Message from the Chair

Where has the summer gone? It's certainly flown by quickly this year. While summer is traditionally a bit less hectic a time, for us it has been busy indeed, with preparations for our November residency accreditation keeping everyone hopping. As I write this I'm in the airport in Toronto, heading home from a meeting reviewing the new residency accreditation process. It was a mustn't-miss event, and it was quite valuable.

I learned a great deal about the new accreditation standards and process. I was impressed that it is quite well thought out. I'm coming home feeling very good about it, for several reasons. The first is that it focuses on a genuine quality improvement process. Thanks to the vision of a number of our faculty, our department has been committed to genuine QI for a long time, so we're ahead of the curve. Second, there's a new category beyond the usual for exemplary performance, and I ran out of fingers counting up the exemplary criteria we are already doing. Fortunately, as I was wearing my usual Birkenstocks, my toes were available to augment the count. I nearly ran out of toes too. I took that as a good sign. Finally, it was apparent quite quickly that our residency team (and the UME group in support) have been very diligent in preparing us. Like so many of the best things in medicine, it's all about teamwork, and we have a top-tier team. These are the things that make a chair sleep well at night!

I certainly will miss summer, as I expect you will too. I'm actually looking forward to fall though. I see our accreditation visit not as a test about which to be anxious, but as a chance for our educators to really show our stuff. There's a lot of work to be done yet between now and then, but it's making good even better. Sleeves rolled up…

- Dr. Lee Green

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dr. Denise Campbell-Scherer on her appointment as Associate Dean, Lifelong Learning and Physician Learning program with the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry.

Dr. Fangwei Liu was nominated and successful in obtaining the CFPC Research Award for Family Medicine Residents. Dr. Liu, supervised by Dr. Scott Garrison, used Google Trends search engine to see if there was a higher prevalence of google searches related to ankle swelling during the summer months. He published the results of his findings in Annals of Family Medicine.

We applaud Dr. Liu and Dr. Garrison for their excellent work and the further development of a novel methodology to help us to better understand disease seasonality.

A story about this research was one of the top ten most viewed stories on the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry website in 2016!
Welcome Lindsay Mercer

Lindsay Mercer has joined the family medicine team in the new role of Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Chair & CBAS. Lindsay has experience in the private sector as an executive assistant as well as a business degree in human resources from Mount Royal University. She and her husband James and kids Saya and Aidan are looking forward to relocating from Calgary to Edmonton, where Lindsay previously lived for about 12 years.

Welcome back to Edmonton and to the department, Lindsay!

Insight into Wellness Radio Segments

Don’t forget to tune in to CKUA Radio to hear Shirley Schipper and Kim Loeffler’s *Insight into Wellness* segments. The segments are airing on the following days and times: 8:28 a.m. on Mondays, 3:58 p.m. on Tuesdays, 9:28 a.m. on Thursdays, and 10:58 a.m. on Saturdays! You can also listen to individual episodes through this link: [http://www.ckua.com/programs/insight-into-wellness/](http://www.ckua.com/programs/insight-into-wellness/)

UAPPOL Policy Update: Travel Expense Procedure, Asset Management Policy

The university has made several updates to both the Travel Expense Procedure as well as the Equipment and Furnishings Asset Management Policy. Details of the changes can be found on the Quad via this link: [http://blog.ualberta.ca/2017/07/uappol-updates-travel-expense-procedure.html](http://blog.ualberta.ca/2017/07/uappol-updates-travel-expense-procedure.html). Visit the FS/SMS Forms Cabinet for updated associated forms, and the UAPPOL site for policy and procedure changes.

UNDERGRADUATE UPDATE

Join the Family Medicine Interest Group “Your Family Physician” Project

As a physician, you are both medical innovator and human being. Inspire others to join you by being part of the U of A FMIG’s “Your Family Physician” project. All you have to do is share a photo, your thoughts on family medicine, your experiences in the field, your motivations and a bit about life outside of the clinic via this Google form link.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Patricia To at pto@ualberta.ca or 780-932-1738.

**2017 – 2018 Family Medicine Preceptor Orientation**

**Presented by:** Dr. Lillian Au, Dr. Ann Lee, Dr. David Pickle and Dr. Sudha Koppula

The session will provide information on the Year 1 & 2 Longitudinal Clinical Experience in Family Medicine (LCE-FM), the Year 3 Family Medicine Clerkship and will include a Faculty Development Session “Time Management”.

Three dates to choose from:
- Tuesday, September 12, 2017 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 27, 2017 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Session location: College Plaza, 8215 112 Street, Edmonton, AB

Please click the graphic to the right to RSVP via the online form to select your preferred session date and any dietary restrictions.
Join CPSSCN!

Dr. Donna Manca, Director of the Northern Alberta Primary Care Research Network, invites you to be a part of a dynamic research initiative designed to help address major chronic diseases that currently impact the lives of many Canadians.

A Fresh Look for EnACt

EnACt, the organization Enhancing Alberta’s Primary Care Research Networks, has had a website refresh. Take a look to learn more about EnACt’s services and partners, as well as how to contact them. [https://www.primarycareresearch.ca/](https://www.primarycareresearch.ca/)

2017 WCHRI (Women and Children’s Health Research Institute) Research Day Registration and Abstract Submission is Now Open!

October 25th will mark the tenth annual WCHRI Research Day at the Westin Hotel in downtown Edmonton. Over 450 WCHRI members, trainees and partners are expected to attend. The day will include professional development workshops, a renowned keynote speaker, Dr. Andreas Laupacis, and great networking opportunities for our membership.

This interactive day gives us the opportunity to celebrate our breakthroughs in health research that impact the lives of women and children and their families. By interacting with researchers, trainees, funders and community members, we can create new opportunities to join together for further research development.

