



ALBERTA COLLEGE of
FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Advancing excellence in family practice

2005



A Year in Review

***Services & Activities of the
Alberta College of Family Physicians***

As we continue toward advancing excellence in family practice, the Board of the Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) is proud to present this report on the activities, initiatives and services successfully accomplished in 2005.

New Visual Identity

Logo



The design of the new logo for the ACFP received final approval in 2005.

This logo is now used on business stationary, Updates, the website and all appropriate communication material of the ACFP.

While many designs were presented, the final choice was for the incorporation of the symbol of a healthy 'branch' of a tree. Representing knowledge and growth, and a strong and enduring commitment to the members of the Alberta College, this logo will characterize our organization well into the future.

The specific symbolism of the branch represents the entire Alberta College and the leaves represent our members.

Tag Line

Advancing excellence in family practice

Through a review of our detailed vision, mission and goal statements, and consideration of the mandate of related organizations, the key activities of the ACFP have been distilled into 'Advancing excellence in family practice'.

This statement captures the major areas of focus of the ACFP including continuing medical education, primary care research and advocacy.

ACFP Website

The new ACFP website was launched in September and has been well received. Constantly monitored and updated, the website provides current information on the ACFP programs, initiatives and services and offers useful links to other websites. The address is:

<http://www.acfp.ca/>

Strategic Planning – a New Direction for ACFP

The ACFP Board held a strategic planning session in October 2005. The Board reviewed several key areas including its vision, mission, values, preliminary internal and external performance indicators, environmental forces, goals for the next 1-3 years and detailed activities. The next step is to prioritize the activities.

Once finalized, the strategic plan will be reviewed at each Board meeting to ensure that new initiatives are aligned with the plan, and that the priorities continue to best reflect the needs of its members in the changing environment.

Meeting with Alberta Health & Wellness Minister

Representatives of the ACFP Board of Directors and the Executive Director met in February 2005 with the Honorable Iris Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the ACFP to the newly appointed Health Minister, and to increase her awareness of the major issues facing family physicians.

Key points raised at the meeting included:

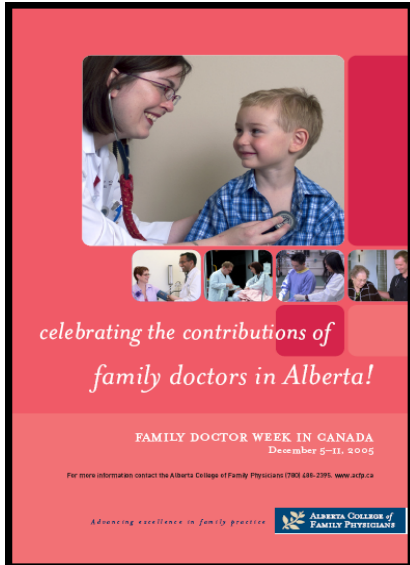
- Family physicians are the first point of contact into the health system
- Family physicians are very interested in and actively promote healthy living strategies
- Family physicians need support in urban and rural settings

The Minister discussed the importance of family physicians contacting their MLAs if they encounter issues and barriers in delivering effective patient care or if they have recommendations on how to improve the health system. She also welcomed feedback to her office.

Representatives learned at the meeting that a bill banning smoking in all public places throughout the province would be introduced in the legislature in two days. A message was sent by email list serve to ACFP members encouraging them to contact their MLAs to support the bill as an important public health measure.

Family Doctor Week – December 2005

The Alberta College of Family Physicians, in conjunction with the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), participated in recognizing Family Doctor Week in Canada. This was an opportunity to acknowledge the special role family doctors play in delivering health care to Canadians.



The ACFP developed an electronic poster to increase awareness of the critical role family physicians play throughout the province. This poster was circulated to the CEOs and Medical Directors of each health region in Alberta, with a message describing the purpose of Family Doctor Week in Canada. As well, each region was encouraged to recognize the significant contributions of family doctors by printing the poster and circulating it to bulletin boards and meeting rooms, featuring it on their website, and having it visibly available in their health facilities. The larger health regions were encouraged to feature the poster in internal publications or in conjunction with other activities.

