

A Message from the ACFP President to Alberta Family Doctors

Dear ACFP Members,

AMA Discussion Paper on Family Care Clinics (FCCs) – The Alberta Medical Association (AMA) released a draft discussion paper, [A Vision for Family Care Clinics](#) that explores how Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and FCCs can offer Albertans a medical home and the best care possible.

The ACFP fundamentally agrees with the vision put forth by the AMA and maintains that family care clinics, if built on the successes of existing family practices and PCNs, can evolve—with rigorous planning, implementation and evaluation, as well as sustained and adequate funding—and offer every Albertan a medical home. The ACFP is guided by the principles of family medicine and the Patient’s Medical Home, as described in the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) publication, [A Vision for Canada: Family Practice - The Patient’s Medical Home](#). I invite you to read the [Summary of Responses](#) submitted by the ACFP Board members to the AMA’s *A Vision for Family Care Clinics*. The ACFP welcomes your feedback/comments on the AMA discussion paper and on the continuing evolution of FCCs in Alberta.

Government Relations –Terri Potter, Executive Director, Paul Humphries, Past President and I met with the Minister of Health, the Honourable Fred Horne on July 10, 2012 to discuss FCCs and the Alberta government’s plans for primary health. Minister Horne states that “...the ministry will continue to build upon the successes of the Primary Care Networks through ongoing engagement of physicians, other health care providers and stakeholders to further strengthen Alberta’s primary health care system. The Ministry believes that participation and collaboration of all those involved in providing primary health services is critical to strengthening primary health care.

Your Voice Matters: Be Heard – The ACFP has been invited by Minister Horne to attend a meeting of the Minister’s Advisory Committee on Family Care Clinics, scheduled for September 24th in Edmonton, at which time a draft issues and options paper will be presented by the ministry for discussion. It is very important that I hear your thoughts on both FCCs and the PMH so they can be presented at this meeting in Edmonton. Please take a few moments and fill out the survey: [ACFP Member Feedback](#).

Practical Evidence for Informed Practice (PEIP) Conference - October 12-13, 2012 – Don’t miss the inaugural Practical Evidence for Informed Practice conference! The conference is 90% sold and has limited spots left. The PEIP conference has been accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Alberta Chapter for up to 8 Mainpro-M1 credits. For more details on the PEIP Conference and to register, visit [Practical Evidence for Informed Practice Conference](#) on the ACFP website. Congratulations to Dr. Gordon of St. Paul who is our lucky Early Bird Draw winner of an iPad3!

Deadline Extended! Call for Presentations for the 58th Annual Scientific Assembly – The ACFP has extended the Call for Presentations submission deadline to September 30th, 2012. We are seeking an expansive range of topics including addictions, travel medicine, and men's health to continuity of care and team-based care. To join the roster of respected speakers participating in the 58th ASA, visit [ACFP 58th Call for Presentations](#) for more details and to make a submission. *Education for Family Docs by Family Docs!*

Seniors Care Conference – The ACFP is pleased to invite you to attend its Seniors Care Conference, November 2-3, 2012, at the Westin Hotel in Edmonton. This inaugural, multi-discipline conference will provide relevant and topical continuing professional development with a focus on geriatrics and seniors health. The interactive forum offers an opportunity to collaborate and discuss various issues and topics relating to models of care and service. Registration is now open, and space is limited. Register before September 30 for your chance to win an iPad3. [Register now for the Seniors Care Conference!](#)

ACFP Strategic Planning Update – The ACFP's Strategic Plan is nearing completion, and will be released in late 2012. The plan will guide the work of the Alberta College throughout the next two to three years. A formal review of the plan will take place each year following the ACFP's Annual General Meeting in February.

If you would like more information about the ACFP, our initiatives and activities, please log on to the College website at www.acfp.ca. I encourage you to send emails to acfppres@acfp.ca or contact the ACFP office at 780-488-2395 with your comments or feedback.



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