

PGME COVID-19 Update 8**April 1, 2020 1:30pm****Redeployment**

- Redeployment is beginning this week. Residents will either continue to work on their rotations in their own programs or be asked to redeploy by their program directors when they are contacted by AHS. We envision redeployment as a one block commitment to another service. Residents must be available for each day of that month; no vacations or leaves are to be taken in a redeployment block. If a resident has a planned vacation in a block during which the resident is being requested to be redeployed, the resident can either refuse to redeploy for that block or accept the redeployment and cancel the vacation. Cancelled vacations should then be rebooked as soon as possible. There can be no carryover of vacation to the next academic year as the current PARA agreement terminates on June 30, 2020.

Vacation

- All residents should have requested all their vacation by now for the rest of this academic year. If they have not done so, **this must be done immediately**. There can be no carryover of vacation to the next academic year as the current PARA agreement terminates on June 30, 2020.

CBD Launch

- We realize that the pandemic may have interfered with programs' plans for preparation for launching CBD this July. Dr. Anna Oswald and I have reviewed the status of these programs and Dr. Oswald has communicated to each program on how they can meet any remaining needs for the launch. You are advised to contact her with your questions or concerns on this issue. The Royal College is planning a survey of these programs later this month to determine the national status of readiness to launch.

Fellowships - International Trainees currently abroad

- Our office is continuing to work to ensure all prospective fellows for July 1 have all requirements met and documents completed to begin fellowship July 1. International fellows who are not in Canada at this time should be counselled that July 1 cannot be confirmed as a start date. They should not take any steps that would be irrevocable should the pandemic regulations continue beyond this date, such as book flights or give up their leases or current positions. Fellows who have submitted applications and are currently in Edmonton should be able to start on their appointed dates.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to postgraduate medical education during these unprecedented times. Regularly review our [COVID-19 google site](#) for updated communications and answers to frequently asked questions. If your question has not been answered, please submit it to our office using linked [google form](#).

Best regards



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