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2008
A Year in
Review

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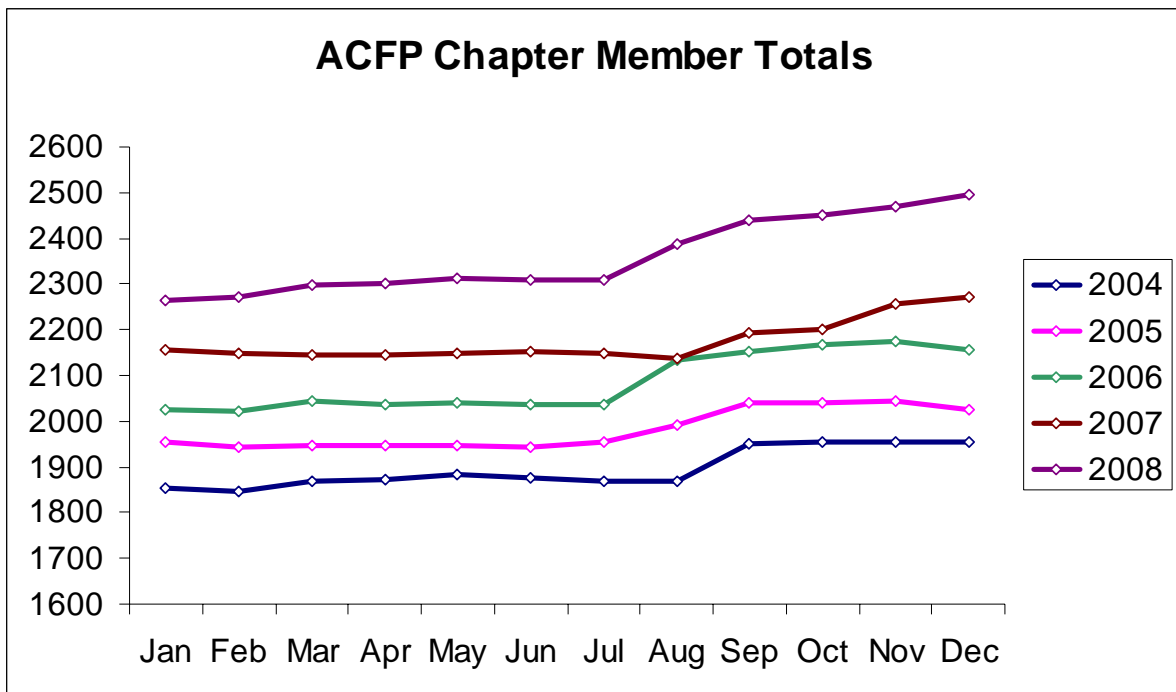
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The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) is a provincial, professional voluntary organization, representing more than 2500 family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students in Alberta. Through the voluntary contributions of so many members, the Board of Directors of the Alberta College of Family Physicians is proud to provide highlights of services, initiatives and activities in 2008.

Membership

As of December 2008, ACFP membership equaled 2507. Over the past five years, the membership has been increasing by an average growth of 6%.



Strategic Direction

The Board continues to adhere to its vision, mission and goals in the delivery of services and activities on behalf of ACFP members.

ACFP & Advocacy - 2008 Update

The ACFP was actively engaged in a number of areas to address the challenges family physicians face everyday.

Seeking Your Input ~ President's Message

Rick Ward, ACFP President, included opportunities for seeking feedback in his regular President's Message. The ACFP website at www.acfp.ca now has the President's email on the home page asking for members' comments about particular activities, issues and suggestions.

Bending the Government's Ear

- In May and June 2008, Executive members met with **Minister Hector Goudreau**, Employment and Immigration, **Minister Doug Horner**, Advanced Education and Technology, and Parliamentary Assistant **Dr. Raj Sherman**, Health & Wellness.
- Dr. Ward met with **Minister Ron Liepert**, Health and Wellness, on a couple of occasions, and with selected MLAs.
- The meetings were viewed as opportunities to suggest ways in which the ACFP and the Alberta Government could work together to improve care for Albertans, and improve access to quality, affordable health care.
- The meetings were positive and Executive members felt confident that the government has acknowledged the vital role of family physicians in maintaining and improving the health of Albertans. Furthermore, all understand the challenges faced by family physicians – economic, workload and recruitment.



