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# 2009 A Year in Review

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# ACFP 2009 Highlights

## Membership Growth

- ◆ *ACFP experienced just over 13% growth in membership between December 2008 and December 2009.*

## The Government Listens!

- ◆ *Increasing awareness of family medicine issues among politicians was an important goal for the ACFP Executive – one that the College is on its way to realizing.*

## Tools for Practice

- ◆ *Proudly sponsored by the ACFP, Tools for Practice is a biweekly article summarizing medical evidence with a focus on topical issues and practice modifying information.*

## Family Medicine Forum

- ◆ *Co-hosted by the ACFP and the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), Family Medicine Forum in Calgary provided excellent CME and networking opportunities to over 2450 registrants.*

## Messaging Forum – Red Deer

- ◆ *ACFP gathered representatives from the public, media, key medical organizations, medical students, family physicians and residents, to define and agree on consistent messaging, to identify target groups and to develop a strategy for promotion of Family Medicine in Alberta.*

## Complex Chronic Care Plan: Education & Awareness

- ◆ *Working with the Section of General Practice, Alberta Section of Rural Medicine, General Practice Liaison, Toward Optimized Practice, Alberta Health & Wellness, the University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services, ACFP helped to develop and deliver important education initiatives around the new complex care plan.*

## 54th Annual Scientific Assembly – Feb. 2009

- ◆ *The tradition continues – excellent scientific program, outstanding venue, and warm collegiality & a record number of registrants made the 54th ASA an overwhelming success.*

## Physician Forums

- ◆ *Representatives of the ACFP Executive traveled across Alberta to meet with local family physicians in four communities to openly discuss how best their provincial college can serve them.*

## Two new CME Events

- ◆ *ACFP was involved in two very successful CME events: the Alberta Chronic Disease Symposium (ABCD) held in Jasper in September, and the Cardiovascular Update (CV Update), held in Edmonton in November.*

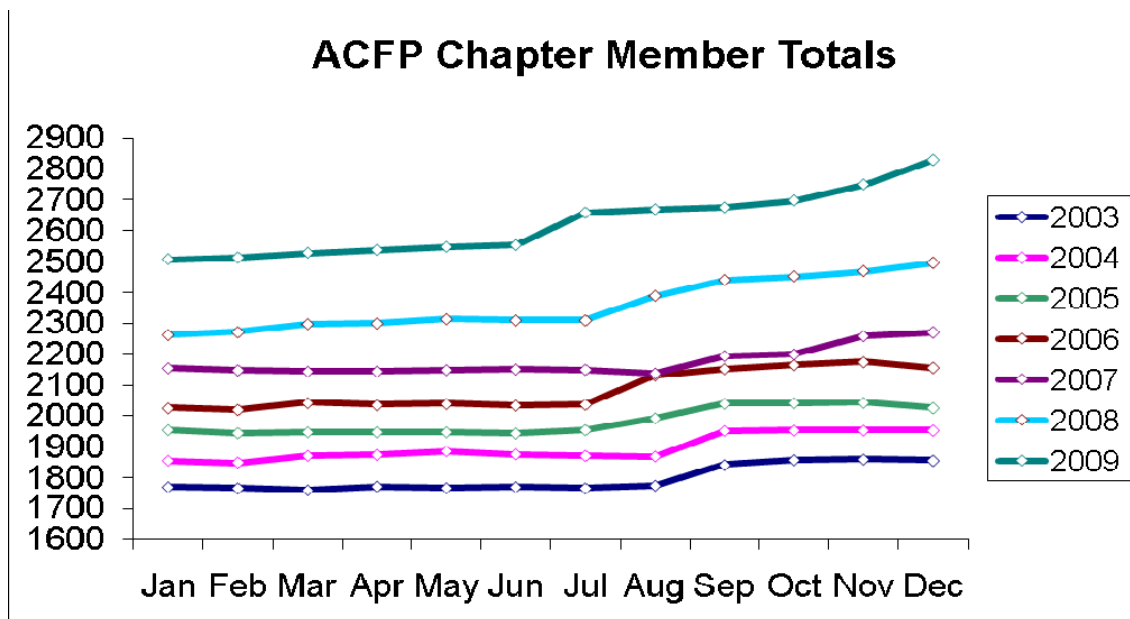
The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) is a provincial, professional voluntary organization, representing more than 2800 family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students in Alberta. Through the voluntary contributions of so many members, the Board of Directors of the Alberta College of Family Physicians is proud to provide highlights of services, initiatives and activities in 2009.