Mr. LeRoy Johnson (PC), MLA for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, read the following announcement during the Tuesday, November 29, 2005 session of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta:

It is with pleasure that I rise today to recognize Family Doctor Week in Canada, which runs from December 5 to December 11. Each and every day family doctors diagnose and treat illness and injury and promote disease prevention and good health. They advocate on behalf of their patients and play a key role in coordinating care with other medical specialists and health professionals.

Public surveys repeatedly show that Canadians hold family doctors in high regard for the quality of work they provide, working from their offices as well as hospitals, long-term care centres, community clinics, and other community facilities. These doctors are involved in teaching students and residents and in supporting and conducting research to continually improve the practice of family medicine.

The contribution, which family doctors make to Alberta's health care system, is one, which is appreciated by us all, so I wish to thank the family doctors from my constituency and throughout Alberta and Canada.

Alberta Family Practice Research Network

The Alberta Family Practice Research Network (AFPRN) is an Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) program.

Research Projects

The AFPRN Clinical Director and Steering Committee reviewed and collaborated on many research projects in 2005.

Internal Projects

- Identifying Research Priorities in Rural Family Medicine
- The Rewards and Challenges of Family Practice
This project generated a great deal of information that requires further analysis. It has also led to the development of two new projects including: 1) Comparing physicians; perspectives on the primary health care system: Crossing over the ocean from Canada to Spain and vice versa and 2) Physician Working relationships and their impact on students in the academic teaching environment.
- Ethical Concerns Encountered in Community Practice Research: Common Concerns Encountered by the AFPRN was accepted for publication.

External Projects

- The National Clinical Questions Panel: Pilot Test of Consent Form and Registration Survey
- Hip Protectors
- Asthma Project
- Preferences for Colorectal Cancer Screening

Network of Networks Initiative

AFPRN collaborated with practice based research networks across Canada in an attempt to obtain infrastructure funding to develop a 'network-of-networks'. Although the letters of intent submitted to the Canadian Institutes of Health were unsuccessful, work and collaboration in this area will continue in 2006.

ASA Poster Presentation

The 50th ASA – AFPRN Poster Presentation was a wonderful success with a total of 21 abstracts displayed. Very positive feedback was received from ASA registrants and poster presenters on the changes that were made to the timing and venue for this event. Poster presenters were provided with an opportunity for additional exposure by displaying their posters for the duration of the ASA in the main plenary hall – Salon A/B.

AFPRN Membership Database

A letter was sent to all family physicians practicing in Alberta, requesting their interest in being identified as an AFPRN member. The information collected has been used to update the AFPRN Membership Database.

AFPRN Involvement

AFPRN continued its membership and involvement on the following research committees:

- Federation of Practice Based Research Networks
- International Federation of Primary Care Research Networks
- Health Research Transfer Network of Alberta, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research
- Canadian Research Transfer Network

Care of the Elderly Committee

Continuing Care Health Service & Accommodation Standards

An MLA Task Force was established to review and update the Continuing Care Health Service and Accommodation Standards following a report by Alberta's Auditor General, which raised several concerns with long-term care centres in the province.

Representatives of the ACFP met in the early fall with the representatives of the MLA Task Force to offer their insight on issues in continuing care and to provide recommendations on how the situation could be improved.

ACFP participated in a 2-day meeting held in mid-November to go through the proposed standards in detail. Key questions that were raised included funding (i.e. where will the funds come from to support the changes, and how to deal with overall staff shortages).

There was an additional opportunity to review the standards before being sent to the Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness.

Home Care Review

Alberta Health and Wellness structured a working group in May 2005 to look at changing Home Care from a program model to an integrated system of community-based services.