Relationships with Organizations

- The Board invited representatives from the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta and from the Alberta College of Pharmacists to learn more about their organizations, and to engage in dialogue on initiatives and issues of mutual interest.
- The ACFP continued to meet with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, and to work with these organizations on specific tasks and issues.

Comprehensive Family Practice Strategy

- The ACFP collaborated with the AMA and its Sections of General Practice and Rural Medicine to form a steering committee that is developing proposed actions to improve the conditions for family doctors practising 'comprehensive family medicine'.
- This mandate is a high priority for our organizations, and we were very pleased to be joined by representatives of Alberta Health and Wellness (AHW) and Alberta Health Services (AHS).
- The outcome will represent a convergence of current and developing initiatives that are necessary for family physicians to deliver comprehensive care for patients including for example, increased support of, and expanding, PCNs; enhanced infrastructure support in the form of affordable space, electronic technology, equipment and human resources; alternate payment models with built in accountability measures, etc.
- This initiative is bold and innovative, and the ultimate winners are Alberta citizens who will receive high quality continuous and comprehensive primary care.
- It will also serve as a powerful tool for family medicine recruitment and retention.

Media Requests

Throughout the year, media contacted ACFP to arrange for interviews on a wide variety of topics – primarily focusing on the family physician shortage in Alberta. Administration made every effort to support these requests while respecting media deadlines. Media also requested interviews on:

- CFPC Report Card
- Family Physician of the Year
- Family Doctor Week
- Spread of syphilis in high risk groups
- HPV Vaccination
- Canadian Community Health Survey
- Use of Pesticides in Alberta
- Physicians closing established practices
- National Physician Survey
- Pharmacists prescribing

Alberta Family Practice Research Network (AFPRN)

AFPRN, a program of the Alberta College of Family Physicians, provides support to:

- Family physicians interested in family medicine research, and
- Researchers who require assistance with recruitment for studies that are relevant to family practice.

Provincial Projects

1. AFRPN and the Health Research Transfer Network of Alberta (RTNA) were successful in receiving a funding grant from the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission to support the aims of the two research networks in **Addictions Research**. The grant is intended to support research, the transfer of research evidence and other related activities on medical practice issues in dealing with substance abuse and/or gaming problems.
2. **Impact of Maternal Nutrition Status during Pregnancy on Maternal Child Health** will follow pregnant women and their offspring over 5 years to assess the impact of maternal nutrition on maternal and fetal mental health and neurological development. AFRPN provided a letter of support for this project and the researchers were successful in obtaining funding to recruit.
3. Initiated in 2004, the AFRPN **'Rewards and Challenges Study'** resulted in a list of key rewards and challenges identified by family physicians. In February 2007, results of this study were published in Canadian Family Physician. A second paper, *'RESPECT from Specialists: Concerns of Family Physicians'*, originating from the data collected was published in Canadian Family Physician magazine in October 2008.

National Projects

1. **Field validation of a self-administered screener for Early Inflammatory Arthritis (EIA) for use in the primary care environment** - This Canada wide study originated from concerns that rheumatologists are seeing cases of arthritis later as it is being missed in primary care. Both primary care physicians and rheumatologists across Canada have agreed to participate in this study.
2. **Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN)** - A steering committee with commitment to the vision of a national network of networks was established in 2006. AFRPN is represented on this steering committee.

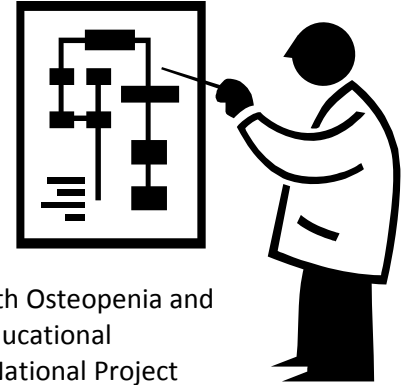
In 2007, the steering committee was successful in a presentation to the Public Health Authority of Canada (PHAC) on what a National Practice Based Research Network could provide in surveillance of chronic disease prevention and management in Canada. And, in 2008, a pilot project was developed to test the feasibility of a primary care chronic disease sentinel surveillance system using regionally linked practice networks with electronic medical records (EMRs).