## Membership

- ◆ From 2008-2009, membership increased by just over 13%
- ◆ From 2007-2008, membership increased by 9%
- ◆ From 2003–2007, membership has increased by an average growth of 6% per year.
- ◆ This increase (especially in the last year from Dec 2008-Dec 2009) can be explained by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta’s announcement in September 2008:

*For renewal of licensure, physicians will have to provide satisfactory evidence of participation in a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) program.*

- ◆ As the College of Family Physicians Mainpro® program is recognized by all licensing authorities as satisfying this requirement, membership in the ACFP has increased significantly over the past 18 months.



## Bending the Government's Ear

- ◆ Increasing awareness of family medicine issues among politicians was an important goal for the ACFP Executive.
- ◆ Executive believes that government has and continues to acknowledge 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.
- ◆ In 2009, representatives from ACFP Executive continued to build relationships with key government and health care leaders at formally scheduled meetings and other events throughout the year. Meetings were held with:
  - ✓ **Dr. Stephen Duckett**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Health Services
  - ✓ **Dr. Richard Lewanczuk**, Senior Medical Director, Primary Care and Chronic Disease Management, Alberta Health Services
  - ✓ **Honourable Ron Liepert**, Minister of Health and Wellness, Alberta
  - ✓ **Dr. David Megran**, Senior Physician Executive, Alberta Health Services
  - ✓ **Mr. Glenn Monteith**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Workforce Division, Health and Wellness
  - ✓ **Dr. Raj Sherman**, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Wellness
  - ✓ **Ms. Pam Whitnack**, Executive Vice President Rural, Public & Community Health, Alberta Health Services

**According to ACFP President, Dr. Rick Ward:**

*“When Health Minister Ron Liepert travels to Banff to address family doctors at the ASA, takes time out from damage control in the middle of the flu pandemic to give a keynote talk at FMF and devotes the majority of his speech to the AMA Rep Forum on the importance and evolution of Primary Care and Family Practice – you know family medicine is on the radar screen!”*

## Continued Collaboration with Other Medical Organizations

- ◆ The ACFP continued to meet with the leaders of the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) throughout the year. Of note, a dinner meeting with all Presidents/Presidents Elect from these organizations was held in February during the ASA in Banff.

## Comprehensive Family Practice Strategy

- ◆ In 2008, the ACFP and AMA established the Comprehensive Family Practice Steering Committee to develop a broad strategy for the delivery of comprehensive family physician services in Alberta.
- ◆ Co-chaired by Dr. Rick Ward and Dr. Ernst Schuster, the committee had clinical representatives from the Section of General Practice, Alberta Section of Rural Medicine, PCN physicians, community non-PCN physicians, a family medicine resident, and a medical student. As the agenda broadened, representatives from Alberta Health Services and Alberta Health and Wellness were invited to participate.
- ◆ The steering committee commissioned research on various family practice models that could address issues such as access, chronic disease management and payment reform.
- ◆ Three models of delivery were explored in detail: Fee-for-Service, ARP Capitation and ARP Enhanced.
- ◆ Unfortunately there are no deliverables to offer our members as discussions between the AMA, AHS and AHW were unsuccessful in achieving an action plan for piloting the three delivery models. The future of this committee is under review.

## Messaging Forum

Red Deer September 12, 2009

*On the one hand, in efforts to recruit medical students into Family Medicine, family physicians frequently tell students that being a family doctor is an important, rewarding and appealing career. On the other hand, family physicians convey messaging to government and other organizations that Family Medicine is 'dying on the vine' with practitioners unable to afford to practice, being disrespected by other specialists and related communication.*