The ACFP was invited to attend a one-day session to discuss the final draft document entitled "Strategic Innovations for the 21st Century: Beyond Home Care to Community Care". A physician representative from the Care of the Elderly Committee participated in the session, which included a diversity of stakeholders.

ACFP forwarded recommendations to the Department to consider the development of a Home Care/Community Care pilot project that would draw on the strengths of the current system while incorporating key innovations such as the proposed integration of primary care and Home Care.

Alberta Long Term Care Association (ALTCA)

ALTCA attended a Care of the Elderly Committee meeting in early October to discuss the Continuing Care standards.

After the ALTCA shared its presentation that was given to the MLA Task Force, the members of the ALTCA and the Care of the Elderly Committee agreed that it would be very positive to work together on one or two specific areas of mutual interest that would advance the agenda of continuing care reform in Alberta.

International Medical Graduates (IMG)

The Alberta International Medical Graduate Association (AIMGA) approached the ACFP to request assistance in overcoming barriers which made it difficult for many IMGs seeking a career in Family Medicine. It soon became evident that a number of organizations were involved, in various capacities, with IMGs. In order to better understand the roles of these organizations, and the scope and challenges faced by IMGs in seeking a career in Family Medicine, the ACFP agreed to host a meeting with representatives from key organizations.

‘Guiding IMGs Toward a Career in Family Medicine’

Thirty-four people, from more than 12 organizations, met in April 2005. Individuals representing licensing, observership, preceptors, family medicine residency programs, unique programs in regions offering skills training, cultural and language classes, etc., and IMGs met to discuss and explore the entire IMG picture in Alberta.

Following a full day of information-sharing and discussion, the group identified the following major areas of concern for IMGs: pre-residency; residency; coordination; education and training; societal issues; licensing; and exams.

Participants at the meeting agreed to form a Working Group, under the coordination and leadership of the ACFP.

IMG Working Group

At the first meeting of the IMG Working Group in June 2005, members agreed on its purpose and role:

- Encourage and support ACFP members in working with IMGs at various levels, for example, shadowing experiences, family medicine resident rotations
- Orient and inform IMGs about (a) the discipline of Family Medicine - its scope, opportunities, and lifestyle, and (b) the opportunities available to help them adapt to a new culture including for example, language, written skills, and our unique health system
- Work with, and provide input to, the regulatory bodies in standardizing the licensure requirements with Family Medicine as the context.

Following the larger meeting and the discussion of the Working Group, the ACFP realized that activities originally planned under this initiative would result in an unnecessary duplication of effort.

Alberta International Medical Graduate Association

The AIMGA invited representatives from the ACFP to attend a meeting in September 2005. The purpose of this meeting was to provide input to the AIMGA in the development of their strategic plan of service to its members.

Next Steps

Given the activity of the AIMGA and other organizations involved in addressing the issues associated with IMGs in seeking careers in Family Medicine, the ACFP re-evaluated its role in the IMG initiative.

The College felt that it should focus on issues that are aligned with the mandate of the ACFP and in areas that are not being addressed by others. While these areas require more discussion and feedback, preliminary ideas include:

- Identifying a pool of practising family physicians who are currently assisting IMGs or have an interest in working with IMGs,
- Determining what their interests are and suggesting how those interests could be fulfilled,
- Establishing a network to foster communication among this group of physicians, and
- Encouraging family physicians to speak with groups of IMGs to discuss the rewards and challenges of family practice.

Medical Students

First Annual Alberta Medical Students' Conference & Retreat, Banff

On February 4-6, 2005, the Medical Students' Associations of the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary held the "First Annual Alberta Medical Students' Conference and Retreat" in Banff, Alberta. On Saturday, February 5th from 12 noon to 1:30 pm, the ACFP hosted several small group sessions with the students. Nine family physician members of the ACFP attended to speak with the students about family practice in general and as a career choice. Information packages were given to the students containing relevant articles and membership information.

