

AGM 2015

Report of the NBCFP Education Committee

- Review of ongoing development program certification applications in New Brunswick

The review of programs is a vigorous program that provides lectures and continuous quality development workshops to New Brunswick family physicians. Any individual or organization can certify its education program provided that a quorum family physician member has actively participated in its development and that the content meets the needs of family physicians. Each year we receive about one hundred applications for certification. Four editors share the task of evaluating the programs across the province and on behalf of the members of the NBCFP I thank them for their work.

- ASA 2014

Our 2014 Annual Scientific Assembly was held in Tracadie on April 4, 5 and 6. The program included a post-conference for family physicians with a special interest in obstetric care. The CASTED – Family Practice course was also given as post conference. The ASA gave way in 2015 to the FMC.

- FMC 2015

In order to follow the evolution of the needs for continuing professional development, the NBCFP has renamed its ASA which now becomes « Family Medicine Conference » or FMC. As always, the goal of the conference is to provide plenaries, workshops and discussions that are likely to improve the practice. Continuing the trend of recent years, the education committee works to promote the education of family physicians by family physicians or other health professionals who are likely to collaborate with them in patient-centered practices. In response to the suggestions of members, the committee now invites provincial and national programs that have already proven themselves to family doctors. In 2015, “Tools for Practice” and “Exercise is Medicine” are two examples of such programs. The conference schedule has been redesigned to meet the demand of the members to have the opportunity to enroll for one day only. In 2015 the NBCFP as well as medicine faculties collaborated to offer a pre-conference for teaching family physicians. The FMC will also take place in June instead of April in order to accommodate family medicine residents who were in a preparatory exam period at previous ASAs. Moreover, in 2015, a post conference is dedicated especially to the students and residents. As always, the conference will be fully bilingual, benefiting from simultaneous translation as well as the translation of visual elements. Finally, the FMC of the NBCFP even has its own logo.

- Provincial Tour

The provincial tour ended in May 2014. The turnout was lower than what had been expected and some meetings were even cancelled due to lack of participation but the presentations were still appreciated. These presentations are available on the NBCFPs website.

- Grant for Continuing Professional Development

This new NBCFP initiative wants to support family physicians who wish to develop a CPD program or who themselves need training in particular area to serve their community. The grant is currently of \$250.

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- Mainpro +

The launch of Mainpro+ has been delayed (it was scheduled for July 1st 2015) but it is almost here. Details of the certification process reform and its significance for members are available on the CFPC web site. A presentation will also be held for members during the 2015 FMC. Remember that the M1, M2 and MC categories will disappear in order to make way for certified and non certified operations including individual and group learning activities as well as evaluation activities. The national committee as well as the staff of the continuing development department of the CFPC has put much effort into the development of this new platform that will be more intuitive and accessible to members.

- Atlantic Education for Mainpro+ Continuing Professional Development

Dr. Scott MacDonald of Nova Scotia is the Atlantic Regional Educator. He is the contact person for any questions regarding Mainpro+.

- National Grants for Continuing Professional Development for physicians

Several grants are available to members for their continuing professional development requirements including the Janus grant, Hollister King (for physicians in rural practices), C. Robert Kemp (palliative care) and Norlien (addictions treatment). Each year the national committee does the reviewing of these grant applications.



- Additional competence certificates in family medicine and continuing professional development requirements.

The committee has examined the requirements that will be required for future family physicians what will have a special designation of one or more additional skills in order to main that power. 125 credits must be acquired in the area of additional competence, of which 75 will need to be certified.

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