- ◆ Stemming from conflicting messages that have become familiar about family medicine, the ACFP Board recognized the need for consistent and straightforward messaging on Family Medicine in Alberta.
- ◆ Identified as a worthwhile strategy for creating such a clear-cut messaging, a one day forum with representation from important stakeholder groups throughout the province was held in Red Deer on September 12. Participants represented:
  - ✓ Government
  - ✓ Medical students, FM residents, family physicians
  - ✓ Medical organizations
  - ✓ Media and public
- ◆ Presentations were made by:
  - ✓ Dr. Cathy MacLean, Head, Department of Family Medicine, University of Calgary and President, the College of Family Physicians of Canada.
  - ✓ Dr. Raj Sherman, Parliamentary Assistant, Alberta Health and Wellness
  - ✓ Harbir Gill, Class of 2011, Univ. of Alberta, medical student
  - ✓ Michelle Lang, Medical Reporter, Calgary Herald
  - ✓ Pam Whitnack, Executive Vice President, Rural, Public and Community Health, Alberta Health Services
  - ✓ Glenn Monteith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Workforce Division, Alberta Health & Wellness
  - ✓ Dr. Linda Slocombe, Board member, Alberta Medical Association (AMA), and President, Calgary and Area Physicians' Association
- ◆ Outcomes:
  - ✓ The message about Family Medicine should include various wordings on the theme of essential care, for example, family practice as the backbone of a healthy community, the relationship between science and humanity, the profession/specialty of choice, and patient advocacy.
  - ✓ The message should be delivered primarily by the family physicians that are skilled in front line communications – these physicians need to be front and center on a consistent basis.
  - ✓ Family physicians individually and the ACFP collectively must believe and portray the value of family medicine, and increase efforts to raise the profile of family physicians, celebrating success stories throughout the province, and spreading the word publicly to people, government, doctors and students.
- ◆ Several key activities were identified for implementation in 2010, including:
  - ✓ Develop a leadership forum targeting 'Early in Practice' Family Physicians, Family Medicine Residents, Medical Students to promote advocacy in Family Medicine in their community.
  - ✓ Sponsor an 'educational session' for MLAs on Family Medicine in Alberta.
  - ✓ A full report on the Messaging Forum is available on line at [www.acfp.ca](http://www.acfp.ca)

## Physician Forums

*I remain impressed by the dedication and energy of Family Physicians in providing high quality care to their patients and community.*

*Rick Ward  
Drumheller  
Physician Forum*

- ◆ Physician Forums provide an opportunity for Executive to travel to various towns in Alberta to meet with local Family Physicians and interested physician colleagues to openly discuss regional issues and explore how best the provincial college can serve them.
  - ◆ In 2009, Physicians Forums were held in Banff, Edmonton, Drumheller, and Peace River.
  - ◆ The consistent topics of concern to the physicians included 1) advocacy to increase credibility and increase resources, 2) specialist referrals, and 3) scope of practice.
- ◆ One participant commented that *“the meeting was very effective in bringing us up to speed regarding the frustrations and future of Family Medicine in Alberta. The short presentation and the adequate opportunity to ask questions, along with the openness and creativity of ACFP representatives was very much appreciated. We look forward to continued interaction in the future”*.

## Alberta Family Practice Research Network (AFPRN)

- ◆ The AFPRN is a program of the Alberta College of Family Physicians. The network provides support to 1) Family physicians interested in family medicine research, 2) Researchers who require assistance with recruitment for studies that are relevant to family practice, and 3) hosts oral and poster presentations in conjunction with the ACFP’s Annual Scientific Assembly to provide a setting to disseminate information and develop linkages between family physicians, researchers and policy makers.

### AFPRN National and Provincial Projects

- ◆ **The Alberta Pregnancy Outcomes and Nutrition Project (APrON)** is one of Canada’s largest pre-natal nutrition studies. The study is designed to analyze the relationship between maternal nutrient status during pregnancy, maternal mental health and infant outcomes such as child health and development. AFPRN will facilitate the dissemination of results back to participating physicians through research presentations, workshops and newsletters.
- ◆ **Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN)** – AFPRN, in collaboration with other primary care research networks across Canada, are collaborating on this national project to develop Canada’s first multi-disease electronic record surveillance system. CPCSSN is funded by the Public Health Agency

of Canada (PHAC) through the College of Family Physicians of Canada. To learn more about this project, please visit [www.cpcssn.ca/cpcssn/home-e.asp](http://www.cpcssn.ca/cpcssn/home-e.asp)

Standard operating procedures have been developed and data on five chronic diseases has been extracted and validated. Pan-Canadian strategies were designed to enable AFPRN and the other research networks to collect anonymized health information from EMR's. These strategies will assist CPCSSN in establishing a longitudinal chronic disease data repository while protecting individual patients' right to privacy and addressing the concerns of the custodians who protect their patients' information.

