

PGME COVID-19 Update 6**March 25 2020 2:00pm**

COVID-19 Pandemic continues to cause major disruptions in both learning and clinical environments. The Office of Postgraduate Medical Education is committed to providing regular written updates to our programs, learners, and stakeholders. The frequency will depend on the volume and urgency of information being shared with us and decisions being made.

National PG deans' meetings

- Weekly meetings are being held between the postgraduate deans and all relevant stakeholders (RCPSC, CFPC, MCC, RDoC, FMRQ, FMRAC, AFMC, CMQ)
- Up to date information will be shared via this platform on any decisions

Mandatory rotations vs electives clarification

- We are still receiving many questions about mandatory rotations and electives. Please note that residents can complete assigned mandatory rotations. Electives out of the Edmonton zone should be cancelled. The program director can reassign the time planned for the elective to another educational experience.

Redeployment clarification

- Residents whose scheduled rotations no longer offer good educational value may be assigned to different rotations by the program director.
- This action is NOT redeployment.
- Redeployment occurs when AHS Acute Care Coverage approaches the program director to request residents be reassigned to an area of service need.

Subspecialty residents in Medicine and Pediatrics

- Names of subspecialty residents eligible for unrestricted practice permits have been provided to the CPSA for potential temporary licensure and therefore capable for redeployment as Most Responsible Physicians
- CPSA is working with AHS on the process and communication

Guidelines for exceptions to in-house call maximum limits

- Please see attached document pertaining to altering in-house calls, for Resident Physicians, during a health care crisis.

AHS information

- AHS Medical staff receive daily COVID-19 updates from the Chief Medical Officer (CMO). The updates provide guidance as AHS keeps up with the evolving situation.

- Our updates will not relay AHS information but will provide you with important links such as the following:
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17020.aspx>
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page10531.aspx#ncov>
- Please note: The video from McGill shared with you yesterday regarding personal protective equipment demonstrated guidelines that differ from AHS re: the use of N95 masks. Please refer to AHS guidelines for most up to date information.
- AHS guidelines also differ on pregnant and immunocompromised persons working in COVID environments. Please refer to AHS guidelines for most up to date guidelines.

Alberta Health

- This is the main page for Alberta health advice regarding everything about COVID-19
<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>

Best regards



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