

PGME COVID-19 Update 9

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Reimbursement of Trainee Expenses (current Residents only)

Current residents may use their allocated Resident Professional Development funds to cover non-recoverable expenses incurred due to COVID-19. These reimbursements are reviewed and processed at the department level.

Eligible items include:

- Reimbursement of fees associated with cancellation of conferences. Prior to submitting for reimbursement, all attempts must be made to contact the vendor/supplier for a refund.
- Reimbursement of fees related to early termination of electives:
 - Fees charged by medical school to process an elective request
 - Fees charged by licensing authority for residents who cannot reschedule the elective
 - Extra charges incurred for the cost of flights to return home early from an elective due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Ineligible items:

- Licensing authority fees for electives that can be rescheduled

AIMGP and PEAP

If you will have residents starting your program via the Alberta International Medical Graduate (AIMG) Program externship or via the Pre-Entry Assessment Program (PEAP), please see the linked [AIMGP](#) and [PEAP](#) memos for important information.

CPSA Information

Residents who are in the second year of their subspecialty residency program and have achieved certification in Pediatrics or Internal Medicine are asked to contact Bruce Leisen bruce.leisen@cpsa.ab.ca at the CPSA to register their ability to become redeployed as MRPs during the pandemic.

For those who are completing residency this academic year please see the link to the document from the CPSA concerning the process for licensure in the absence of examinations this spring.

<https://mailchi.mp/cpsa/how-cpsa-is-dealing-with-cancelled-exams>

Training Accommodation during Redeployment

If a resident has a medical reason that would prevent redeployment during the pandemic then the resident must apply for an accommodation of training to the PGME office.

CaRMS 2021 Matches

National collaborative conversations are being held concerning all CaRMS matches for 2021. Timeframes are being examined for the R1 match for the Class of 2021 taking into account the cessation of student clinical activity for those students, the opportunity for completion of required clinical training and the need for virtual interviews. Match timelines for the other matches are also being reviewed.

Quarantine Numbers and Leave of Absences

All programs must continue to update the number of residents on quarantine. Please provide us these numbers by following this [survey link](#) to update. We are continuing to get questions about the need for leave of absence forms. Residents must continue to complete a leave of absence form if they are self-isolating due to possible exposure, travel, or influenza like illness.

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](#).

Best regards

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

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