This powerful resource will produce point of care information and longitudinal data that will provide valuable information about the best approaches to managing chronic disease and more. Phase 1 of the project involved 7 primary care research networks (PCRNs) and Phase 2 involves 9 primary care research networks. Phase 2 will be completed in March 2010.

- ◆ **Toward Patient-Centered Addiction Care in a Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Urban Population** – The AFPRN and the Research Transfer Network of Alberta (RTNA) received one-time grant funding from the AHFMR and AADAC to support research and research transfer in primary care to improve the knowledge, expertise, and impact of primary care in dealing with patients and/or community-presented issues in substance abuse or gambling problems. All proposals were peer reviewed, and the successful applicant was notified in December 2009.

## AFPRN Poster Presentation & What's Up Doc?

- ◆ Once again, the AFPRN Poster Presentation, held in conjunction with the 54th ASA in February 2009, 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, such as:
  - ✓ A Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN): Initial Development & Feasibility Pilot Study
  - ✓ Decreasing Barriers to Diabetes Prevention and Treatment Options for Individuals Living In Poverty
  - ✓ Development Of A Web-Enabled Database Of Specialist Referral Information
  - ✓ Progress To Practice For Family Practice Residents: Guiding The Development Of Competence Through Formative Assessment
  - ✓ Threats to Well-Being
- ◆ In addition to the Poster Presentation, a research workshop '**What's Up Doc?**' was held at the 54th 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.

## Medical Students



### Shadowing Project for Incoming Medical Students

- ◆ In a joint project with the AMA Sections of General Practice and Rural Medicine, over 25 incoming medical students were paired with Family Doctors for a shadowing experience during the summer – primarily in urban settings.
- ◆ This experience provided these 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 (AMSCAR) Commitment to Platinum Sponsorship

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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 2009, and actively participated in orientation events for first year medical students at both Universities, and information lunches.

## Care of the Elderly

- ◆ In January, 2009 the ACFP Care of the Elderly Committee designed the “Family Physicians & Seniors Care in Alberta” survey as a first step in identifying major barriers and potential solutions in caring for the elderly and their multiple needs.
- ◆ Survey results (10.5 % response rate) showed that physicians responding to this survey wished to continue this critical work; however agreed that is difficult to do this without the proper supports and collaboration from other providers working in a fully integrated system of care that puts the patient at the centre of all decision points.
- ◆ Based on these findings, and the experiences and expertise of Committee members, the Care of the Elderly Committee recommended a number of initiatives, such as:
  - ✓ Develop a vision for seniors care and the role of the family physician.
  - ✓ Advocate for change in seniors care with key decision-making groups.
  - ✓ Encourage more family physicians to enroll in care of the elderly training programs and CME courses

## Continuing Medical Education

### A New Direction in Continuing Medical Education (CME)

- ◆ Following an interactive CME forum led by the ACFP in December 2008, and continuing feedback from community physicians throughout 2009, the Board at its fall meeting fully supported a restructuring of the CME committee with a more active role in communicating, identifying, and advocating the educational needs of its membership.
- ◆ The restructured Committee will have regional representation to ensure an emphasis on receiving input from grassroots members, and its overall responsibilities will include:
  - ✓ Provide advice on design and development of needs assessment survey
  - ✓ Provide advice on development of online up-to-date CPD program catalogue
  - ✓ Promote learning opportunities to members e.g. workshops, podcasts
  - ✓ Provide information to members on developing CPD programs, applying for accreditation.
  - ✓ Act as general resource to members

### Complex Chronic Care Plan Education & Awareness

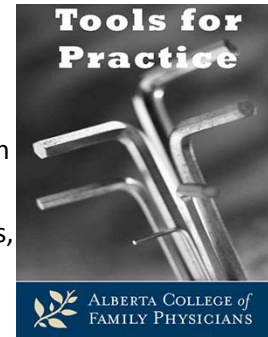
- ◆ The Comprehensive Annual Care Plan, initiated on April 1, 2009, was developed to compensate physicians for the coordination of the comprehensive care of patients with complex medical needs. Family doctors and patients continue to benefit from this new fee code.
- ◆ A two-hour educational presentation on the new complex fee code was scheduled throughout the summer. The ACFP, in conjunction with Alberta Health & Wellness, the provincial Chronic Disease Management Dissemination project, and Toward Optimized Practice, developed the presentation that included information on the complex fee code, fundamentals of care planning, and care plan integration into practice.

