

Key Topics – Fall 2017

Section of Residents Council Meeting

Following are topics to be discussed at the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) Section of Residents (SoR) Council meeting this fall.

1. SoR responsibilities

Re-emphasizing the purpose of the SoR, and establishing it as a solid basis for the work the SoR plans to complete going forward:

- Advising and engaging with the CFPC
- Advocating for family medicine residents at a national level
- Identifying family medicine resident issues and challenges

2. Structural changes within the SoR

a) Executive Council changes

A new Executive Council is being piloted to allow for better clarification of roles and responsibilities. The new titles are Chair, Vice-chair, Executive Lead External, Executive Lead Internal. The term of office for each elected position is two years, and individuals are elected to their positions in their first year of residency.

b) Working groups

A new working group model to replace the previous Communication and Education subcommittees structure is being piloted. The working groups are focused around key concepts and projects that reflect the SoR's goals:

- Resident Relations
- Knowledge Translation and Exchange
- Family Medical Forum
- Guide to Improvement of Family Medicine Training (GIFT) 2017
- GIFT 2018

c) CFPC committees

Each year the SoR is asked to identify residents who will provide their perspectives to various CFPC committees. These have been organized into three categories to reflect how the SoR will fill the representative positions. All representatives will report to the SoR with committee updates.

| Positions for SoR Executive Council members | Positions for SoR Council members | Positions for SoR general members |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Examiners • Certification Process and Assessment Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Committee on Family Practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities of Practice in Family Medicine (various) • Ethics Committee |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Medicine Specialty Committee • Finance and Audit Committee • Post Graduate Education Committee • Residency Accreditation Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Canadian Family Physician</i> Editorial Advisory Board • Communities of Practice in Family Medicine Council • Family Medicine Forum Committee • First Five Years of Practice • North American Primary Research Group Board • Patients Medical Home Steering Committee • Section of Medical Students • Section of Teachers Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Advisory Committee • Murray Stalker Award Committee • Patient Education • Practice Management • Section of Researchers Council • Self-Learning • Social Accountability Working Group |

3. Process within the SoR

Multiple structural changes are being piloted and processes will be reviewed, including the Executive Council’s decision-making authority relative to the rest of the Council and general members. This will take place over the current year, with the goal of updating the Terms of Reference in September 2018 to accurately reflect the new structural changes.

4. Updates from the CFPC

a) CanMEDS-FM

CanMEDS-FM 2017 will be released by the end of 2017. Together with the Family Medicine Professional Profile, it forms an overall picture of the roles, responsibilities, and competencies of Canadian family physicians. Key changes and new elements include an emphasis on generalism and community-adaptive competence, as well as cultural safety, patient safety, and continuous quality improvement. The Manager Role is replaced by the Leader Role. For postgraduate residency training, CanMEDS-FM guides curriculum and assessment, including Enhanced Skills.

b) Family Medicine Professional Profile

The Family Medicine Professional Profile was developed in response to a strategic directive to define and promote comprehensiveness and continuity for the discipline. The Profile is to be understood in conjunction with CanMEDS-FM and communicates the collective capabilities, commitments, and community-adaptive abilities of family physicians. The Profile will aim to guide scope of training in education including a cohesive rationale for enhanced skills training and CACs, market and promote family medicine to undergraduate students, and inform conversations with health authorities and government regarding the role and value of family physicians.

c) Certificates of Added Competency

Two new CACs were approved by the College in 2016, Enhanced Surgical Skills and Addictions Medicine, and implementing assessment of competency and awarding CACs in these two new areas is well under way. There is some interest in establishment of new CACs but before committing to further CAC development, the CFPC will take the opportunity to analyze the impact of CACs on the College, its members and on related jurisdictions. This process is now being initiated and will take up to two years.

d) National Standards (Red Book) and CanRAC

The Canadian Residency Accreditation Consortium (CanRAC) is the result of the partnership between the CFPC, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and the Collège des médecins du Québec regarding residency accreditation. Testing the updated, national General Standards of Accreditation for residency programs through CanRAC has begun, with a multi-year implementation plan already created. Previously, programs were accredited every six years, but that cycle will change to every eight years. A new initiative is to have an electronic accreditation management system implemented to allow continuous contact throughout the accreditation cycle.

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