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General News

As part of the ongoing effort to address the health care deficit, the AMA has **set up PatientsFirst.ca as a place where patients can share their own care deficit experiences.** Good information about what patients are experiencing in the system will help the AMA to better advocate for improvements.

The next time you (or your staff) have to tell a patient that you're not accepting new patients, or that they need to wait for an appointment or service, please **direct them to PatientsFirst.ca to tell their story.** The questionnaire only takes 2 minutes and all information will be kept private. Data will only be used in aggregate to help inform advocacy and the AMA's work toward having these issues addressed. You can also [download and print this poster](#) for display in your office, or for handing out to your patients.

If you have any questions about this campaign or would like further information, please email jpac@albertadoctors.org. Thanks in advance for your support.

Family Medicine

Recruitment Study

Project: Confidence in Addictions Medicine Among Family Medicine Educators

End Date: June 30, 2022

Description:

We are looking for physicians who have been involved in teaching family medicine residents to participate in a study to help further our understanding of addiction medicine education. Participation in this study will assist with potential curriculum development and add to a very sparse area of research. We are interested in understanding the confidence of family physicians in practicing and teaching various areas of addiction medicine. If interested, please complete a short survey that should take no longer than 10-15 minutes.

To show our appreciation, we will invite you to enter an optional draw for a \$50 Visa gift card. The email that you provide for the lottery draw will be used ONLY to send you the gift card should you win and will not be associated with your data in any way. This project has been approved by the University of Alberta Human Research Ethics Board (ID: Pro00117478).

To participate in the study please click the attached link to be transported to a secure data collection survey operated through REDCap.: <https://redcap.link/AddictionMedEdSurvey>

For more information about this study, please contact Dr. Cole Sugden at crsugden@ualberta.ca or Supervisor, Dr. Ginetta Salvalaggio at ginetta@ualberta.ca.

To reach the Section of Family Medicine President, Dr. Craig Hodgson, please email sfmpres@albertadoctors.org.

General Surgery

New Section Executive for 2022/2023

President: Dr. Anthony Gomes

Past President: Dr. Shahzeer Karmali

Treasurer: Dr. Aaron Banmann

Fees Representative: Dr. Yiming Qian

RF Delegate: Dr. Anthony Gomes

Review in the Rockies 2022

Date: November 11 – 13, 2022

Location: Banff Springs Hotel

- Please hold the date and plan to attend!
- Registration details and link available soon (mid-June) on the AAGS website: www.aags.ca. CME Accreditation applied for this year.
- We will again have an excellent academic program which includes debates, 'prehabilitation' and periop care, and an evening speaker, Red Bull adventurer, Will Gadd.
- Section of General Surgery AGM is Sunday morning.

Fees Update

The Income Equity Initiative will proceed with allocations based on equity scale when the next contract is finalized. Although the AMA continues to negotiate with the government, it is unclear when an agreement might be reached. IEI will be unlikely to have significant negative effects on the General Surgery fees. Thanks to those who are participating in the Hours of Work Study. This will likely benefit our members when factored into IEI.

To reach the Section of General Surgery President, Dr. Anthony Gomes, please email tonygomesmd@gmail.com or [AMA Section Services](#).

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Survey on new medical device, BIOS Shelf

The Section has been approached for members to participate in a short survey about a new medical device. |

BIOS Shelf is a medical device designed to provide ready access to surgical instruments during perineal repairs in the labor and delivery unit. We are in the pre-manufacturing stage for this device, and we would appreciate your input regarding our next steps.

If interested, please follow this link to watch a short video: <https://www.2ilp.com/BIOS-shelf/> and the link to the survey: <https://form.jotform.com/221488146928062> (you may need to copy and paste the address into your browser).

To reach the Section of Obstetrics and Gynecology President, Dr. Chandrew Rajakumar, please email [AMA Section Services](#).

Pediatrics

As part of the Care Deficit series, Dr. Sam Wong presented a session on pediatric mental health along with the Sections of Family Medicine, Rural Medicine, Psychiatry, and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry to the AMA Representative's Forum. Following the presentation, four motions were presented and voted on. All motions were passed unanimously. These motions asked for the AMA to:

- advocate for a separate committee to implement child and youth recommendations from the government's Toward an Alberta Model of Wellness,
- advocate for the above AMA sections to participate in any Alberta government plans to address the current pediatric mental health crisis,
- establish a collaborative model between sections to identify, collate and present mental health resources on a platform available to health care professionals and parents, and
- advocate for the development of a province-wide virtual model of care to deliver mental health resources and programs to pediatric populations in rural and remote areas of Alberta.

In addition to the above presentation, two members of the Executive, Dr. Roxanne Goldade and Dr. Hasu Rajani are participating in the AMA's Mental Health Coalition to move mental health delivery forward in Alberta, in collaboration with other sections of the AMA.

To reach the Section of Pediatrics President, Dr. Sam Wong, please email [AMA Section Services](#).



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