### Review & Accreditation of Mainpro®-M1 Courses

- ◆ Applications are reviewed to ensure that regional interests and perspectives were considered in the development of the program.
  - ✓ A total of 128 Mainpro-M1 applications were reviewed in 2009 (8% reduction compared to 2008).
- ◆ A total of 636 ethical reviews were processed by the ACFP in 2009.

## Tools for Practice

- ◆ Proudly sponsored by the ACFP, Tools for Practice is a bi-weekly article summarizing medical evidence with a focus on topical issues and practice modifying information. It is coordinated by Dr. Michael Allan, and the content is written by practising family physicians. Beginning in May 2009, 16 articles have been distributed electronically to AB members, and are frequently sent by the CFPC to family physicians across Canada. All articles are available on [http://www.acfp.ca/tfp\\_original.php](http://www.acfp.ca/tfp_original.php)



- ◆ Sample articles include:
  - ✓ Did Jupiter prove we should be ordering hs CRP to help decide who gets a statin for cardiovascular prevention?
  - ✓ Anti-oxidant vitamin cure-alls: Will good theories ever die?
  - ✓ Home in the Range - Home Blood Pressure Monitoring: Is home blood pressure monitoring (HBPM) helpful in the management of adult hypertension?

## Additional CME Events

- ◆ In 2009, ACFP was involved in the development and implementation of two CME events. With support from sanofi-aventis and Astra Zeneca, the following programs were held:
  - ✓ **Alberta Chronic Disease Management Symposium** was held on September 26-27, 2009, Jasper Park Lodge in Jasper, Alberta. The symposium focused on the concept of chronic disease management and the latest guidelines to prevent the onset of chronic disease and further deterioration in patients with existing chronic diseases. Topics included complex care, hypertension, diabetes, stroke and peripheral vascular disease. Based on the evaluations from the 90 registrants that attended, the overall comments were positive.
  - ✓ **Cardiovascular Update for the Practicing Physician** was held on November 21, 2009 at the Telus Centre for Business Development at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. Dr. Jacques Genest, of McGill University in Montreal, was the keynote speaker. The session topics included: Anti-platelet therapy in Cardiology, Canadian Cholesterol Guidelines, Cardiovascular Risk Reduction, ACS Update: Early diagnosis, treatment & transfer issues and Approach to Dyslipidemia Dilemmas. One hundred thirty one registrants attended the symposium and provided positive feedback.

## Family Medicine Forum (FMF) 2009

- ◆ As co-host of FMF, ACFP was proud to welcome over 2450 delegates from across Canada to Calgary from October 26-31, 2009.
- ◆ Thanks to the dedication of the members of the 2009 Scientific Program Sub-Committee. Alberta committee members include:
  - ✓ **Dr. Janet Reynolds**, Calgary (Chair)
  - ✓ **Dr. Heather Armson**, Calgary
  - ✓ **Dr. Dorcas Kennedy**, Lethbridge
  - ✓ **Dr. Doug Klein**, Edmonton
  - ✓ **Dr. Maeve O’Beirne**, Calgary
  - ✓ **Dr. Carol Rowntree**, Sundre
  - ✓ **Dr. Jennifer Tupper**, Calgary
  - ✓ **Dr. Rick Ward**, Calgary
- ◆ Dr. Barbara Starfield, one of the keynote speakers at FMF and world renowned expert and researcher in primary care, met with ACFP Executive and leaders of other medical organizations at a private luncheon during FMF. Guests at this meeting appreciated Dr. Starfield’s insight on the delivery of health services, assessment of population health and economic impact.

