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NSCFP Letter to the Department of Finance

13 September, 2017

Dear Ms. Casey,

This letter is in support our Canadian Medical Association colleagues on the matter of small business taxes that will affect group medical structures.

We thank you for taking the time to respond to our correspondence. However, we must again raise this issue with you, as we believe there are two important unintended consequences that the federal government should consider.

The first is that this disproportionately affects physicians who are small business owners or managers remunerated under a variety of compensation models determined by their provincial or territorial governments. The result is that the federal government, though not intending to do so, is creating incentives and disincentives for particular compensation models. The

ramifications are unknown but we strongly urge you to study all potential consequences of this action.

The second is that it is possible that some medical practices will close. There is also the potential that some practices will simply not open. We appreciate that this latter point is impossible to



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Video - Family Doctor Week in Canada



And the dedicated individuals who work to safeguard this treasure ...



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NSCFP Letter to the Honourable Stephen McNeil

On October 28th, the NSCFP wrote a letter to Nova Scotia's Premier on the subjects of Family Doctor Week in Canada, as well as this year's NSCFP award recipients.

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measure, but we are drawing your attention to the possibilities of disincentives to open and operate a practice. The consequence of this would be felt most acutely in resource-constrained communities, and could negatively affect access to care.

While the aim of the small business tax may be fair when broadly applied and we understand that it is aligned with this government's political objectives, we urge you to remove physicians from consideration. As outlined above, the CFPC warns that the unintended consequences could be significant and may affect patient access and create a level of confusion and disorder with respect to compensation models.

We would be pleased to discuss this with you further at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter Brennan, President
Cathie W. Carroll, Executive Director

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NSCFP Strategic Plan



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2017 - 2020

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The Medical Post @MedicalPost · Oct 11

.@NSCFP (Nova Scotia FPs' college) say they "strongly support" @Doctors_NS legal action against gov't in contract dispute

11 October, 2017

Re: DoctorsNS Board of Directors Serving Notices of Intended Action

The Nova Scotia College of Family Physicians with over 1,300 members is a provincial chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada which has over 36,000 members. Our mandate neither entails negotiating fees and contracts on behalf of our members nor are we the regulatory licensing body. However, as the voice of family medicine, we advocate on behalf of our family physician members so they are able to focus on what they do best: deliver the best possible care to their patients.



Influenza Vaccination Program Memo - Dr. Robert Strang

Q & A: Publicly Funded Seasonal Vaccine Information

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When you don't know
where to turn.

Help Launch Choosing Wisely Nova Scotia on Nov. 30

Choosing Wisely supports healthcare providers and patients in talking openly about unnecessary tests and treatments to make the best choices for high-quality patient care. Join the lead organizations - Doctors Nova Scotia and Dalhousie Medical School - as they start the conversation.



Date: Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017
Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Location: Room 100, World Trade & Convention Centre, 1800 Argyle Street, Halifax
Event Link:

<https://choosingwiselynslaunch.eventbrite.ca/>
RSVP: cwns@dal.ca by Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017

Healthcare consultant and commentator Mary Jane Hampton will moderate a public panel discussion with the doctors leading Choosing Wisely in Nova Scotia, a family physician and a patient representative.

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The DoctorsNS (DNS) Board of Directors has served Notices of Intended Action to resolve two long-standing contractual issues: government's use of unapproved contracts for Alternative Payment Plan (APP) physicians, and monies owed to DNS for the physicians' health and dental plan and other benefits. We strongly support our DNS colleagues as they pursue this course of action.

In addition to an aging physician workforce, a recent survey conducted of our physicians revealed a high level of burnout from overwork. Add this to the problem of over 100,000 Nova Scotians without a family physician and our concerns are made clear.

At a time when Nova Scotia struggles to retain and recruit physicians it is important to foster a positive environment, and this includes working together to focus on system issues.

