PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

College members are working hard on our behalf…
Dr Ruth Wilson

College members have been hard at work on behalf of all of us at chapter and committee meetings. I’ve been able to attend a few such meetings recently.

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) are working together to address the difficulties and challenges that both groups face in working collaboratively to ensure quality of care...

Click here to read Dr Wilson's entire message.

Question of the Month, March 2008

As family physicians, we are often asked to complete forms or write letters on behalf of our patients.

Our public health system does not cover the cost of these services. Nor are they compensated by third parties.

What is your approach to these situations?

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

Thanks for responding to the Question of the Month for February 2008. We received a tremendous number of replies to this question and an unprecedented number of comments. Many thanks!

"When do you use your CFPC special designation (MCFP, CCFP, or FCFP)?"

These were your responses...
WHAT'S NEW AT THE COLLEGE?

Check it out -
Public release of 2007 National Physician Survey results - March 18 2008

The public release of the provincial/territorial 2007 National Physician Survey results occurred on March 18 2008. Check out the media coverage of these results and visit www.nationalphysicianssurvey.ca for the media release, summary report of highlights, and results for every survey question for every province/territory.

Student and resident results will be publicly released April 28th, 2008.

The results from the 2007 survey for individual specialties will be released later this spring.

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Receive a 25% discount on Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins texts!

Choose from over 40 Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins titles that have been selected by the CFPC as of interest to members.

Receive a 25% discount when you order online from the CFPC store at: http://www.lww.com/CFPC

Time to think about Family Medicine Forum (FMF) 2008...

The College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Ontario College of Family Physicians invite you to attend Family Medicine Forum 2008, from November 27th to 29th at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Family Medicine Forum is the largest educational event for family physicians in Canada and will provide opportunities for family physicians from across Canada and around the world to present and discuss tools and best practices in teaching, research and clinical practice.

Visit our website at www.cfpc.ca/fmf for further information about Family Medicine Forum, including:

A summary of Health Status/Behaviour Data of Canadian Health Professionals collected at the 2007 FMF Health Fair
The **Call for General Posters** is now OPEN  
(Deadline for submissions is April 2nd 2008)

The **Call for Research Posters and Papers** is now OPEN  
(Deadline for submissions is April 2nd 2008)

The **Call for Satellite Symposia** is now OPEN

We look forward to seeing you in Toronto!

**Call for NOMINATIONS:**

**The CFPC offers opportunities to recognize and celebrate the achievements of family physicians.**

We invite you to consider submitting nominations for some of the CFPC’s special honours and awards.

The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2008.

**Early Career Development Awards**

Recognize the efforts of new family physician leaders of tomorrow for their efforts today. Nominate a family physician member who has been in active practice for five years or less.

Two awards will be offered at a value up to $4,000 each. The deadline is April 1, 2008

**Mimi Divinsky Awards for History and Narrative in Family Medicine**

Submit your narrative account of experiences in family medicine. Three awards will be offered: one award for an English story, one for a French story, and one for a story from a family medicine resident. The deadline to submit is May 1, 2008

**Geeta Gupta Equity and Diversity Award**

This award recognizes the achievements of a family physician (or group) devoted to caring for minority or under-serviced populations. The deadline to nominate is April 1, 2008

Click [here](#) to view the complete Honours and Awards Program

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**Canadian Family Physician**

March 2008...

**In this issue of Canadian Family Physician** you’ll find a debate/rebuttal on HPV vaccination, as well as articles on a
broad range of clinical, practice and research issues. Topics include: drug adherence, herpes zoster, hereditary angioedema and pregnancy, practice tips (hypertension), treating frostbite, and same day booking.

PRACTICE RESOURCES

Check out the March issue of the Section of Researchers Kaléidoscope E-News

Click here to read the latest issue:

NEW: "Inside information" from the CFPC library service

WiserWiki allows physicians to collaborate and update medical information online and is viewable by everyone. The original content is from Noble's 'Textbook of Primary Care Medicine'.

Search the full text of more issues of Canadian Family Physician in PubMedCentral. The digitizing project is ongoing. 1983 to 2007 is the current range, with issues back to 1967 planned.

PubMed now links to patient education drug information from MedMaster™; a publication of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)

For more information contact the CFPC library service

Revalidation takes shape in Alberta

"By the end of 2009, all Alberta physicians must demonstrate satisfactory participation in either the MAINPRO or MOC programs in order to maintain their licence"

Revalidation is a quality assurance process in which physicians are required to provide evidence of commitment to continued competence in their practice.

Last year, the Council of the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta appointed a working group to make recommendations for a revalidation process in Alberta.

Regarding CME, Alberta physicians' commitment to lifelong learning will be measured and demonstrated through their successful participation in either the MAINPRO program of the College of Family Physicians of Canada or the MOC program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
The MAINPRO and MOC programs are available to any registered physician for an annual fee; certification or national membership is not necessary for participation.

By the end of 2009, all Alberta physicians must demonstrate satisfactory participation in either the MAINPRO or MOC programs in order to maintain their licence.

To learn more, click here...

PRACTICE TIP - 8 Minute Organizing Tips

If you think you're spending too much time decluttering, you can make a significant dent in all those organizing projects in eight minutes or less. Here's how:

- **Trim down eight file folders.** Spend one minute per folder recycling papers that you no longer need.
- **Batch greetings.** Keep a collection of birthday cards on hand. In eight minutes, you can write out greetings for the coming month. Address them, stamp them and send them out.
- **Pay a few bills.** Instead of spending a hour coding and approving a month's worth of bills, put aside eight minutes to handle bills that arrived this week.
- **Organize a drawer.** Set a timer for eight minutes, grab a shredder and a garbage bag, and throw out anything that you no longer need.
- **Delete some mail.** Spend eight minutes purging unwanted messages from your inbox.

With thanks to: [http://getorganizednow.com](http://getorganizednow.com)

NAPCRG 2008 Annual Meeting - Call for papers

You are invited to submit your proposal for an Oral Presentation, Poster, Workshop or Forum at the 2008 NAPCRG Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico, November 15 - 19th.

You'll find details on the submission process available online at [http://www.napcrg.org](http://www.napcrg.org), including a "Call for Papers" that you can download to print or share with your colleagues.

Institute for Healthcare Communication Canada

Effective clinician-patient communication underlies successful medical care. Research has demonstrated that increasing communication skills improves diagnostic accuracy, increases the likelihood of adherence to therapeutic regimens, increases patient and clinician satisfaction, and reduces
likelihood of exposure to malpractice litigation.

On April 23rd, 2008, the Institute for Healthcare Communication - Canada has scheduled an OPEN ENROLMENT WORKSHOP, entitled "Clinician-Patient Communication to Enhance Health Outcomes", to be held in the Toronto area. This is a full-day, interactive program designed to provide participants with opportunities to practice skills and techniques. The program introduces a conceptual model that makes the utilization of communication skills within the normal practice setting both effective and possible.

Visit [www.ihcc.ca](http://www.ihcc.ca) for more information, or for details and registration, [download this PDF](#)...
Ontario: Emergency Medicine Primer for Family Physicians

Click here for more information on this continuing professional development program...
http://www.ocfp.on.ca/English/OCFP/EMPrimer07/default.asp?s=1

Nova Scotia College of Family Physicians - New website

Click here to check out the new website...
http://www.nsfamdocs.com/index.asp

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Registration forms and program will be available in January 2008 at www.mcfp.mb.ca
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