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General News

CII/CPAR: Improving Patient Care by Enhancing Communication

Imagine having all the patient's information at your fingertips in your community medical practice. CII/CPAR enables physicians and their teams to share patient information directly to Alberta Netcare from their electronic medical records. Dr. Christina Dolhaniuk states that, "Since starting the CII/CPAR project, really nothing has changed. It's a really easy system to implement." Hear from your peers about the [benefits of CII/CPAR](#) to the greater health care system and how it seamlessly integrates with your EMR with virtually no changes to your daily workflow.

[Sign up for CII/CPAR today!](#)

2023 CMA Leadership Positions

The CMA is committed to bringing in passionate leaders who are ready to make a difference and has exciting and fulfilling opportunities to join the CMA Board of Directors and

committees.

Applications are encouraged from eligible candidates of all backgrounds, regardless of their prior experience with the CMA. The following opportunities for an initial term are opening in August 2023 and may be of particular interest to members in Alberta:

- **Audit and Finance Committee, Member-at-Large**
- **CMA Board, Director from Alberta**
- **Committee on Ethics, Medical Resident Member**

The CMA also has [several positions](#) where the incumbents are currently completing their first term and have indicated their willingness to serve for a second term; new applicants are not precluded from applying.

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit the CMA's [nominations web page](#) to learn more about the nominations process.

Submit an [online application form](#) no later than March 16.

Please note that applicants must be a CMA member in good standing. Should you require additional information, please contact nominations@cma.ca.

IT PAYS to join the Alberta Medical Association



This year, AMA membership pays for itself and then some.

Even if you've recently retired, are no longer practicing in Alberta or are no longer an Alberta resident, you may still qualify for the following benefits funded by Alberta Health through the AMA Agreement:

One-time recognition payment: \$3,900 per physician

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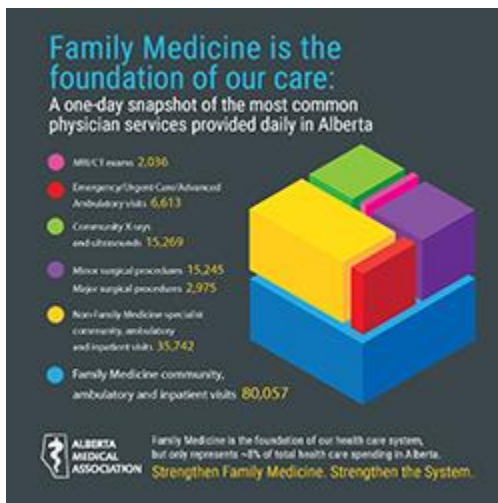
Continuing Medical Education (CME): \$2,200 per physician
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 Medical Liability Reimbursement Program (MLR): CMPA fees reimbursed minus \$1,000 deductible
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 Parental Leave Program (PLP): \$1,074 per week for 17 consecutive weeks
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 Money in your pocket

AMA membership also provides:

- Business and billing support for physicians establishing or running their practice.
- Discounted insurance and financial products.
- Confidential mental health support through the Physician and Family Support Program.
- Updates and training for physicians.
- System leadership through physician leaders, sections and the Representative Forum.

Visit albertadoctors.org/services/programs for eligibility information or connect with our Membership and Benefits team directly at 1-866-714-5724 ext. 5359, or membershipgeneral@albertadoctors.org.

Family Medicine



Family Medicine is the foundation of Alberta's health care system but only represents about 8% of total health care spending in the province.

The Joint Physician Advocacy Committee developed a [Value of Family Medicine infographic](#) that provides a one-day snapshot of the most common physician services provided daily in Alberta. It shows that family medicine delivers the majority.

Please share this image in your own channels and networks to reinforce the message: Strengthen family medicine. Strengthen the system.

Trauma Resuscitation in Kids Course

Dates: April 3 and 4

Times: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Alberta Children's Hospital, Calgary, Alberta

Information and registration: [CME Accredited Course - Trauma Resuscitation in Kids \(TRIK\) | Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada](#)

Pediatrics

Advocacy on GSA club membership disclosure rules

The executive has written to Education Minister LaGrange advocating for changes in the rules for disclosure of membership in school-based Gay Straight Alliance clubs so as to restrict instances of disclosure and to advocate for the timely establishment of these clubs when requested by students. We are hopeful for a positive response or a meeting on this subject.

Pediatrics fees

The executive is looking for suggestions from section members about fees that they would like the section to review and possibly advocate for when it comes to possible fee changes. Please email Dr. Sam Wong at section.services@albertadoctors.org with your suggestions and details on why the fee code you list needs to be reassessed for change.

Pediatrics Grants Program

The Section of Pediatrics is pleased to announce the grants program is [live on the section's web page](#) with a link to learn more about the grants, past recipients, eligibility, the application form and deadline details.

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

Rural Medicine

2023 Tarrant Scholarship Applications

The Section of Rural Medicine is now accepting applications for the 2023 Tarrant Scholarship!

Are you doing a third-year clerkship in 2023 through the University of Alberta or the University of Calgary? Do you have a particular interest in pursuing studies and career development in rural medicine? If so, you can [apply now for the Tarrant Scholarship!](#)

The Tarrant Scholarship provides funds for selected third-year medical students from the U of A and U of C who demonstrate a strong interest in developing their career in rural medicine. It is bestowed each year by the Alberta Medical Association's Section of Rural Medicine.

Established in 2004, the scholarship honors the late Dr. Michael Tarrant, a family physician and champion of rural medical undergraduate education and the development of physicians dedicated to delivering health care in rural Alberta.

You're eligible to apply if you:

- Are a University of Alberta or University of Calgary medical student in clerkship in 2023.
- Are keenly interested in building a career in rural medicine in Alberta.

- Have a strong connection to rural Alberta or another rural area.
- Demonstrate a dedication to rural medicine in your undergraduate work.
- Demonstrate a financial need (considered after the above criteria are assessed).

For more information, visit the [Tarrant Scholarship web page](#).

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email: srmpres@albertadoctors.org.

The application deadline is June 1. Apply today! [Download the 2023 application form](#).

To reach the Section of Rural Medicine President, Dr. Samantha Myhr, please email srmpres@albertadoctors.org.