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Section of Pediatrics

Section Survey

We want your input on what is important to you as Alberta pediatricians to help our Section know what we should focus on in the next one-to-two years.

1. What can and should the AMA Section of Pediatrics do for you and for the children and youth in Alberta?
2. How can we engage pediatrics in the Section?

Please take five minutes to complete the brief survey.
**News/section update**

As a Section we have been working on the following areas over the last year:

- Billing codes
- AMA Equity project (overhead, hours of work, training and career length)
- Cannabis - advocacy for children and youth with legalization; medical cannabis

In addition we have been exploring our role in the following issues:

- Regional pediatric workforce/sustainability
- Access to psychiatry services provincially; systems to support patients in need of psychiatric services
- School system health - running club, nutrition

**EVENTS**

**REMINDER! AMA Section of Pediatrics Annual General Meeting**

When: February 15

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Where: Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Banff

Teleconferencing will be available; details will be emailed to all Section members before the AGM.

Prize Draw: ALL Attendees (in person or via teleconference will be entered to win one of TWO prizes ($250 Fairmont dollars to spend on any Fairmont hotel/service)

The AGM is held in association with the [2019 Pediatric Infectious Disease Conference](#) (February 14-17) at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

You're invited! Wine & Cheese

Please come and 'get sociable' at our free wine and cheese event following the AGM at 6 p.m. Friday.

**NOTE:** Indicate your desire to attend the AGM and Reception by selecting "AGM" and "Reception" under 'Events' on the [conference registration form](#).

**Teleconferencing and travel support**

In order to assist members in joining the AGM, teleconferencing will be available. The section will also support travel for those located in more distant areas of the province who wish to attend the Pediatric Infectious Disease Conference and/or the AGM.

Please contact me ([jamichelle.bailey@ahs.ca](mailto:jamichelle.bailey@ahs.ca)) if you are interested in travel support.

[Click here](#) to view the conference presenters and topics.

**Section of General Practice**
CATT Medical Professionals

CATT (Concussion Awareness Training Tool) Medical Professionals is designed to provide medical professionals with the information they need to provide evidence-based care for their patients who have sustained a concussion.

Early assessment and management of concussions is vital to the long-term success of effective treatment. This program will help healthcare providers who treat the patient during the first two to four weeks post-injury to maximize the patient’s opportunity to fully recover from their injuries. Assessment, management and appropriate referral is essential to maximize the patient’s success.

This free online program was developed to help you:

- Effectively assess a patient’s concussion situation within the initial hours post-injury
- Optimally manage concussion care during the first 2-4 weeks post-injury in order to decrease long-term effects including management of symptoms, return to school, work and play activities, etc.
- Identify when referral to specialty care is required

In order to accomplish these objectives, the course has been divided into four sections:

- Concussion: Definition and Epidemiology
- Medical Assessment for Concussion
- Concussion Management and Medical Clearance
- Persistent Concussion Symptoms and their Management

Learn more at www.cattonline.com

Accreditation Note: This activity is an Accredited Self-Assessment Program (Section 3) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program (MOC) of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and approved by UBC CPD. You may claim a maximum of 2.0 hours. Each physician should claim only those credits he/she actually spent in the activity.

This program was co-developed with BC Children’s Hospital, Pediatrics and Parachute and was planned to achieve scientific integrity, objectivity and balance.
PCN Strategic Leadership Forum + Medical Leadership Networking Event

PCN Strategic Leadership Forum
When: February 22-23
Where: Edmonton

The PCN Strategic Leadership Forum brings PCN leaders together to share knowledge and discuss emerging issues concerning PCNs, their partners, PCN physicians and allied health professionals.

For more information, contact:
Emily Johnston, Consultant, Alberta Medical Association

NOTE: Forum registration closes February 18

Medical Leadership Networking Event
When: Friday, February 22
Time: 5-7 p.m.
Where: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel West Edmonton

Emerging physician leaders are also invited to attend a FREE networking and mentoring event held in conjunction with the Forum.

Participants can network with medical and administrative leaders who are part of transforming the future of primary care in Alberta. NOTE: You can attend the networking event even if you aren’t attending the Forum.

Space is limited; register today!

