, being held on Thursday, November 27th during FMF 2008.

To learn more, click here...

Canadian Family Physician
November 2008...

In this issue of Canadian Family Physician you'll find articles regarding hypertension, asymptomatic intracranial aneurysm, folic acid, atypical diabetes, ingrown toenails, literature search strategies, delivery of preventive care, fibromyalgia culture, complementary and alternative medicine, battlefield brain, Lister's antiseptic technique, addressing health inequities and prejudice in medicine, as well as the President's Message and Vital Signs.

Click here to read the November issue...

Toolkit - Influenza Immunization

In an effort to support healthcare providers in providing the best care to their patients, the Centre for Effective Practice, in partnership with the Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario, Ontario Pharmacists' Association and Ontario College of Family Physicians have prepared a toolkit of materials regarding influenza immunization. By now, all nurse practitioners, pharmacists and family physicians in Ontario should have received a copy of the toolkit via the Centre's provincial primary care provider mailing. You may also access the toolkit from anywhere in Canada online here.

CHAPTER NEWS

Alberta: Changes to CPD/CME Requirements for Alberta
Physicians

The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) regulates the practice of medicine in Alberta, and is responsible for licensing physicians to practise in Alberta. The CPSA has announced that by December 2009, satisfactory evidence of participation in continuous professional development (CPD) will be a requirement for licensure in Alberta.

This means that all Alberta physicians are required to participate in either the Mainpro program of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) or the MOC program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).

Please note, Mainpro, and the CFPC's online Mainpro Reporting platform, is there to facilitate the recording of CPD activities and keep track of your CPD portfolio. CFPC members benefit from the assistance of dedicated staff to answer their questions regarding Mainpro. We welcome feedback from members as to how we can keep Mainpro relevant to you.

To learn more, click here...

Quebec: La marche au ralenti : les mythes et la réalité (Idling : Myths and Facts)

Your Health and The Environment - Winter 2008 : Idling: Myths and Facts, idling, winter smog and cleaning products. To learn more, click here, or here (in French).

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