

**** KEY TOPICS SPRING 2017 SECTION OF RESIDENTS (SoR) COUNCIL MEETING ****

1. SoR Council Election Process

Guidelines have been developed to provide a national, fair process for election to SoR Council. However, regional differences depending on circumstances unique to each program will influence practical application of the document, which will be circulated in June 2017.

2. Terms of Reference

Official Terms of Reference describing the SoR, its purpose, and responsibilities have been developed in order to provide information to FM residents across Canada, and to delineate its role within the CFPC. These will be posted online shortly.

3. Guide to Improvement of Family Medicine Training (GIFT) 2017

The theme for 2017 is Advanced Care Planning conversations and providing a practical document for residents to use, including a lanyard piece as a “cheat sheet” to starting a conversation. GIFT 2016 on periodic reviews will be available at the end of April.

4. Advancing Rural Family Medicine

Based on the [Rural Road Map](#) developed by CFPC & SRPC, the SoR would like to focus on the following priority topics: developing mentorship relationships and promoting a national locum license.

5. National locum licensure survey

The SoR has developed a survey to obtain residents’ opinions about advocating for a national locum license, working in association with RDoC. The survey will be emailed out to residents by their corresponding SoR representative.

6. Advocacy Policy

A process has been developed through which SoR Council can vet issues that have been put forward for advocacy and support at the national level. The process was tested with two cases and will be put forward for CFPC Board approval.

7. Sub-Committee Reports: Action Items

- Advisory Committee on Family Practice – residents are encouraged to promote the [“More is Not Always Better” videos](#) for patient education.
- Board of Examiners – there is no statistical difference on taking exam on one day vs the other and further details can be found in the FAQ [available here](#).
- Prison Health Community of Practice – will be promoting educational information through the residents Facebook group
- Family Medicine Forum – a SoR booth will feature GIFT documents, highlights of sessions for students/residents, and more information about SoR membership
- First Five Years in Family Practice – residents are asked to consider attending sessions during FMF.
- [North American Primary Care Research Group](#) (NAPCRG) – conference in Montreal Nov 17-21. Call for abstract deadlines April 17 & residents whose research is currently a “work in progress” can submit their abstract May 15 - July 20. Travel and Trainee awards [available here](#).

- Practice Management – developing proposal to strengthen practice management learning opportunities for residents and early practice physicians.
- [Section of Researchers](#) – very interested in having residents join their group (no charge) & want to solicit resident ideas for research sessions.
- Working Group on Certification Process - will be having a FMF session on periodic reviews & would like residents to be present on the panel. More information will become available closer to event.
- Patient Education - deadline for [grants application](#) is June 20, 2017 (theme: projects focused on Choosing Wisely Campaign).
- [Patient's Medical Home](#) - scholarships are available, and they will be having a free conference that residents can attend in Quebec (will be in French only).

8. Medical Council of Canada (MCC): LMCC Part II

Some residents encountered challenges signing up for the LMCC Part II Exam during their last year of residency. MCC is working with CPFC to strengthen communication around deadlines and process for next year.

9. Resident Doctors of Canada (RDoC)

RDoC is calling for volunteers to apply to become board members, committee members and liaison representatives. Applications open April 20, 2017. More information can be obtained from the [RDoC website](#).

10. WONCA Polaris

A sub-section of WONCA that specifically provides resources and assistance to residents. They are working on setting up exchange programs for residents for electives (FM 360). Further information is [available here](#).

11. Accreditation Standards

CFPC is reworking the Red Book, which sets out the standards for family medicine programs across Canada. There will be an emphasized focus on quality improvement and outcome-based objectives. Residents are invited to join working groups that will meet via teleconference in April and May to help shape the standards. Those interested should [follow this link](#).

12. CFPC: Besroun Centre

A hub of international collaboration advancing family medicine and has recently started a resident chapter, with the goal of integrating residents into existing work being done. Will be present at FMF 2017 to provide more information. If you are interested in joining the chapter, contact molly.whalenbrowne@ucalgary.ca

Further questions or concerns should be directed to your SoR Council representative, which can be found on the [SoR website](#).