



PGME Covid-19 Update

May 11, 2020

MCC Examinations:

MCC announced that MCCQE Part 1 will be offered between June and September 2020. The exam will be delivered by remote proctoring using Prometric's ProProctor and will also resume at some tests centers in Canada and abroad.

The remote proctoring platform is a new model of exam delivery and will be implemented in a staged process, beginning with Canadian candidates previously scheduled for the spring (April-May) exams.

Planning for MCCQE Part II has not yet been finalized.

CaRMS Timelines

The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada recently announced final decisions regarding changes to timelines for the upcoming PGY1 CaRMS cycle. Please note that a virtual interview format has been mandated for all applicants, including local candidates. The new timelines are as follows:

- The Last Day of the Application Period: February 7, 2021
- The File Review Period: February 8 to March 5, 2021
- The Virtual Interview Period: March 8 to March 28, 2021
- The Second Iteration Match Day being no later than: May 18, 2021.

More detail regarding this process is expected and I will update you as additional information becomes available.

Please see AFMC website for announcement regarding the match timeline.

<https://afmc.ca/en/node/357>

Resident Redeployment

Thank you again to the residents who volunteered for redeployment and to the many Program Directors who helped to coordinate this process. Very much appreciate everyone's efforts!

There is no plan to redeploy residents for Block 13 at the moment. In the event that there is a surge in patient volumes and an urgent request arises, I will work with your Program Directors to address on an as-needed basis.

Provisional Licensing

A reminder to graduating physicians who are eligible for provisional licensing to be in touch with PGME (kfedato@ucalgary.ca) to ensure that your documents are forwarded to CPSA and/or the appropriate provincial Medical Regulatory Authority.

CBD Launch

The RCPS recently completed a survey of programs at each institution to address readiness to launch CBD July 2020 in context of impact of Covid-19 pandemic. Thanks to all of you who responded to the survey in a very tight timeframe.

The survey results were analyzed and shared by RCPS with the PG Deans, CBD leads, and Chairs of Specialty Committees. Decisions regarding the launch will be finalized within the next 48 hours and will be shared with programs by Dr. Kelly Millar. They will also be reviewed at PGME Committee meeting this Friday May 15, 2020.

RCPS Guidance on Meeting Training Requirements

The RCPS circulated documents providing guidance to programs and PG Deans to assess resident progress in a training program impacted by the pandemic. The guidelines specifically distinguish between those in a time-based program from those in CBD. These documents were shared with your Program Directors and will be discussed in more detail at PGME Committee this Friday. I will add this topic to the agenda for the next Chief Resident Town Hall.

As always, a final reminder to attend to your own wellness as this pandemic continues. PGME staff will continue to work remotely but are available by email and some by phone. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Be well

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Welikovich". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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