The ACFP provided sponsorship to this event in the amount of \$1,000.

Virtual Poster

In collaboration with the Sections of General Practice and Rural Medicine, Alberta Medical Association, and under the direction of 'the little public relations company', the Alberta College developed this project entitled 'Family Medicine is...' as part of a broader effort to increase the number of medical students considering careers in family medicine. The project highlighted the diversity of work available to physicians who choose to enter family medicine.



Choose family medicine and experience a career that can be everything you want it to be.
To learn more about the rewards of a career in family medicine contact the Alberta College of Family Physicians
(780) 488-2395. www.acfp.ca



Eight electronic posters for 2005–2006 were designed, with one to be circulated each month throughout the academic year. The final poster in April 2006 will incorporate the images from the posters that came before it.

Posters were distributed widely (medical students; family medicine residents; other organizations; etc.) for the months of September to December and are also on the ACFP website. Feedback has been very positive.

The series of electronic posters for 2005–2006 includes:

Family Medicine is ...

- Caring for children
- Taking time for your family
- Treating sports injuries
- Teaching
- Responding to emergencies
- Promoting a healthy lifestyle
- Caring for seniors
- The opportunity of a lifetime (a composite poster showing the images of the previous seven posters)

ACFP Presence at Medical Student Events

The ACFP participated in orientation sessions and meetings, and provided on-going communication, including:

- University of Calgary Medical Student Orientation, August 2005
- University of Edmonton Medical Student Orientation, September 2005
- RPAP Recruitment Fair – September 2005
- An initial meeting with the U of A Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) student leaders in September 2005
- Verbal and written communication with U of A and U of C FMIG representatives and the medical student representatives on the ACFP Board

Shadowing Pilot Project for Incoming Medical Students

This project, also a collaborative effort with the Sections of Rural Medicine and General Practice (AMA), was targeted to medical students prior to starting medical school. The purpose of this initiative was to:

- Expose incoming medical students to family practice at a career point not yet influenced by other physicians and colleagues
- Provide students with an interactive opportunity that is unique to their life experiences to date
- Allow students to consider some of the rewards and challenges of a career in Family Medicine.

Launched as a pilot project in August 2005, seven University of Alberta medical students were matched with family physicians - one in a rural setting and the remainder in Edmonton. Participating family physicians practised in a variety of settings including the inner city, women's health, emergency, large and small practice offices, and some with hospital privileges. The student experience was an average of four days.

The ACFP office distributed short surveys with questions that were simple and quick in order to obtain baseline data. Three surveys were done: (a) Pre-survey to medical students; (b) Post-survey to medical students; and (c) Post-survey to participating physicians. Overall, the comments were very positive; a few students noted that their preconceived ideas of family practice changed considerably following the experience.

'This opportunity may provide a better insight into family practice that I may not have yet considered or to which I possess a false sense of judgment towards.'

*Student Participant
PRIOR TO
Shadowing
Experience*

'The shadowing experience was above & beyond what I was expecting. I was impressed with the Doctor's ability to diversify and always make her practice interesting.'

*Student Participant FOLLOWING
Shadowing Experience*

'It was a pleasure to have this student at our clinic. I think it gives us the perspective of what kind of individuals are coming to medicine. They are brilliant, mature, realistic and motivated!'

