

PGME COVID-19 Update 11**April 22, 2020 2:00pm**

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 the linked [google form](#).

Fellowship Memo

Updated information pertaining to Fellowship Programs, specifically certificates and redeployment, is available [here](#).

Short Term Accommodation

Our office has received a few inquiries from trainees looking for alternate short term accommodations for the purposes of self-isolation and/or to limit the potential spread of COVID-19 to high risk individuals with whom they currently reside. The following organization has confirmed suitable options for private accommodation:

St. Joseph's College

Contact: sjcadmin@ualberta.ca

<https://www.ualberta.ca/st-josephs/media-library/sjc-summer-residence-flyer.pdf>

CFPC examinations update

The CFPC announced last week that the examinations scheduled for this spring are postponed to the fall of this year. The oral component called Simulated Office Orals (SOOs) will not be held for this examination cohort.

<https://www.cfpc.ca/en/home>

Electives

Approval for electives for the academic year 2020-2021 can now be requested. For any elective the following must be considered to determine the educational value of the elective:

- Whether the program director deems the experience warrants risks of travel
- Whether the accepting school can provide a good experience
- Management of illness if one contracts COVID-19 while on elective
- Whether that province will require a self-isolation period on arrival
- Potential of requirement for self-isolation on return

Any elective planned for next year could be cancelled by the accepting school or by our school should the pandemic continue to require substantial redeployment. Residents must have an alternate local rotation planned in case of cancellation of the elective.

Confirmation of completion of training

In preparation for granting access to the postponed RCPSC written examinations this fall, the College will require an updated confirmation of completion of training. This request will go to the program director of each examination candidate, not to the candidate. The process will be organized between the school and the applicable College.

<http://www.royalcollege.ca/rcsite/documents/about/update-coronavirus-e#s1>

In preparation for granting access to the postponed CFPC written examinations this fall, the College has communicated with program directors on how to assess completion of training. Any concerns should be addressed with your program director.

In preparation for granting practice permits to those residents completing their training this spring, the CPSA is confirming examination eligibility directly with the RCPSC and the CFPC. Confirmation of completion of training is being provided directly to the CPSA by the PGME office. Residents are not required to provide any additional information other than the documentation requested on the CPSA application webpage.

<http://www.cpsa.ca/registration/apply-for-independent-practice/>

Redeployment

Redeployment has begun for acute care areas with high service needs. I want to thank all the resident physicians who have volunteered to participate in redeployment. Your willingness to redeploy is very much appreciated. Thank you also to the program directors who have enabled the redeployment process. To quote Dr. Deena Hinshaw "we are all in this together".

Best regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ramona Kearney".

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