## 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.



54<sup>th</sup> ASA  
February 26-28, 2009  
Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff

- ◆ The ASA Planning Committee met in May to begin planning for the 2009 ASA.
- ◆ A pilot call for presentations was implemented; of the 21 submissions received, 18 sessions were chosen through this process. Overall, the choice for all scientific sessions was excellent with the scheduling of:
  - ✓ 34 Workshops
  - ✓ 2 Satellite Sessions
  - ✓ 4 Mainpro C sessions

- ✓ 5 Keynote presentations:
  - Dr. Thomas Louis: Confronting MRSA & C-Difficile in Office Practice
  - Honourable Ronald Liepert Minister, Health & Wellness
  - Dr. John-Henry Pfifferling: Transforming Reality Shock
  - Dr. Jay Lee: Screening Males for ED with other Illnesses
  - Dr. Sam Chang: ADHD/Adolescent Addictions
- ✓ Casting Skills
- ✓ 2 Early morning `Breakfast with the Prof` sessions
- ◆ In addition to the scientific sessions, there were two main social events scheduled throughout the conference including:
  - ✓ Welcome Wine & Cheese Reception & AFPRN Poster Session. The children were entertained by face painters/clowns, and the sundae bar was once again a popular attraction.
  - ✓ Saturday Evening Family Fun Event: food from around the world, chocolate fountains, loot bags for the children, glow lights for all, and entertainment provided by music of big band Jazz Explosion contributed to the success of the evening.



55<sup>th</sup> ASA  
 February 25- 27, 2010  
 Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff

- ◆ The ASA Committee met in May 2010 in Calgary to begin planning for the 2010 Conference.
- ◆ Prior to this meeting, a Call for Presentations was put in place. The purpose, in part for this, was to decrease reliance on the pharmaceutical industry and health related organizations and to provide a broader variation in topics.
- ◆ The response to the call was impressive, and the Committee reviewed over 65 submissions. Approximately 70% of these submissions were accepted for a variety of sessions at the 55th ASA.
- ◆ With the FMF2009 being held in Calgary in October 2009, and the end dates of the 2010 Vancouver Olympics coinciding with the dates of the 55th ASA, an early bird registration incentive was initiated, which included a chance to win a trip to Las Vegas. Congratulations to Dr. Shawna Lamond, Calgary, winner of this prize.

## Alberta College of Family Physicians Awards & Recognition

- ♦ 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.

### Alberta 2009 Family Physician of the Year George Gish, MD, CCFP, FCFP

Dr. George Gish arrived in Claresholm in 1980 and has since made an indelible difference to his community. His patients describe Dr. Gish as a family physician who is willing to go “the extra mile” in any situation. Peers describe him as a dedicated physician who ‘provides exceptional care, promotes family practice through his relationships, and has a firm commitment to teaching.’

A graduate from the University of Calgary, George became a Certificant of the CFPC in 1979 and a Fellow in 2003. He also obtained special recognition in anesthesia, a service he has provided to community surgeons ever since. In addition to a busy family practice, George contributes to emergency room coverage at Claresholm General Hospital, care at Willow Creek Auxiliary Hospital and Nursing Home, and is very



involved with local mental health, and alcohol, drug and addiction programs.

George is highly recognized for his commitment to rural medicine. Since 2006, he has been the Chair of the Calgary Rural Primary Care Network Board and sits on the AMA’s Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee. In 2007-2008, he was recognized with the Rural Family Medicine Preceptor Award. From 2006 to 2009, his teaching skills earned him awards of excellence for Outstanding Clerkship Teaching at the University of Calgary.

George is married to Lenore and they have two adult children, Jessica and Daniel, as well as two grandchildren, Toryn and Xander. For recreation, George has moonlighted as a volunteer fireman and enjoys golfing, curling, cycling, fly fishing and sailing.

*“I have been humbled by the kindness of my patients and local community over receiving this award. Their response has reaffirmed what I try to relate to my students – that there is tremendous value in being able to see the big picture and a good steward for the health of your community. Family medicine has been an exceptionally rewarding experience and I continue to celebrate daily my career choice.”*

## Recognition of Excellence Awards

- ◆ This award recognizes 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 acknowledged at the 55th ASA in Banff, AB (Feb. 2010).