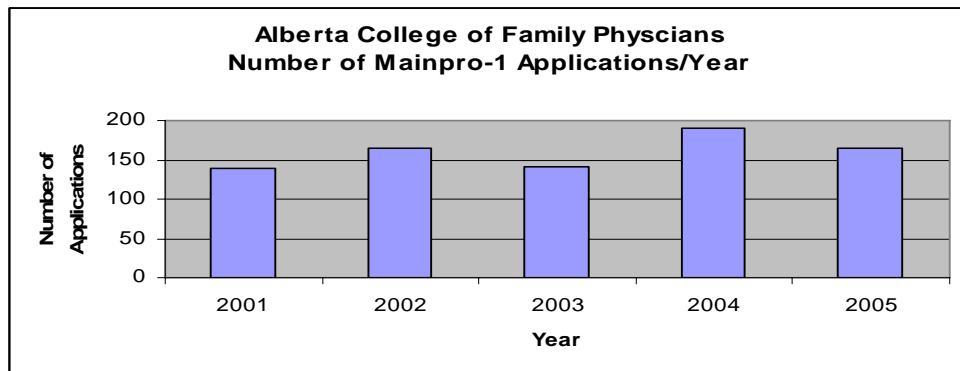
Family Physician participant

Continuing Medical Education

Review & Accreditation of Mainpro®-M1 Courses

Dr. Dorcas Kennedy, Chair of the ACFP CME Committee, continued as the provincial Accreditor of these applications to ensure that high standards were met and regional interests and perspectives were considered.

The College of Family Physicians of Canada is developing an online process for submitting Mainpro applications; ACFP staff began training for the implementation of this procedure in December 2005.



50th Annual Scientific Assembly (ASA)

The 50th ASA theme of 'Celebrating 50 years of Family Medicine in Alberta', was an overwhelming success! Held within the beautiful mountain setting of the Rimrock Resort Hotel in Banff, the four-day Conference attracted an all time record of over 280 family physician registrants and about 40 speakers. Scientific-themed plenaries and small group sessions, mixed with Mainpro-C and enriched Mainpro-1 workshops, were held throughout the entire Conference. In addition, afternoon sessions relating to the future of family physicians and primary care reform were featured. Numerous social events rounded out the entire weekend.

Dr. Michael Rachlis, who currently practises as a private consultant in health policy analysis and is the author of "*Prescription for Excellence: How Innovation and Primary Health Care Renewal are Saving Canada's Health Care System*", presented a national perspective on funding of the health care system and the impact of primary care renewal initiatives. He emphasized that innovation, including primary care reform, is the key to renewing our public health care system.

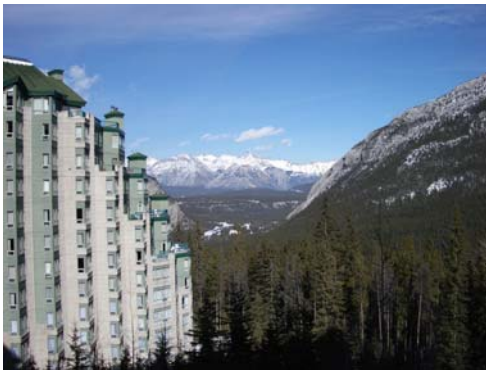
Following the keynote address, four family physicians presented their views and experiences with primary care service innovations. Participants then broke into small groups to discuss questions that are relevant to family practice: (1) Does primary health care renewal

enhance or threaten the professional independence of family physicians? Is it a factor in medical students choosing Family Medicine as a career? (2) What is the family physician's role in enhanced primary health care practice? Will primary health care renewal erode or enhance the family physician-patient relationship? (3) What is behind primary health care renewal? What would be the benefits from better-organized primary health care for patients and doctors and other providers? (4) What is the family physician's role in enhanced primary health care practice?

Dr. Roger Strasser, the Founding Dean of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, is highly respected and well versed on the future of family medicine and the role of family physicians. The afternoon began with a keynote address by Dr. Strasser titled "*The Community Family Physician: Dinosaur or way of the Future?*" Dr. Strasser shared his breadth of experience to help participants step back and reflect on the role and value of community family physicians, and to gain an international and national perspective on the future of family medicine and the role of family physicians. Participants were then divided into four small groups to actively engage Alberta family physicians in identifying issues and potential solutions related to family medicine training, community-based teaching, the pros and cons of generalist and specialty practices within family medicine, the declining interest in family medicine among students and new graduates, and attitudes and values among family physicians.