SGP Bulletin - January 31, 2019

ABCM questions answered
Are you curious about the Blended Capitation Model? Are you and your clinic thinking about how this model may enable you to practice more comprehensive care? If so, I encourage you to check out some of the Frequently Asked Questions we’ve been getting from other interested physicians. ... more

SGP Bulletin – January 9, 2019

Blended Capitation Model...an alternative to fee-for-service?
Are you and other family physicians in your clinic looking for alternatives to fee-for-service? Do you want to enhance your ability to practice comprehensive primary care, maximize the skills and knowledge of your team, be remunerated for your panel size and complexity of patients rather than by how many patients you see in a day? Do you want to practice a medical home model that incents the right kind of practice? Then the Blended Capitation Model may be for you. ... more
Section of Obstetrics and Gynecology

News/section update
FHR tracing speed from 1 centimetre
Please see attached bulletin from Dr Michael Bow regarding the benefits of moving to 3 cm/minute for fetal heart tracing. This will include both an online and hands-on course. More details to come and check with your local educator for more information.

Expansion of midwife services in Alberta
Most recently, the Minister of Health approved the expansion of services provided by midwives in Alberta. Exact details are missing. Also, Alberta Health missed updating the computer system to allow telephone consults from Midwives. This issue has been rectified and physicians will need to re-submit.

AMA Locum program
Any new graduates who are looking for more work, please join the AMA Locum program as the regional centres are in desperate need of locums. These can be both short-term and long-term and the AMA staff is excellent at making the necessary arrangements.

Section spring meeting - to be re-scheduled
The previously scheduled Western SOGC meeting in Lake Louise directly conflicted with the AMA Spring Representative Forum meeting. As a result, and given the importance of the ANDI presentation, the spring meeting for the section will be re-scheduled; details will follow.

Input welcome
The ASOG executive welcomes your input. Contact Dr. Duncan J. McCubbin (dmccubpc@telus.net), President, Section of Obstetrics and Gynecology, with concerns.

Section of General Psychiatry

Hello Everyone and Welcome to February!

February?! How is it possible that we are already a month into 2019? My hope is that everyone was able to celebrate the holiday season and new year surrounded by the people that matter most; laughter and kindness were in abundance; and a foundation was set for a rewarding 2019.

I am not one for New Year’s resolutions – too much pressure – but I am one for goal-setting and my goal for this year is to find ways to slow down! The first way I am going to do this is by taking 10 minutes after work to sit in the front room, cuddle up with my pup, and do a Sudoku. I plan to start with a three-days-per-week goal. It’s small but doable, and it’s an activity that helps reset my brain after a day of absorbing all sorts of uncomfortable stories.

What are your goals for 2019? I would love to hear them; feel free to drop me a line anytime!

There are lots of exciting opportunities coming up (see Events and Education, below) - I’m particularly looking forward to seeing you all at our March conference!!

Cheers,

Mel
EVENTS and EDUCATION

Event

Alberta Psychiatric Association Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting

When: March 22-24, 2019

Where: The Rimrock Hotel in Banff

Details: Keynote speaker, Dr. Sidney Kennedy, will be kicking off the conference at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 22. Fees Representative, Dr. Roger Rampling, will close the conference Sunday, March 24, with a billing seminar sure to help you optimize your billing.

Click here to register now!

Early bird rates apply until February 15, 2019!

Education

Psychiatric Quarterly Updates: March 8 - November 30, 2019

Alcohol Use Disorder - March 8

This series of updates aims to provide healthcare professionals with an evidence-based overview of multiple topics within the psychiatric domain. Each half-day session aims to cover important topics such as diagnosis review and update, treatment/therapeutic use and application and local perspectives and resources as it pertains to that sessions’ focus. This course will be structured as a self-assessment program eligible for Section 3 MOC credits.

Virtual Learning Journey: Opioid Dependency Treatment

Join Dr. Rob Tanguay, Dr. Laura Evans and Dr. Krishna Balachandra as they take you on a Virtual Learning Journey through Opioid Dependency Treatment, with the following series of case presentations:

February 15   Why do I have to be aware of cultural diversity when treating my patients?
March 15     How do I treat my adolescent or senior patient with OUD*?
April 12    How do I treat my patient who is in different settings with OAT**?
May 17     iOAT (IV) SROM
June 21   How do I taper my patient to completion of OAT?

These three-hour sessions (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) will give you an opportunity to learn from experts across the province about *Opiate Use Disorder (OUD) and **Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) through didactic presentations, de-identified case discussions, and Q&A periods.

Join via livestream: https://livestream.com/accounts/3923953/events/8457082 (note: link will be active at time of events)
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