

The College of Family Physicians of Canada Update for The Manitoba College of Family Physicians

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More information is available on our website (www.cfpc.ca).

I. Health Policy

Access to care and the Patient's Medical Home (PMH): Please refer to the CFPC's [website](#) and the document "[A Vision for Canada – Family Practice: The Patient's Medical Home](#)".

- A PMH self-assessment workbook is nearly ready to launch. This is a survey to be completed by family practices as a reflective exercise. It will help indicate where practices are already PMH-like and delineate opportunities for improvement.
- Several PMH resources exist including a short video, best practice guides.
- National and its provincial Chapters are meeting with governments and other stakeholders to encourage adoption of this model of providing care.
- We look forward to participating in the April 9th PMH Symposium in Manitoba.



II. Government Relations

- In November 2013 our [CFPC Report Card](#) was launched. This report card examines five main areas where federal government has a role in making or keeping our health care system the very best possible to serve the needs of Canadians through all stages of life. We use "spotlights" to grade the government's performance. Leading up to the launch, we (President and Executive Director/CEO and Government Relations Senior Staff) met with members of the federal government to discuss the role of federal government in health care. The meetings were productive and well-received as attendees stressed the necessity for dialogue and collaboration. We met with Dr. Hedy Fry and Dr. Carolyn Bennett of the Liberal Party, Mr. Dany Morin of the NDP, Ms. Elizabeth May, the leader of the Green party, Ms. Julie Vaux, Chief of Staff for the Minister of Health and Gavin Brown, Director, Health Care System Division, Health Canada.
- CFPC continues to be involved in dialogue about the **Interim Federal Health Program**, and has a **position on [medical marijuana](#)**.

III. Education

Triple C Competency-based Curriculum: Comprehensive Care, Continuing Care, and Centred in Family Medicine.



- Implemented by all 17 Departments of Family Medicine, this new curriculum is receiving national and international acknowledgement. Detailed information is available at http://www.cfpc.ca/Triple_C/ including a toolkit with a video about the curriculum, presentations, promotional materials, reports. '[Triple C Report Part 2 – Advancing Implementation](#)' is now available.
- **Focus on Rural competencies and Generalism:** The CFPC and the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC) will be collaborating to determine the core competencies for rural family practice, identify gaps that may currently exist and remedy the situation if necessary. The lens of generalism may be helpful in considering this. We will update as this evolves.

IV. Family Physicians with Special Interests or Focused Practices (SIFP)

- [18 Board-approved SIFP Program Committees](#) – list and mandates available. Pilot processes underway:
 - (i) to review the competencies that should be included within the core family medicine residency training curriculum. Two pilot areas: Maternity and Newborn Care and Mental Health.
 - (ii) to determine competencies of family physicians with enhanced skills in the following areas: Emergency Medicine; Palliative Medicine; Care of the Elderly; FP Anesthesia, and Sports and Exercise Medicine. This will help guide the establishment of criteria for the awarding of Certificates of Added Competence and Special Designations.
- Program Committee members are also involved in CPD planning, creating a community of practice. In particular, they provide important feedback in advocacy and health policy areas.
- Going forward, we intend to be more deliberate about positioning the acquisition of enhanced skills based on meeting community needs.

V. Continuing Professional Development

- In November 2013 the Board of Directors approved a new Maintenance of Proficiency (Mainpro) system. Its objectives will be to better capture all professional development activities, to make our system of educational credits a better mirror of the learning required to maintain competence in all important family physician roles, and to facilitate reflection regarding the impact of those activities on their practice. Members will receive communications about the changes throughout 2014 and the new Mainpro system will come into effect in 2015.

VI. Examinations and Certification

- **“Harmonized” Certification Examination in Family Medicine.** When meeting all other requirements of the CFPC and Medical Council of Canada, as of May 2013, candidates who challenge and pass this exam will be granted Certification in Family Medicine from the CFPC (CCFP) and the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC II).
- **Alternative Route (non exam) to Certification (ARC)** available for experienced practicing family physicians wanting to try to achieve their Certification in Family Medicine.

VII. Other Initiatives

- **Global Health:**
 - The second Sadok Besroure Centre for Innovation in Global Health International Strategic Consultation was held during FMEF and FMF 2013 in Vancouver.
 - It has become clear that we will need to better reflect Global Health work in our operational plans and to develop a business model to support such activities. Further discussions are underway with senior staff, and a proposal to be discussed with the Board will follow.
- **Relationship with the Pharmaceutical Industry:** A report and recommendations from the Task Force was approved by the Board of Directors in November 2013. The recommendations are based on an approach of clear and conscientious management of relationships with healthcare/pharmaceutical industry, abiding by the principles of trust, transparency, independence, accountability and fairness. An implementation plan related to the governance and management of the CFPC (i.e. the national college and its chapters), the events that the CFPC organizes and accredits, and decisions made by the CFPC regarding its support for the activities of parties external to our College will be developed.
- **The Research and Education Foundation** of the CFPC is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The awards and initiatives it funds support CFPC members throughout the course of their careers. In the past five years, revenue has increased from \$600K to over \$1M by the end of 2012. Since its inception, the REF has raised more than \$10M. With the support of corporate and foundation partners, members and staff, it will continue to prosper, achieving its mission – supporting family medicine for a healthy Canada.
- **Family Medicine Forum:** FMF 2014 will be in Quebec City November 13th to 15th, 2014 – mark your calendars, as we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the CFPC and the 20th anniversary of the Research and Education Foundation (REF).



Conclusion

The CFPC Executive and Board wish to extend our thanks to Dr. Paul Sawchuk, President, Dr. Tamara Buchel, Executive Director, Ms. Amanda Wellnitz, Administrator, and the entire MCFP Executive, Board and staff for your outstanding work on behalf of Manitoba family physicians, and your contribution to the efforts and activities of our College. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Susan Fair in her new role as President.

Respectfully submitted,

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