The AMA Family Physician Support Program sponsored the Sunday morning activities and sessions. Beginning with a crisp outdoor walk, registrants were treated to three dynamic speakers who addressed the theme of physician well being. While parents were learning new ways to take better care of themselves, their children were enjoying the Just-4-Kids art, craft and athletic program.

Other conference highlights included a Wine and Cheese Reception complimented by the Alberta Family Practice Research Network (AFPRN) poster presentation, the pharmaceutical industry/family physician dialogue, and the many award recognition events.



Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff Alberta

Our 50th Birthday Party on the Saturday evening, complete with party hats, noise blowers, dinner and dancing, will be an event many will remember for years to come. Brian Keating of the Calgary Zoo took everyone on a spirit-lifting journey into some of our planet's best wilderness locations. Draws for many door prizes wrapped up this exciting evening.

Awards

Family Physician of 2005 – Dr. Brian Siray

The Alberta College of Family Physicians congratulates Dr. Brian Siray of Black Diamond as Alberta's Family Physician of the Year for 2005.

The Family Physician of the Year award recognizes an outstanding member of the College who exemplifies the four principles of family medicine in his/her practice: he/she is a skilled clinician; is community-based; acts as a resource to a practice population; and recognizes the central importance of the doctor-patient relationship.

Recipients are chosen by their peers for providing exceptional care to their patients, making significant contributions to the health and well being of their community, and dedicating themselves to the education of future generations of family doctors.



*Dr. Brian Siray,
2005 Alberta Family
Physician of the Year*

Dr. Brian Siray graduated from the University of Alberta medical school in 1982 and has been practising family medicine in Black Diamond, Alberta for the past 20 years. According to his colleagues and students, Dr Siray has a strong desire to give back to medicine through teaching and to his community through active involvement.

Dr. Siray is something of an anomaly in Black Diamond, for he is one of the few family physicians in the area who continues to practice a full scope of family medicine. Dr. Siray is the epitome of family medicine. He is a very skilled clinician. He prides himself on being able to diagnose and treat patients within their own communities, utilizing city-based physicians and technology as consultants and tools – not as diagnosticians. He takes the time to interact with his patients and listen to them. He knows his patients by name not by illness.

Dr. Siray will be honoured at the ACFP Annual Scientific Assembly in February 2006.

ACFP CARE 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. The Continuing Professional Achievement Recognition of Excellence (CARE) awards were introduced in 2004 to celebrate the achievements and dedication of ACFP members.

These awards recognize medical students, family medicine residents, and family physicians members of the ACFP, and celebrate the achievements of members who have demonstrated outstanding qualities or have made contributions and dedication to their patients, their community, and/or the profession of family medicine.

Congratulations to the following 2005 CARE Award recipients:

Family Physicians

Dr. Virginia Clark – Calgary
Dr. Pamela Kyle - Calgary
Dr. Diane Lu - Calgary
Dr. Calvin Stewart – Lethbridge

Family Medicine Residents

Dr. Jeremy deBruyn – University of Alberta
Dr. Jeanette Boyd – University of Calgary

Medical Students

Mr. Rhett Taylor – University of Alberta
Ms. Allison Salter – University of Calgary



ACFP 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 2005:

Ms. Agnieszka Choluj – University of Calgary
Ms. Theresa Mary Shea – University of Calgary

College of Family Physicians of Canada Awards

Janus Research Grants support academic and community-based family physicians in carrying out research projects that meet the changing needs of their patients and communities.

