

**PGME COVID-19 Update 15****May 20, 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](#).

**Competence By Design (CBD) 2020 launching disciplines**

The RCPSC has confirmed the following disciplines will be launching CBD on July 1, 2020:

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
Adult and Pediatric Neurology  
Nuclear Medicine  
Orthopedics  
Plastic Surgery  
Psychiatry  
Pediatric Cardiology  
General Surgery

If any launching program has any inquiries or concerns please reach out to the CBD team in the PGME office. Deferred programs should also reach out to discuss options available for them.

**Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part 1**

The Medical College of Canada opened access to applicants to the part 1 exam last week. The designated company that manages the exam practicalities, *Prometric*, presented many challenges to students applying. I understand that most were resolved quickly but not before creating much anxiety for the students. Exams are being done in the traditional way, in a classroom, but also via remote proctoring at the homes of students. The exam will begin in June and approximately 1900 students are registered for that month. Others will be registered for July and until October. Residents may start their programs prior to doing the MCCQE Part 1 exam.

**PGY1 on-boarding**

- **Self-isolation**
  - At present there is no requirement for new residents arriving from other provinces to self-isolate. We will continue to monitor the situation.
- **ACLS/PALS courses**
  - Heart and Stroke Canada is developing a blended curriculum with on-line modules to be completed first and the skills component to be completed at a later date when possible. We are looking into how the skills components might be completed in this environment.

- **Orientation**

- If you need assistance in converting your orientation to a remote/online format please contact our office. We have a commitment from Academic Technologies to prioritize this task.

**Information document from the Resident Physician agreement**

PARA, the Universities of Alberta and Calgary and AHS are developing an information document addressing questions related to benefits in the agreement and how the pandemic has affected them. We hope to have this document available in the next week.

Best regards,



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