We can take the first steps towards resolution by ensuring physicians are treated with respect and fairness, and that we build the foundation for a trusting relationship.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter Brennan, CCFP Cathie W. Carroll
NSCFP President NSCFP Executive Director

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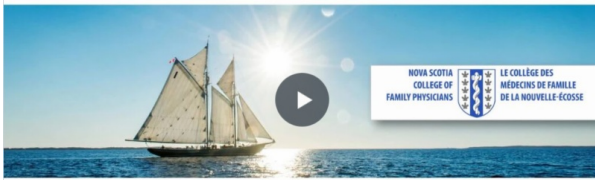
Suggested Mainpro+ Application Deadlines for Program Approvals



In anticipation of increased application volume prior to the launch of the [National Standard for Support of Accredited CPD Activities in January 2018](#), we strongly recommend that applications for review by the CFPC national office or a CFPC chapter office be submitted no later than **November 13, 2017** to ensure the best chance of program approval prior to December 31, 2017. Submission by this suggested deadline does not guarantee program approval by December 31, as review results may vary depending on application completeness and adherence to the Mainpro+® certification guidelines.

Please note that National Standard compliance will be required for any program approved on or after January 1, 2018, regardless of when the program was submitted for review. It is also important to note that the College of Family Physicians of Canada is closed from December 21, 2017 to January 1, 2018. CERT+ applications received during the closure period will not be reviewed and approved prior to December 31, 2017.

More information regarding the National Standard for Support of Accredited CPD can be found by clicking the link above or referring to our online [Frequently Asked Questions document](#).



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CFPC Social Justice Lens



The CFPC Social Justice Lens

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Course - Advanced Trauma Life Support



TRAUMA NOVA SCOTIA
Trauma Care for Nova Scotians



Scheduled Course Dates:
Start time 1700 on Friday-ends Sunday 1430

November 17-19, 2017
May 11-13, 2018-Clinical Cadaver Course
June 8-10, 2018-Clinical Cadaver Course
October 12-14, 2018- Clinical Cadaver Course
November 2-4, 2018

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Representing more than 36000 members across the country, the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is the professional organization responsible for establishing standards for the training, Certification, and lifelong education of family physicians and for advocating on behalf of the specialty of family medicine, family physicians, and their patients. The CFPC accredits postgraduate family medicine training in Canada's 17 medical schools.

The CFPC is seeking a dynamic individual to co-lead our Certification and Assessment Department and enhance the provision of services on behalf of the College. Join our senior advisory team as,

Director
Certification, Assessment, and Examinations

As part of the Academic Family Medicine leadership team, the Director is responsible for the implementation of the strategic directions aligned with the CFPC's Mission, Vision, and Values.

The successful candidate will be a family physician with the CCFP designation; have a degree in medicine with a licence to practise in Canada; be a thought leader in assessment principles; have experience with examinations; ideally possess a relevant graduate degree; have a progressive track record of leadership experience; and have the ability to partner and collaborate with colleagues, members, and external partners.

This 0.6 FTE position offers a unique career opportunity to co-lead a high-functioning department with our Director, Certificates of Added Competence to successfully implement the CFPC's strategic plan and play a role in shaping the future of family medicine.

Please forward a CV in confidence to:
Tina Mbinda, HR Advisor
Email: tmbinda@cfpc.ca
Tel: 905-629-0900 x531
Fax: 1-866-955-7450

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First Five Years in Family Practice - Facebook Group



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If you are in your First 5 years of Family Practice in Canada, this facebook group is for you!

Feel free to ask questions and share advice with your fellow colleagues from across Canada.

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to provide you with the College of Family Physicians of Canada's (CFPC's) [2016-2017 Annual Report](#). It reflects some of our major accomplishments from the past fiscal year in three key areas: Leadership, Lifelong Learning and Innovation in Service.

The past year saw progress on some major initiatives. To name a few, we continued the implementation of our Board restructuring, wrapped up the 2013-2017 strategic plan and implemented an extensive consultation process for the 2017-2022 plan. We launched Mainpro+®, advanced our commitment to family medicine globally and introduced governance changes to the Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine. We collaborated with our valued members, Chapters and health care colleagues to advance important work on access to care, Indigenous health, resident accreditation, research readiness, addressing the opioid crisis, developing new tools and resources for members and updating the Patient's Medical Home. These and many other priority initiatives were implemented while maintaining our core programs and high service standards for our members. The annual report just hits the highlights, but we hope that you will share our appreciation of the tremendous work that has been accomplished to support CFPC members and family medicine in Canada.

The annual report also provides brief updates from each of our provincial Chapters, recognition of College committee and section members, and financial information from the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

It's impressive to reflect on all that we have achieved over the past year. Our sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to this success. We couldn't do it without you and we are proud that we are making strides together!

Sincerely,

David White, MD, CCFP, FCFP Francine Lemire, MD CM, CCFP, FCFP, CAE
President Executive Director and CEO

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