Recipient in 2005:

Dr. Andrew Cave

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, i.e. graduating class of 2007, who have demonstrated their interest in or commitment to family medicine as a career. Recipients in 2005:

Ms. Jennifer Hollowell (University of Calgary)

Ms. Erin Brennand (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. Recipients in 2005:

Ms. Rita McCracken (University of Calgary)

Mr. Francesco Mosaico (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. Recipients in 2005:

Dr. Kyle McLaughlin (University of Calgary)

Dr. Kimberly Ivy Anderson-Hill (University of Alberta)

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 2005, 54 ACFP members received Fellowship in the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

External Committee Representation

The ACFP continued to have representatives on provincial and national committees to ensure that the perspective of Alberta family physicians was taken into consideration. These included but were not limited to:

Alberta Breast Cancer Screening Program Advisory Committee

Dr. Jim Dickinson

Dr. Margaret Churcher (alternate)

Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program Primary Care Working Group

Dr. Janice Routledge

Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program Advisory Committee

Dr. Jana Holden

Alberta Management Committee on Drug Utilization

Dr. Sheila Hughes

Interdisciplinary Committee on Protection of Children of Divorce and Separation

Dr. Jeff Robinson

Executive Committee, Section of General Practice, Alberta Medical Association

Dr. Pat Heard

Physician Advisory Group on Primary Care Initiatives, Alberta Medical Association

Dr. Pat Heard

Primary Care Initiative Accountability, Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group

Dr. Cathy Scrimshaw

Dr. June Bergman

CFPC Primary Care Advisory Committee

Dr. Cathy Scrimshaw

Dr. June Bergman (Alternate)

CFPC FMF Planning Committee

Dr. Rick Ward

CFPC Accreditors for MAINPRO®

Dr. Dorcas Kennedy

CFPC Membership Advisory Committee

Dr. Mo Verjee

CFPC CME/CPD Committee

Dr. Rick Ward

CFPC Board Committee

Dr. John Chiu

Dr. Pat Heard

Organ & Tissue Donation and Transplantation Interim Implementation Committee

Dr. Colm MacCarthy

RPAP Family Medicine Education Subcommittee

Dr. Tim Kolotyluk

Family Health Magazine

Dr. Connie Ellis, Chair, Editorial Advisory Board

Dr. Connie Ellis & Dr. Tim Kolotyluk, Co-Medical Editors

Seven Family Physicians served as members of the Editorial Advisory Board, and many wrote articles for the magazine

ACFP Governing Body

- Dr. Patricia Heard - President, Calgary
- Dr. John Chiu - President Elect and Chair, Annual Scientific Assembly, Edmonton
- Dr. Paul Humphries - Honorary Treasurer, Edmonton
- Dr. Mo Verjee, Secretary - Calgary
- Dr. Cathy Scrimshaw - Member at Large, Pincher Creek
- Dr. Kevin Hay - Member at Large, Wainright
- Dr. Diana Turner - Chair, AFPRN Steering Committee, Calgary
- Dr. Tuhin Bakshi - IMG Project, Wetaskiwin
- Dr. Dorcas Kennedy - Chair, Continuing Medical Education, Lethbridge
- Dr. Rick Ward – ACFP Representative to NCCME/CPD Committee, Calgary
- Dr. Rick Spooner - Chair, U of A Dept. of Family Medicine, Edmonton
- Dr. Peter Norton - Chair, U of C Dept. of Family Medicine, Calgary
- Dr. Amie White - University of Alberta Family Medicine Resident, Edmonton
- Dr. Jayson Barkman - University of Calgary Family Medicine Resident, Calgary
- Ms. Annette Tamm - University of Alberta Medical Student, Sherwood Park
- Mr. Carson Chrenek - University of Calgary Medical Student, Calgary
- Dr. Ron Garnett - Section of General Practice, AMA, Lethbridge
- Dr. Allan Garbutt - Alberta Section of Rural Medicine, AMA, Bellevue

There are six standing Committees, made up of volunteer practicing family physicians:

- Executive
- Nominating & Awards
- Continuing Medical Education
- Annual Scientific Assembly Planning
- Alberta Family Practice Research Network Steering
- Care of the Elderly Working Group

The staffing complement at the ACFP office is comprised of part time individuals who bring exemplary and complementary skills to their jobs.

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