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Members, Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP)

One of the most important messages delivered by our national and provincial College is the need for every Canadian to have access to his or her own personal family physician.

This message particularly rings true for our young medical student and resident colleagues who are located in urban and rural centres throughout Alberta. Several of these young adults are not based in their home location and are thus in need of a family doctor. Since this is no easy task given the shortage of family physicians, we are calling on our members to see if you have room in your practice for one or two new medical students and residents who are without a family doctor. This is a great opportunity for the ACFP to support new colleagues and to demonstrate the commitment of family physicians.

The program is being coordinated by the Alberta Medical Association's Physician and Family Support Program (PFSP) and the Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP). If you have room for one or more new patients, please send an email to Janie Agerbak at the ACFP office: janie.agerbak@acfp.ca. The PFSP will contact each new "physician for physicians" ('PforPs') individually and directly so you understand the PFSP process, and what the staff in your offices can expect from referred callers.

We encourage you to participate in this very important and worthwhile initiative.



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