AFPRN, along with 6 other primary care research networks across Canada is actively involved in this pilot project. The data obtained

will allow better estimates of the prevalence of chronic diseases, risk factors, and management at the primary care practice level.

AFPRN Poster Presentation and Research Sessions

Once again, the AFPRN Poster Presentation, held in conjunction with the 53rd ASA in February 2008, was very successful and rated highly by both presenters and guests. Medical students, community and academic-based family physicians and others displayed 23 posters on a wide range of research projects. Topics included:



- ✓ Bisphosphonate Use Improves In Patients with Osteopenia and Prior Fractures Following An Osteoporosis Educational Intervention: Canadian Quality Circle (CQC) National Project
- ✓ Who Is Driving Family Medicine Continuing Medical Education?
- ✓ Cut Weight Culture: How Are The Diet and Weight Loss Behaviours of High-Level Wrestlers Influenced?
- ✓ Perceived Usefulness Of A Pregnancy and Child Development Logbook for Parents
- ✓ The Family Medicine Locum: Defining The Experience
- ✓ Managing Chronic Pain With Low Dose of Nabilone
- ✓ Cultural Competence of Health Professionals in Four Northern Alberta Ethnic Communities
- ✓ Preparedness For Practice: A Comparison of Urban and Rural Trained Family Medicine Graduates
- ✓ Exploring Family Physician Experiences of Engagement in Primary Health Care Reform: Implications for Health Leaders
- ✓ Seeking Bridges – Investigating The Beliefs and Attitudes of Traditional Chinese Medical Students and Western Medical Students For Future Collaboration in Patient Care
- ✓ Alberta Family Medicine Residency Program Graduates: Where Are They? What Are They Doing?
- ✓ Preoperative Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Use and Practices
- ✓ Barriers to Profession Interpreter Use in the Calgary Health Region
- ✓ Retention of Hospital Privileges By Urban Family Physicians
- ✓ Patient-Provider Rapport in the Health Care of People Who Inject Drugs

- ✓ Barriers to Healthcare For Calgary's Homeless
- ✓ Comparative Use of Biomedical and Traditional Health Care at an Aboriginal Urban Medical Clinic: What Health Needs Are Served By Each?
- ✓ Comparing Perceptions Of Health Amongst Canadian-Born and Immigrant Adolescents
- ✓ Newborn Screening In Qatar
- ✓ Matching Physician Patient Expectations and Behavior: Are Patients' Spiritual Needs Being Met?
- ✓ Residents' Questions In Clinic: What Are They, Where Do They Get Answers, & Are The Answers Helpful
- ✓ Navigating The Hazards Of The Consultative and Referral Process In A Primary Care Network: Between Rocks and Hard Places
- ✓ Overview And Phase One Results Of The Edmonton Southside Primary Care Network Medically At-Risk Driver Initiative

In addition to the Poster Presentation, a research workshop – **What's Up Doc?** – was held at the 53rd ASA. This annual workshop provided a forum for individuals to present their completed or in-progress research, with time to share ideas and highlight potential collaborations.

AFPRN Redesign Task Force

The Alberta Family Practice Research Network was reviewed in 2006-07 by an independent task force appointed by the ACFP Board. Key recommendations of the review included:

- Continue the commitment to support community family physicians involved in research (or to become involved in research),
- Determine the redesign structure that best supports community family physicians not only to participate in research projects but also to increase and enhance their research skills, and
- Build a sustainable network.

A Redesign Task Force was established to follow up on those recommendations and generate the optimum design of a network that would meet the recommendations of the Review Task Force. The final report of the Redesign Task Force was presented at the ACFP Board meeting on October 18, 2008. The major part of the report sets out guidelines to be used to organize a redesigned AFPRN that would be firmly grounded in the community to ensure that the issues and questions most relevant to physicians in community practice are the focus of the network.

There was good discussion at the Board meeting. It was acknowledged that there is a need to support community-based research, and that research addressing questions on day-to-day practice are vital to enhancing the

discipline of family medicine and the quality of patient care. However, the cost to support AFPRN is significant relative to the current size of the ACFP budget.

