



PGME Covid-19 Update April 1, 2020

Resident Redeployment:

Redeployment of residents has begun. A list of volunteers for redeployment was developed earlier in March in collaboration with Program Directors. A discussion with each home Program Director takes place before a decision with regard to redeployment is finalized. Just a reminder that the guiding document “*Principles for Trainee Redeployment*” is posted to the PGME website under Related Documents in the Covid-19 response section.

PGME will work with programs to minimize disruption to residents’ schedules and vacation plans, recognizing that time away is very important for physical and emotional wellness. As much as possible, vacation plans will be honoured. Residents who are redeployed, however, will not be able to take vacation or any other leave for the duration of the redeployment block.

Every effort will be made to ensure that residents with pre-approved vacation are not redeployed unless willing to cancel vacation time. If vacation is cancelled, please reschedule time away prior to the end of the academic year as carryover of vacation will not be possible.

CPSA EMERGENCY REGISTRATION

Many questions continue to be directed to my attention to clarify planning around emergency registration for senior trainees to step into role of MRP. I need to emphasize that this licensure with CPSA is a first step and that transition to MRP will be voluntary following discussion with CPSA, AHS, and the program. The implications for the educational curriculum have not been fully clarified and work is being done in this regard by the PG Deans.

I will be addressing this issue with your Program Directors at PGME Committee this Friday.

2020 CBD LAUNCH

The status of programs scheduled to launch CBD July 2020 has not yet been clarified. In discussion with the Royal College earlier this week a number of possible scenarios were contemplated. Dr. Kelly Millar will be contacting the relevant programs to solicit input regarding CBD launch. The Royal College will also be conducting a survey to solicit input from stakeholders before a final decision is made.

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

As some of you may already be aware, I will be holding a town hall meeting with Chief Residents from all 65 postgraduate residency-training programs early next week. For Chief Residents who are unable to attend it will be possible to send a delegate. Please communicate any questions/concerns to your Chief Residents so they can put forward for discussion. I am open to virtual meetings with broader resident groups in the future but need to be mindful of some of the limitations of Zoom communication.

PGME COMMUNITY

I would again like to express my appreciation to Program Directors, residents and fellows for the collaborative manner in which all have responded to this incredibly stressful and difficult situation.

