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Section of General Practice
Alberta Health CII & CPAR Update

As you are aware, the Section of General Practice has committed to working with Alberta Health to facilitate communication to physicians and clinics regarding IM/IT initiatives. We are also committed to bringing forward physician concerns regarding the related challenges and advocating for required change management support. ... more

NEW! Bone and Joint Health Registry – Expression of Interest

The Alberta Bone & Joint Health Institute is an independent non-profit dedicated to improving outcomes for Albertans with bone and joint conditions.

We are undertaking a new initiative to develop a new Bone and Joint Health Registry.

Our vision is for the proposed registry to cover all bone and joint health conditions, and capture data from patients and public and private providers.

The proposed registry will build the technical platform to enable an integrated dataset to create new research, knowledge and innovations to improve Albertans’ quality of life and function.

We are currently in the early stages of development and have recently launched an Expression of Interest process to recruit interested parties to be co-leads, members of the Governance Committee, or members of the Shoulder Topic Expert Group. We hope to have physicians contribute their expertise.

Click here for more information

NOTE: Applications close January 13

Education

Foundation Course in Occupational Medicine (Part A)

Offered by the Division of Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta, the Foundation Course in Occupational Medicine distance learning course is designed to provide knowledge and skills in the areas of occupational medicine encountered in family medicine and other community-based clinical practice.

To be eligible to participate in the course, you must be a physician and licensed to practice in Canada.

Location and Schedule

This course is offered at various locations and times (from September to June) in Calgary and Edmonton.

Accreditation

This group learning program has been certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada for up to 111 Main pro + credits

To register and for more information
Section of Rural Medicine

Events

Section of Rural Medicine Annual General Meeting

Hosted in conjunction with the 35th Annual Emergency Medicine for Rural Hospitals Conference

When: Saturday, January 19, 2019 | 5:00 p.m.
Where: Banff Park Lodge (Glacier Salon), Banff

Registration
In order to provide us with an accurate count of AGM attendees, we're asking members that plan to attend to please register via the registration link SRM section members will be receiving in an email from RegOnline.

Section of General Psychiatry

Events

2019 APA Scientific Conference and AGM

When: March 21-24
Where: Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff

Click here for more information

20th Canadian Collaborative Mental Health Care Conference

When: May 10-11
Where: Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel

The Canadian Collaborative Mental Health Care Conference aims to advance collaborative practice in mental health care in primary care and community settings. Our scope includes intra- and inter-professional collaboration, as well as collaboration with clients and caregivers.

We value multiple forms of knowledge and ‘evidence’ including scientific knowledge, pragmatic knowledge of front line healthcare providers and administrators, and experiential knowledge of people using mental health services, and throughout the conference we seek to promote dialogue between these different perspectives.

This year our conference theme addresses concurrent disorders and working collaboratively to enhance care for people living with mental health challenges and addictions.

Click here for more information

Section of Pediatrics
AMA Section of Pediatrics Grant

Dear Section of Pediatrics members:

The Section is now accepting applications for our Section of Pediatrics Grant.

Grants of up to $10,000 per project will be awarded for projects intended to enhance child health advocacy, pediatric education or pediatric clinical care in Alberta. The monetary rewards will be determined by the number of requests, the requirements of the individual projects and the scope of the proposed work (provincial vs. local).

Applications are due by February 15.

Please submit any inquiries and completed applications to jamichelle.bailey@ahs.ca.

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Events

Save the Date! AMA Section of Pediatrics Annual General Meeting

When: February 15 | 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Where: Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Banff

Associated 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) if you are interested in travel support.

Click here for more information

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Section of Generalists in Mental Health
Section AGM – January 19

Dear colleagues in the Section of Generalists in Mental Health,

As the president of the section, may I wish you health, happiness and prosperity in 2019.

AMA Section Services will have already given you the required 60 days’ notice of our AGM, which will take place on January 19. The main agenda item will be the approval of our new section by-laws, something required of every AMA section, this year.

I will chair the meeting from the main AMA office in Edmonton and hope to link by video conference with a site in Calgary. I would request that Calgary members suggest a suitable site for up to 12 people to meet, as that would be preferable to everyone phoning in.

Any member is free to join by telephone. The teleconference numbers are included in the Notice of AGM email distributed by AMA Section Services on January 4. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL!!

Our latest section membership list shows approximately 33 physician members. Attendance at our past AGMs has been disappointingly poor (perhaps because we have not been effective communicators). I would encourage any member to become involved and consider serving on our Executive team. We need people who are comfortable with social media so that communication and input can be improved year-round.

Lastly, I want to thank the Section of General Practice for taking over the economic role of our Section. I will be glad to elaborate on the implications of this at the AGM.

Sincerely,

Dr. T. Malcolm Campbell