The major challenge since AFPRN began 16 years ago has been the lack of infrastructure support, and this barrier continues today. It was noted that from a national and international perspective, the ACFP was ahead of its time in establishing AFPRN and should proceed cautiously before making a final decision.

At the end of discussion, it was recommended that ACFP members be more involved in the decision on whether or not the research network should carry on as an ACFP initiative. Consequently, the task force initiated the development of a survey questionnaire that will be sent to ACFP members in the New Year.

ACFP Education and Research Grants Program

The ACFP is in the process of setting up an Alberta program which will enable the ACFP to canvass members and the public to donate money to a registered charitable foundation. Donations will be put towards encouraging provincial family medicine research projects by medical students, family medicine residents and family physicians.

Education grants will defray registration fees to allow more Alberta medical students and family medicine residents to attend approved education events.

Care of the Elderly



In the late fall of 2008, Alberta Health and Wellness and Alberta Seniors and Community Supports, announced a new model for delivering services to seniors. These departments are working collaboratively with Alberta Health Services (AHS) and providers of health and accommodation services to implement the

recommendations. In addition, AHS initiated the development of strategies for seniors care in Alberta based on the recent McKinsey Alberta Service Optimization Review.

Members of the ACFP Care of the Elderly Committee discussed the reports and the planning groups in place, and believed it was vital for family physicians to have the opportunity for informed input to decision making and policy development affecting seniors care in Alberta.

In order to obtain that input, the committee agreed that a questionnaire should be circulated to ask family physicians about the current work environment and key challenges faced in the provision of seniors care in

Alberta. The results of the survey would be shared with ACFP members, and used as a basis for discussion among family practice leaders and other key policy makers such as the AHS Service Optimization Advisory Teams. Work proceeded on designing the questionnaire, and on January 20, 2009, the Family Physicians & Seniors Care in Alberta – A Survey was sent to ACFP members.

Medical Students

Shadowing Project for Incoming Medical Students

In a joint project with the AMA Sections of General Practice and Rural Medicine, a record number of medical students (over 35) were paired with Family Doctors for a shadowing experience in August 2008 before they started medical school.

The program had an outstanding response on a request to members to participate in the shadowing program. This experience provided incoming students with an important positive first impression of Family Medicine, and following the experience, many students expressed amazement at the scope, opportunities and variations of family practice.

Alberta Medical Students Conference and Retreat Commitment to Platinum Sponsorship Level

The ACFP (in partnership with the Calgary Department of Family Medicine and Section of General Practice) is a major sponsor of the joint U of A, U of C medical student conference in Banff in early February. More than 300 students are registered to attend the conference. The sponsorship will allow us to showcase Family Medicine skills and abilities with two workshop sessions and a plenary presentation. Our organizations are committed to having a positive presence amongst the medical students to encourage and support students' choice of Family Medicine as a career.

Family Practice Career Awareness

ACFP was involved in medical student events throughout 2008, and actively participated in orientation events for first year medical students at both Universities, RPAP Recruitment fair, information lunches, etc.

Continuing Medical Education

Globally, continuing medical education (CME) programs are significantly reducing their reliance on industry funding, in particular pharmaceutical sponsorship, in efforts to reduce real or perceived bias. As a result, physician organizations, including faculties of medicine, are seeking alternate opportunities for funds that can be used to develop, implement and evaluate high quality continuing professional development for physicians.

The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta has announced that by December 2009, satisfactory evidence of participation in continuous professional development will be a requirement for licensure in Alberta. This will lead to a need not only to identify alternate sources of funding but also to increase the number of CME programs and innovative strategies for delivering these programs.

In view of these major directions, the ACFP hosted a CME Forum in early December 2008 with a group of family physicians with varying expertise and experience in CME. Their input was valuable and will be very helpful as the ACFP develops its direction and priorities in CME.

The ACFP was pleased to learn that AHW will fund a unique program and approach for engaging Alberta physicians in a continuing, personalized learning environment. A steering committee was formed to drive the development process, chaired by the directors of the U of A and U of C CME departments. The ACFP appointed a representative to serve as a member of the committee.

