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## A Message from ACFP President to Alberta Family Doctors – CME Focus

Dear Colleague,

In my message to you on April 6, I outlined some initiatives that came out of a forum where more than 20 family physicians and educators leaders met to form a vision for the ACFP in CME development and accreditation in the future. Since the forum, we've had more opportunities for input and discussion on implementing that vision. Today, I am very pleased to announce updates on three initiatives.

### Revamped CME structure

- is replacing the provincial CME committee with a regional structure that will involve and engage members at the local level. This responsive network of family physicians will serve as a resource to colleagues and CPD providers in their particular regions on the Mainpro accreditation process, and will identify what CME programs are available and what may be needed. We are also creating the conditions to support CME development at the local level. Some of the family physicians serving as resources in their regions may elect to champion a specific Mainpro course.

**We are always looking for members with interest in CME to provide input, support and local leadership - if you would like to become more involved with Chapter CME initiatives in your area, contact me at [acfpres@acfp.ca](mailto:acfpres@acfp.ca)**

### Education strategy on the new complex fee code

- is a 2-hour presentation that will be scheduled during the summer months in many locations throughout Alberta. The ACFP, in collaboration with AHW, the provincial CDM Dissemination project, and TOP developed this road show presentation that includes information on the complex fee code, fundamentals of care planning, and care plan integration into practice. Watch for notices of a presentation in your area.

### Tools for Practice - proudly sponsored by ACFP

- is a new and valuable service for our members, sponsored by ACFP. A new article will reach you by email every two weeks, summarizing medical evidence on a clinical question with a focus on practice modifying information. **Tools for**

**Practice** is coordinated by Dr. G. Michael Allan (Mike), Associate Professor in the U of Alberta Department of Family Medicine. Mike Allan is a highly respected practitioner and educator. He has been a perennial feature at our Annual Scientific Assembly and has agreed to continue sharing his wisdom with our members throughout the year!

On behalf of the ACFP Board, I am very pleased to introduce you to the Tools for Practice - **watch for the inaugural Tools for Practice in your email inbox tomorrow!**

I welcome your comments and questions. Please contact me anytime at [acfppres@acfp.ca](mailto:acfppres@acfp.ca)

Cheers,

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