Abstract Submission Deadline: 11:59 pm, September 12, 2017. [Click here to submit an abstract.](https://www.primarycareresearch.ca/)

Conference Date: October 25, 2017
Time: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Westin Hotel, Edmonton, AB

For more information, please visit [CPCSSN](https://www.primarycareresearch.ca/) or [NAPCReN](https://www.primarycareresearch.ca/). Contact Allison Boileau (aboileau@ualberta.ca) to arrange for an information package or on-site presentation.
Research Publications


Department faculty (bolded names) and summer students (underlined names) made oral presentations on April 30, 2017 at the Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME). The abstracts of these presentations (listed below) are available at Medical Education journal. 51(Suppl. 1), 107.

- **Au, L, Babenko, O, Szafran, O, & Koppula, S.** Family medicine residents’ interest and experience in clinical teaching.
- **Babenko, O, Szafran, O, Koppula, S, & Au, L.** Exploring goal orientations of family medicine residents.
- **Donoff, C, Ross, S, Babenko, O, Schipper, S, Humphries, P, & Donoff, M.** Does formative assessment capture residents’ increased competence from PGY1 to PGY2?
- **Loeppky, C, Babenko, O, Schipper, S, & Ross, S.** Exploration of gender bias in the assessment of family medicine residents.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Practical Evidence for Informed Practice 2017

Registration for the 2017 Practical Evidence for Informed Practice (PEIP) conference is now available!

Date: October 20-21, 2017
Location: DoubleTree by Hilton West Edmonton, Edmonton, AB

PEIP is a forum targeted at family physicians, allied health care providers, residents, and students to learn, discuss, and share the latest studies on evidence-based medicine and new drug therapies in order to equip health care professionals with the best, unbiased information to provide better clinical experience and patient care.

With two ways to attend (in person or by live webcast), we hope to see you in October. Additional information is available on the ACFP website or by contacting Sharon in the Evidence-Based Medicine office.

Topics for the 2017 PEIP conference are tailored, primarily, from the evaluation feedback received from attendees of the 2016 conference. Session objectives are crafted by the multidisciplinary planning committee to ensure attendees receive the best quality CPD. The 2017 conference also features two additional pre-conference workshops, available on the Friday morning.

Fall Harvest 2017

Date: October 13—15, 2017
Location: Varscona Hotel, Whyte Avenue, Edmonton, AB

Registration for this annual rural faculty development conference is now open! This year’s theme is Jazz up Your Teaching, and will be a fun and informative weekend where you can meet new colleagues and friends while you connect with current colleagues and friends.

28th Annual Palliative Education & Research Day

Date: October 23, 2017
Location: Fantasyland Hotel, West Edmonton Mall

The theme this year, “The Palliative Care Journey: Walking Together”, will provide front line caregivers with information and support to help serve their palliative patients.

Plenary Speakers:
Amanda J Brisebois MSc MD - General Internal Medicine and Palliative Care
Sara Davison MSc MD - Nephrology and Palliative Care
David Moores MD - Family Practice and Palliative Care
Jessica Simon MD - Advance Care Planning and Palliative Care

Visit the conference website for more information, or register at this link.

2017 Pediatric Update

Date: November 2—4, 2017
Location: University of Alberta (Lister Centre and Edmonton Health Clinic Academy)

Join over 150 delegates from family medicine and allied health professions working with pediatric populations for three days of practical learning that can be applied in a community office/clinic setting. Registration is now open!
Staff & Faculty Recognition Awards: Nominate Someone Today

Support Staff Recognition Award

Do you know a support staff member who goes the extra mile to support the success of their program, department and the university? Nominate them for a Support Staff Recognition Award. The award is designed to not only recognize individuals who carry their day-to-day duties with excellence, but also represent the university in a positive manner. Awards are available in the following categories:

- Business/Administration/Finance/Clerical (maximum 2)
- Technical/Information Systems (maximum 1)
- Transport/Maintenance/Utilities/Trades (maximum 1)
- Health (Medicine/Dentistry/Pharmacy i.e. dental assistant, lab technologist) (maximum 1)

The **deadline for nomination is September 30, 2017** and you can nominate employees from within or outside of your department or unit.

More information as well as award criteria and nomination forms can be found on the [Support Staff Recognition Award page](#).

Achievement Award for APO’s, FSOs and Librarians

Do you know an Administrative Professional Officer (APO), Librarian or Faculty Service Officers (FSO) who has made extraordinary contributions the University? Nominate them for an Achievement Award for APO’s, FSO’s and Librarians.

Nominees must be:

- Employed for 12 consecutive months on either a full-time or part-time basis in a designated position (i.e. APO, FSO or Librarian)
- Nominated by two University staff members

Individuals can nominate APOs, FSOs and Librarians from within or outside their own Faculty/Department or Administrative Unit. A maximum of three awards will be presented each year.

For more information as well as award criteria can be found on the [Achievement Award for APO’s, FSO’s and Librarians page](#).

They’re Back and Looking for Members!

**DOCTORS CURLING LEAGUE**

GRANITE CURLING CLUB
8620 107 St NW, Edmonton
TUESDAYs at 7:30 p.m.

Schedule:
Curling tutorials and Draft Night: October 3rd, 2017
First Night of Curling: October 10th, 2017
Last Night of Curling: March 6th, 2018

Banquet: March 10th, 2018, Faculty Club, U of A campus (included in league fees)

CONTACT: Roy184@shaw.ca (Diana) or Jeffreyp@ualberta.ca

Visit our website at [www.ualberta.ca/medicine/departments/family-medicine](http://www.ualberta.ca/medicine/departments/family-medicine)

About FAMILY MATTERS

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