## 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 2009:
  - ✓ **Mr. Dharminder Hayre - University of Calgary**
  - ✓ **Ms. Mariko Anne Shibata - University of Alberta**

## College of Family Physicians of Canada Awards

*Congratulations to ACFP members receiving National awards in 2009!*

- ◆ **Jean-Pierre Despins Award** honours a CFPC family physician member identified as an outstanding advocate and public spokesperson for family medicine, family physicians and their patients.
  - ✓ **Dr. Rick Ward, Calgary**
- ◆ **Honorary Membership** may be conferred upon individuals of distinction who are not family physicians in Canada, whether or not they are graduates of medicine, who have made an outstanding contribution to the discipline of family medicine and/or The College of Family Physicians of Canada and/or the health and wellbeing of the population.
  - ✓ **Ms. Carmen Frese, Calgary**
- ◆ **CFPC Lifetime Achievement Award in Family Medicine** honours individuals who were our trailblazers and leaders in family medicine research, and who made a significant career contribution to family medicine research during their active career years. These awards will give public recognition to their work and to the discipline of family medicine.
  - ✓ **Dr. Wayne Elford, Calgary**
  - ✓ **Dr. George McQuitty, Calgary (posthumous)**
  - ✓ **Dr. Michael Tarrant, Calgary (posthumous)**

- ♦ **Janus Research Proposal Development Grants** are intended to build family medicine research capacity. They support academic and community-based family physicians, CFPC members who are in active practice, for the development of a research grant proposal.

  - ✓ **Dr. Daniele Behn Smith, Edmonton**
  
- ♦ **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. Gavin Parker, Calgary**
  
- ♦ **CFPC Scholarship in Women’s Health** supports family physicians, CFPC members in active practice, committed to enhancing their knowledge or skills in women’s health to meet the needs of their community within Canada.

  - ✓ **Dr. Elizabeth McLeman, Calgary**
  
- ♦ **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. Sunita Chacko – University of Calgary**
  - ✓ **Dr. Carmen Larsen – 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. Marsha Quartero & Dr. Christopher Rebus, University of Calgary**
  - ✓ **Dr. Lemmese Al-Watban, University of Alberta**
  
- ♦ **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. Nadia Shehata – University of Calgary**
  - ✓ **Ms. Kelly Tackaberry - University of Alberta**

- ◆ **CFPC Medical Student Leadership Awards** 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. Robert Warren – University of Calgary**
  - ✓ **Dr. Aisha Khatib – University of Alberta**
  
- ◆ **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 2009:
  - ✓ **Dr. Asad Brahim, Edmonton**
  - ✓ **Dr. Lalit Kamdar, Edmonton**
  - ✓ **Dr. Myron Semkuley, Calgary**

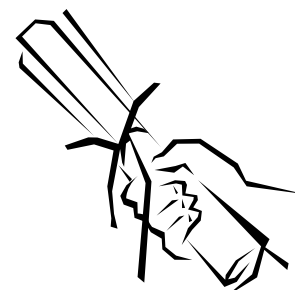
## Congratulations to Alberta's 2009 Fellows

**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 2009, the following ACFP members received Fellowship in the College of Family Physicians of Canada:

