



Postgraduate Medical Education Update
October 21, 2020

Just a few items to bring to attention:

Cancellation of MCC Exams:

I am sure that many of you are already aware of decision by MCC today to cancel the Part II exam scheduled for October 24 and 25. This decision was made in context of recommendations from Public Health, and late withdrawal of several testing sites.

MCC has indicated that it is working on a virtual platform to deliver the OSCE. They recognize the “backlog” created by this cancellation and they are working on adding more exam dates for early 2021. They will be contacting applicants directly to transfer exam dates to future sessions.

There are discussions with medical regulatory authorities for those impacted by these postponements and cancellations with regard to provisional licensing. I will update as soon as more information becomes available.

Volunteer Resident Leadership Opportunities:

I recently met with the physician site-leads for the 5 acute care hospitals in Calgary. The major purpose was to review some of the feedback received via the Resident Exit Survey. As part of that discussion it became apparent that there is interest in recruiting residents to serve on hospital committees related to physician wellness and infrastructure/resources.

If you are interested in participating in a hospital committee please email Crystal (crystal.boiselle@ucalgary.ca) and make sure to indicate the hospital site for which you want to be considered. PGME will forward your contact information to the site lead who can reach out directly to residents.

PGME Committee Meetings:

The annual PGME retreat for Program Directors and Program Administrators was originally scheduled for Dec 2020. Work is underway to convert this to a 90 minute virtual format. In view of multiple issues arising from the pandemic, and the mock external review scheduled for November, the retreat will be moved into the spring of 2021. Additional information will be circulated shortly.

A regular PGME Committee meeting will be held Dec 18, 2020. Crystal will be in touch with details and agenda as per usual.

PPE Training:

I want to remind programs about the importance of ensuring trainees are familiar with appropriate use of PPE/safe donning and doffing techniques. All new trainees were required to register for PPE Sim at the start of the academic year. If programs are interested in organizing additional PPE Sim sessions please let me know and will see if can be accommodated.

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