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ON POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

The AFMC Subcommittee on Postgraduate Medical Education met on a number of occasions over the last year.

Updates:

1. Internal Medicine and Pediatrics R4 match

These ran smoothly in the last year and there was an attempt to move the Pediatrics subspecialty match into the fall but difficulties with the separation of the written (fall) and oral (spring) exam have led to concern with this being feasible due to the conflict between fall written exams and a fall match for the R4 residents.

2. National Assessment Collaboration

This has continued to develop and pilots have been run in some but not all provinces

3. Department of National Defense Postgraduate Trainees

Medical school graduates (42) that are supported by the Canadian Forces matched into Provincial Ministry supported Family Medicine positions. This has created various problems with funding as DND no longer separately funds these positions. This is under discussion at present.

Contracts are being developed for training positions in Royal College specialties with annual academic fees of \$55,000/yr.

4. Future of Medical Education

This project continues to move along with widespread input from the PG deans. Key meetings are scheduled during CCME as well in Ottawa in June.

5. Postgraduate Expansion

It is realized that there has been a large Undergraduate expansion nationally, and some discussions have been held amongst the Postgraduate Deans as to the nature of each provinces' Postgraduate Medical Education expansion. Nationally, we wish to ensure that every undergraduate medical student upon graduation has an opportunity for a position within the Postgraduate Medical Education structure within Canada. In addition to this, appropriate opportunities for international medical graduates that are landed immigrants are important for the future of health care in Canada. Some concerns are developing in areas regarding some specialties such as psychiatry and their attractiveness as careers.

6. Forward feeding of assessment of information

A working group has met twice to develop a process and look at the transmission of information in the medical education continuum. The working group now has membership from the Canadian Federation of Medical Students, Canadian Association of Interns and Residents, the Federation des Medicines Residents du Quebec as well as FMRAC.

7. College of Family Physicians and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

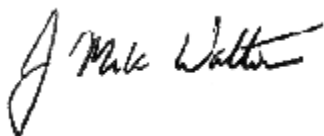
Triple C curriculum has been developed and is undergoing implementation for Competency based training in Family Medicine.

Some Diploma programs have now been approved at the Committee on Specialties .

8. Libyan Sponsored residents

The support for these residents from CBIE is ending as of May 31st, 2011 as a result of freezing of assets. There is concerted lobbying occurring of the Canadian government by CBIE to allow these funds to be accessed.

Respectfully submitted,



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