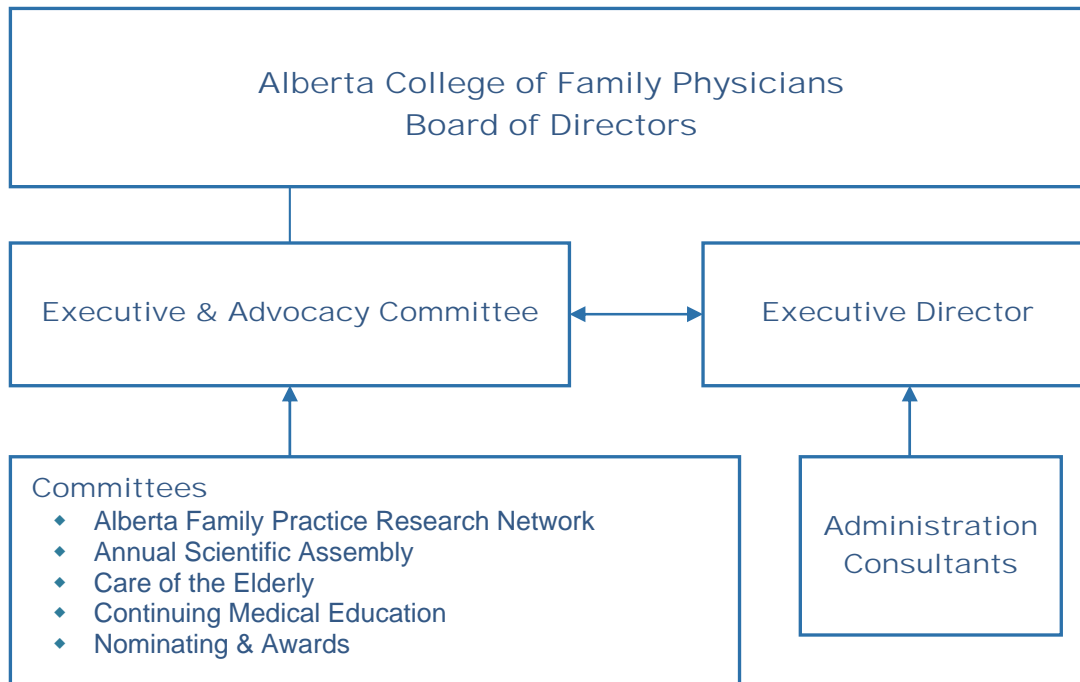
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| ✓ Dr. Melanie Currie,<br>Spruce Grove | ✓ Dr. Madeleine Meiring<br>Medicine Hat |
| ✓ Dr. Roderick Elford, Calgary        | ✓ Dr. Sandra Morrison, Calgary          |
| ✓ Dr. Barbara Fischer, Whitecourt     | ✓ Dr. Eric Mueller, Lethbridge          |
| ✓ Dr. Joshua Foley, Medicine Hat      | ✓ Dr. Sharmilla Naidoo, Calgary         |
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| ✓ Dr. Roxane Grade, Edmonton          | ✓ Dr. Vicki Penney, Calgary             |
| ✓ Dr. Mark Guhle, Grande Prairie      | ✓ Dr. Kathy Ellen Reed, Edmonton        |
| ✓ Dr. Kuldeep Hayer, Calgary          | ✓ Dr. Monica Sargious, Calgary          |
| ✓ Dr. Arkadiusz Jaroni, Edmonton      | ✓ Dr. Gerry Schwalfenberg, Edmonton     |
| ✓ Dr. David Keegan, Calgary           | ✓ Dr. Marian Tami Shandro, Edmonton     |
| ✓ Dr. Lu-Inge Kilian, Calgary         | ✓ Dr. Harkirat Sidhu, Edmonton          |
| ✓ Dr. Adriaan Kriel,<br>Medicine Hat  | ✓ Dr. Valerie Smith, Camrose            |
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| ✓ Dr. Michael Lee, Calgary            | ✓ Dr. David W. Wildeboer, Lacombe       |
| ✓ Dr. Charles Lortie, Edmonton        | ✓ Dr. Kevin Worry, Fort McMurray        |
| ✓ Dr. Karen Louie, Edmonton           | ✓ Dr. Alexander Yeung, Edmonton         |

## Congratulations to Alberta's First Year Certificants

- ✓ Dr. Ramzy Abdel-Galil
- ✓ Dr. Amane Abdul-Razzak
- ✓ Dr. Lemmese Al-Watban
- ✓ Dr. Fozia Alvi
- ✓ Dr. Shabbir Amin
- ✓ Dr. Linda Anvari
- ✓ Dr. Eric C. Baker
- ✓ Dr. Nicol Basson
- ✓ Dr. Steven Beekman
- ✓ Dr. Andrea Behie
- ✓ Dr. Matthew Bennett
- ✓ Dr. Laila Bhimani
- ✓ Dr. Reta Blakely
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- ✓ Dr. Mark Boyko
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The following ACFP members served on the magazine's 16 member Editorial Advisory Board: Dr. June Bergman, Dr. Connie Ellis, Dr. Jeremy deBruyn, Dr. Marilyn Basinger, Dr. Tim Kolotyluk, Dr. Carolyn Lane, Dr. Susan Lea, Dr. Victor Lun, Dr. Ben Macedo, and Dr. Chris Sikora. Numerous ACFP members contributed articles.

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