Review & Accreditation of Mainpro®-M1 Courses

The ACFP Accreditor, Dr. Dorcas Kennedy, reviewed a total of 140 Mainpro-M1 applications in 2008. This is an increase of 10% compared to the number of applications processed in 2007. Applications are reviewed to ensure that regional interests and perspectives were considered in the development of the program.

Also, in September 2007, the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) introduced a requirement for nationally approved Mainpro-M1 programs to undergo 'ethical reviews' when sessions are held within a given province. For purposes of the ethical review, all program promotional materials and correspondence to potential attendees is screened for suitability in keeping with the CFPC's accreditation standards and ethical guidelines, along with those of Rx&D and the CMA. With this review, the provincial Chapter is responsible for granting final accreditation. A total of 71 ethical reviews were processed by the ACFP in 2008.

Annual Scientific Assembly (ASA)

Each year, in late February or early March, the ACFP hosts a conference for family physicians, family medicine residents and medical students. The purpose of the ASA is to provide a continuing learning forum where registrants can learn from presenters, network with colleagues, and relax in a beautiful mountain setting. Each conference consistently offers a high caliber program that meets the standard of excellence that ASA attendees have come to expect.

53rd Annual Scientific Assembly

Registration: Over 300 family practice residents, medical students and FP/GPs attended the 53rd ASA. This was an increase of more than 11% over last year. Attendance at the conference totaled almost 500 people when exhibitors, sponsors, speaker specialists, and guests were also counted.

Two significant changes were implemented in 2008 to streamline the registration process:

- *Online Registration Program:* ACFP administration developed a framework to allow attendees the opportunity to register for the 53rd ASA on-line. An Information Technology consultant was then engaged to build the on-line program according to ACFP requirements.
- *Acceptance of Visa/MasterCard payments:* ACFP administration, in consultation with Executive, reviewed and compared a number of credit card payment processing organizations. A decision was made to sign on with Chase Paymentech, a leader in payment processing.

Exhibitors, Speakers, & Speakers: Forty-six exhibitors attended the ASA: 23 in each of the Prefunction area and in Salon C. This year, 55 speakers presented 51 sessions at the ASA. The sessions broke down into the following categories: Small Group Workshops – 37; Mainpro-C courses – 4; Keynotes Addresses – 4; Satellite Symposiums – 3; Very early morning sessions – 3. Several of the workshops reached capacity prior to the ASA. The Mainpro-C courses also sold out prior to the conference, and each satellite session was well attended.

Welcome Wine & Cheese Reception & AFPRN Poster Session: The Thursday evening reception was very well attended by conference registrants and their families, poster presenters, special guests and exhibitors. The children were entertained by face painters/clowns, and the sundae bar was once again a popular attraction. The AFPRN Poster Presentation, featuring 23 posters relating to family medicine research projects contributed to the overall success of the evening.

Dancing with the Docs! – Saturday Evening Family Fun Event: More than 250 guests attended a Saturday evening dinner and dance family event. The music of big band Jazz Explosion was excellent, and members of the Calgary Swing Dance troupe delighted guests with their lively dance demonstration and lessons.

54th Annual Scientific Assembly

In preparation for the 54th ASA in February 2009, the 53rd ASA Planning Committee began planning for this event in earnest in May. Highlights include:

Call for Presentations: The Committee introduced a 'Call for Presentations' process, which allowed interested speakers an opportunity to provide proposals on topics relevant to family medicine. This was implemented in



part, to decrease reliance on Pharma industry and health related organizations, and to provide a broader variation in topics. The Committee received a total of 21 submissions, of which 18 were accepted.

Special Guest: Alberta Health and Wellness Minister Ron Liepert will address registrants at a special luncheon at the 54th ASA.

Elements of `Green`: The ASA Planning Committee has agreed to implement environmentally friendly initiatives, beginning with the 54th ASA, including: bottled water not being available at breaks/meals, increase in the number of recycle bins situated in the Conference area, reduction in print material – especially handouts and evaluation forms, use of recycled paper and environmentally friendly ink for printing the brochure and postcards.

