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Important Deadlines:

- **Electives**: December 2020 Canadian Electives Deadline for upload to SharePoint - **October 1, 2020**.
  - International Electives will not be accepted at this time.
- **Block 1 ITERs**: Please email pgmeassess@ucalgary.ca Block 1 ITERs are two weeks overdue on **September 8, 2020**.

Visit Our Webpage: [https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/pgme](https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/pgme)

We have developed a page dedicated to the latest PGME and related Covid-19 updates: [https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/programs/pgme/covid19/resources/information](https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/programs/pgme/covid19/resources/information)

Please continue to check this page for the latest and developing information.

PGME Events:

PGME resident educational events and workshops are still being offered. Please continue to register for events you are interested in attending. In the case face-to-face is not an option, we will work to offer remotely where possible and will keep anyone registered up to date. We will continue to provide updates on this status.

Please visit our website for the most up to date workshops, seminars and events: [https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/pgme/events](https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/pgme/events)
Cancer Centre Photos:

August 2020:
Addiction Medicine ISAM Conference Award:

Alberta Medical Association Section of Addiction Medicine

International Society of Addiction Medicine Conference Award

The members of the section of addiction medicine want to encourage further interest and learning in Addiction Medicine. With the announcement of this award, one resident/fellow each from the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta will be supported to attend the International Society of Addiction Medicine annual conference. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the conference is being held virtually from Nov 12-14, 2020.

Award Distribution: The committee will pay the conference registration costs directly to International Society of Addiction Medicine to register the winner. In the event the awardee cannot attend the conference, attempts will be made to transfer the award to the next resident/fellow on the list. The award recipient will have his or her name noted in section meeting minutes. The appropriate program director will also be notified of the winner. The award recipient will be required to share his/her experiences about the conference with colleagues (e.g. via email) with a copy to the AMA Addiction Medicine Section within a month of conference attendance.

Interested applicants are asked to submit a letter of interest (maximum one page) as to why he or she wants to attend the conference and include any activities to demonstrate interest in the field. The letter should include the current specialty and level of postgraduate training, University, and contact details.

Award Selection Process: All letters of interest will be reviewed and ranked by the Addiction Medicine section executive. One award will be granted to a resident/fellow from each of the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta.

• Submission deadline: Sep 15, 2020
• Submit letters to Krishna.Balachandra@abc.ca
• Award recipient will be announced on: Oct 1, 2020
Invitation for PAs and PDs to join the Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Task Force:

The most recent Black Lives Matter protests, along with the ways the global pandemic has exposed the deep health inequities disproportionately affecting racialized communities, have led us at Postgraduate Medical Education to examine the ways in which racism is present within our institutions. We have set up an Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Task Force to inform this process.

The Task Force will explore how racism and other forms of oppression are embedded within our policies, curriculum, institutional practices and culture, by engaging with our stakeholders. Their findings will form the basis of recommended plans of action and will inform future initiatives taken by PGME to create equity within our institutions.

The Task Force is looking for PAs and PDs with experience or an interest in social justice to join the team. While we are looking for diverse perspectives and all are welcome to apply, preference will be given to individuals that are racialized or are part of other marginalized communities. If you are interested, please send an email to pgmeantiracism@ucalgary.ca by September 21, 2020, briefly outlining why you would like to be part of this group.

Thank you to all of our programs and trainees for your continued hard work and dedication during this stressful time.

Stay Safe and Healthy!

Thank you for reading.

Stay tuned for the September 2020 PG Post!