Alberta 2008 Family Physician of the Year Congratulations to Dr. Mark Sosnowski



- ✓ Graduate of the University of Calgary 1978
- ✓ Certificant in Family Medicine 1980
- ✓ Fellow in Family Medicine 2003

For 28 years, Dr. Sosnowski has delivered community-based medical care including obstetrics, palliative and long-term care. He divides his time among Lynwood Medical Clinic, Calgary General Hospital, Peter Lougheed Geriatric Assessment Module, and Carewest and Crossbow/Fanning Centres. He is also a leader for the Mosaic Primary Care Network in northeast Calgary.

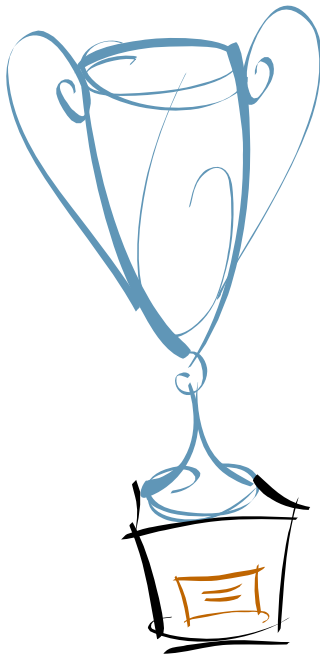
Integrity, compassion, empathy, dedication to the profession, and service to the community are words to describe this outstanding family doctor. During his 28-year career, his patients, students and colleagues have applauded his leadership and commitment to family medicine well beyond his office practice.

Dr. Mark Sosnowski and his wife Kathy have four children. His personal interests are many, all of which foster a healthy balance to the well being of himself, his family and the community at large.

The Family Physician of the Year distinction awarded to Dr. Sosnowski's is one of his many achievements for which he and others can be extremely proud.

Alberta College of Family Physicians Awards

The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) values the achievements and professional commitment of its members and is committed to supporting its membership in providing quality patient care through education, research and promotion of best practices.



Recognition of Excellence Awards

This award will recognize ACFP members who in the past 12-24 months have made an outstanding contribution in a specific area pertaining to one or more of the following areas: Patient Care, Community Service, Hospital or Health Care Institutions, College Activities (National or Chapter), Teaching, Research, and other elements of the academic discipline of Family Medicine.

Recognition of Excellence award recipients will be honoured at the 54th ASA in Banff, AB (Feb. 2009). Congratulations to:

Family Physician Category

Dr. Peggy Aufricht, Calgary

Dr. Tanya Pentelichuk, Banff

Family Medicine Resident Category

Dr. Carmen Larsen, University of Alberta

Medical Student Category

Mr. Adil Vasanji, University of Alberta

Alberta College of Family Physicians Scholarships

ACFP scholarships are awarded annually to a medical student completing the final year in the Faculty of Medicine on the basis of superior academic achievement in the study of Family Medicine and acceptance into a family medicine residency training program. Recipients in 2008:

Ms. Sameena Khan - University of Calgary

Ms. Catherine Chu - University of Alberta

College of Family Physicians of Canada Awards

Congratulations to ACFP members receiving National awards in 2008:

CFPC Medical Student Scholarships are presented to one medical student from every medical school in Canada. Nominees for these scholarships will be outstanding medical students in their 2nd last year at the time of application, who have demonstrated their interest in or commitment to family medicine as a career.

Ms. Melissa Paquette – University of Calgary

Mr. Rhett Taylor - University of Alberta

CFPC Medical Student Leadership Awards are presented by the CFPC to recognize exemplary medical students who demonstrate interest and skills in areas such as health care policy/economics, government/media relations, advocacy and representation on behalf of patients, peers or health care organizations.

Dr. Sameena Khan – University of Calgary

Dr. Gaylene Genge – University of Alberta

CFPC Family Medicine Resident Leadership Awards are presented by the CFPC to recognize the leadership abilities of outstanding senior family medicine residents who demonstrate interest and skills in areas such as health care policy/economics, government/media relations, advocacy and representation on behalf of patients, peers or health care organizations.

Dr. Sean Caine – University of Calgary

Dr. Gregory Keen-Wai Chan – University of Alberta

Family Medicine Resident Awards for Scholarship: In collaboration with the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors, the North American Primary Care Research Group, and The College of Family Physicians of Canada, the awards recognize the best scholarly work of senior family medicine residents (2nd or 3rd year).

Dr. Jennifer Brandon, University of Calgary

Dr. Jarrod Anderson, University of Alberta

C. Robert Kemp Palliative Care Scholarship is awarded to CFPC members who have an active interest in palliative care.

Dr. Elisa Morri-Torres, St. Albert

DM Robb Research Grant supports academic and community-based family physicians to carry out research projects that meet the changing needs of their patients and communities in Canada

Dr. Michelle Warren, Sundre

Janus CPD/CME Scholarships support academic and community based family doctors to carry out continuing professional development or continuing medical education activities related to meeting the changing needs of their patients and communities within Canada.

Dr. Amy Gillis, Edmonton

Dr. Sheila Lakho, Calgary

Dr. Roderick Oishi, Edson

Life Membership recognizes family physician members who have attained the age of seventy (70) or greater and have been College members in good standing for at least ten (10) continuous years immediately prior to the date of nomination. Recipients in 2008:

Dr. P. E. Frangou, Calgary

Dr. Raymond A. Kimberley, Lethbridge

Dr. Herbert O. Onwudiwe, Strathmore

Dr. Maurice F. Simpson, Lethbridge

Fellowship in the College of Family Physicians of Canada (FCFP) is awarded to Certificants who have demonstrated their commitment to practice-based, life-long learning. In 2007, the following ACFP members received Fellowship in the College of Family Physicians of Canada:

Dr. Patricia L. Connick, Calgary

Dr. Patti M. Farrell, Sherwood Park

Dr. Heidi E. Fell, Calgary

Dr. Kimberley Finvers, Calgary

Dr. Jeffrey M. Fanc-Law, Edmonton

Dr. Peter C. Jamieson, Calgary

Dr. Manisha Khurana, Edmonton

Dr. Miriam M-L. Leung, Calgary

Dr. Stanley Mayer, Calgary

Dr. Padraic McCombe, Medicine Hat

Dr. Jane K. Robinson, Edmonton

Dr. Raymond Toal, Blairmore

Dr. Diana L. Turner, Calgary

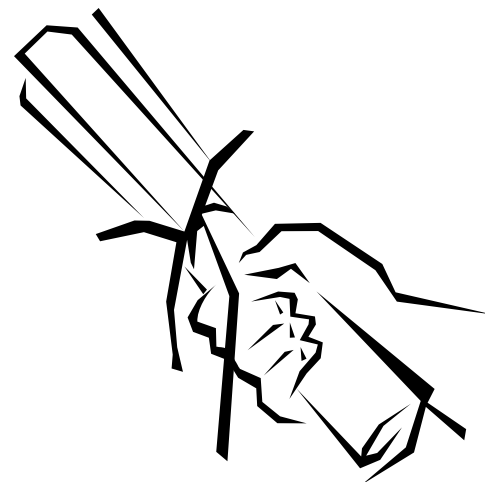
Dr. Susan Westheuser, Lethbridge

Dr. Stan G. Wong, Edmonton

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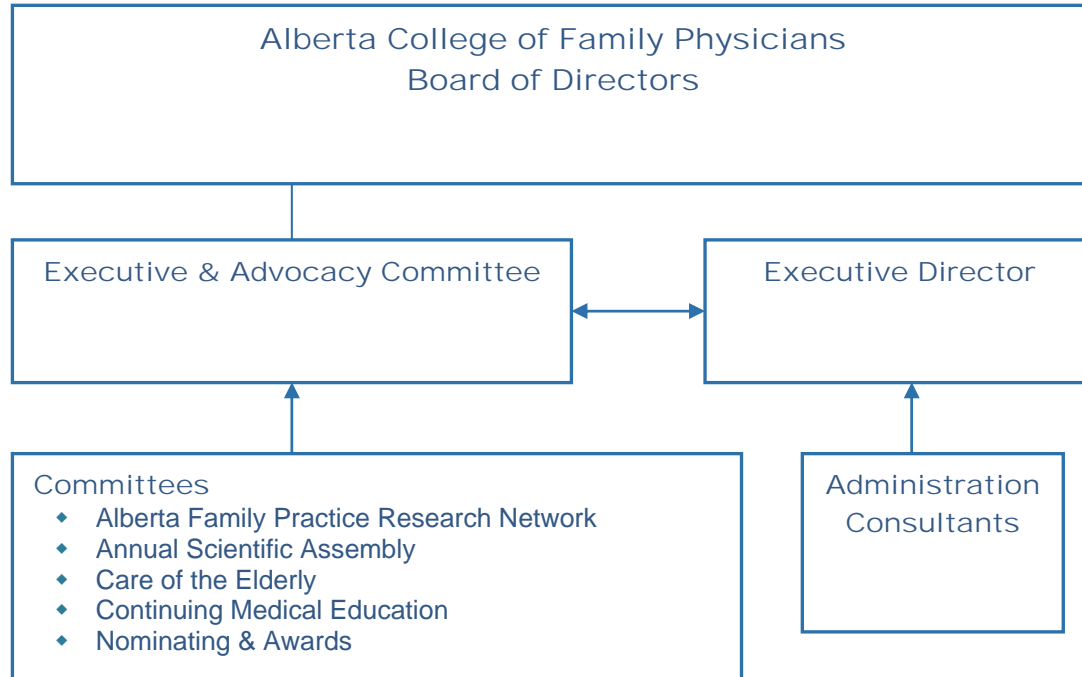
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Dr. Mohamed Albrbar
Dr. Ben Almasi
Dr. Erik Alonso
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Dr. Jane Baker
Dr. Kirsten Barnes
Dr. Cameron Barr
Dr. Peter Bell
Dr. Deanna Bellamy
Dr. Murray Borthwick
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Dr. Sean Caine
Dr. Geneil Campbell
Dr. Chris Carlson
Dr. Gregory Chan
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Dr. Trevor Chan
Dr. Alanna Chang
Dr. Abdul Chehimi
Dr. Jieli (Lily) Chen
Dr. Michael Christie
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Dr. Bre'el Davis
Dr. Richard Delisle
Dr. Timothy Doty
Dr. Anton Du Toit
Dr. Sheela Duia
Dr. Hesham El-Madah
Dr. Bradley Eason
Dr. Carol Faid

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Dr. Nicole Froese
Dr. Melissa Fyhn
Dr. Kathleen E. Game
Dr. Ian Neil Gebhardt
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Dr. Liana Hwang
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Dr. Abdul Qadir Kamran
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Dr. Grant Kennedy
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Dr. Stephanie Kerwin
Dr. Raegan Kijewski
Dr. Julie Kryzanowski
Dr. Jatina Lai
Dr. Bonnie Larson
Dr. Ann Lee
Dr. Heather Lehmann
Dr. Rebecca Leonard
Dr. Ben Lewis
Dr. Allison MacQueen
Dr. Nabil Maloka
Dr. Dereck Maseka
Dr. Harshi Mathur
Dr. Lei Mi
Dr. Johannes Myburgh
Dr. Meenakshi Nanda



Dr. Amarjit Narula
Dr. Leigh Nickerson
Dr. Donovan Nunweiler
Dr. Ishioma Onah
Dr. Tzvetan Parvanov
Dr. Calvin Peters
Dr. Catherine Peters
Dr. Samina Rahman
Dr. Inderpreet Rai
Dr. Nidhi Sahi
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Dr. Tasneem Sawani
Dr. Marian Shaker
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ACFP Organizational Chart



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Medical Student Representative, University of Alberta	Simon Lam, Edmonton
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AMA Alberta Section of Rural Medicine Representative	Dr. Allan Garbutt, Bellevue

Annual Scientific Assembly (ASA) Planning Committee

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University of Calgary Representative	Dr. Jim Dickinson, Calgary
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AFPRN Redesign Committee	
Chair	Dr. Jill Konkin, Edmonton
Members-at-Large	Dr. Allan Bailey, Spruce Grove Dr. Jacqueline Lewis, Calgary Dr. Cathy MacLean, Calgary Dr. Donna Manca, Edmonton Dr. Carol Rowntree, Sundre Dr. Diana Turner, Calgary

Continuing Medical Education	
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