Dear Colleagues,

I am sharing the following information on behalf of the CMPA:

The CMPA Resident Symposium scheduled on October 14-16, 2020 has been cancelled in light of circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. This decision took into consideration several factors, not the least of which was the safety and well-being of residents, which is of the utmost importance to the CMPA. Indeed, the CMPA remains committed to supporting the learning needs of residents and training programs across Canada. While we cannot fully anticipate when it will be safe to engage with residents in face-to-face education at the Resident Symposium, the CMPA acknowledges that residents have identified value in this learning format. Accordingly, we are beginning conditional planning for next year's event with an understanding of returning to face-to-face education when it is safe to do so. Thus, we will resurvey everyone shortly to explore potential dates to book the Resident Symposium in 2021.

The CMPA also recognizes the learning gap created by the cancellation of the 2020 Resident Symposium and the impact this has on the learning needs of residents who are unable to attend this year's event. To that end, the CMPA has embarked on developing a virtual educational offering as an interim solution to the void left by cancelling the Resident Symposia at universities across Canada. This is not intended to replace the Resident Symposium, but rather, to serve as a contingency in the event that face-to-face education remains indefinitely suspended. The format
and content are yet to be finalized; however, a live, online session is planned that will include topics similar to the Resident Symposium such as how residents get into trouble, informed consent, documentation, disclosure of harm, and teamwork and delegation. Educational sessions will be facilitated by CMPA Physician Advisors and a CMPA lawyer will be present to answer questions in a medical-legal Q&A segment. We anticipate a 'go-live' date in the fall of 2020. Information concerning the precise launch date and format of delivery will be communicated to training programs as soon as it is available.

The CMPA values the commitment demonstrated by post-grad medical education offices, training program directors, and residents in supporting the success of the Resident Symposium across Canada. We endeavor to continue this partnership of ensuring residents receive high quality, engaging, and meaningful education on medical-legal topics. Moreover, the CMPA holds in high regard the opportunity to engage with residents and build trustful relationships that will extend into their careers. Accordingly, we appreciate your understanding and cooperation in scheduling the 2021 Resident Symposium, and are grateful for your patience as we develop our virtual educational experience.

Our events team will be in touch shortly to provide more details on the availability of the virtual materials and to survey for potential 2021 dates. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at: pgme.events@utoronto.ca

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Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 3:25 PM
To: RESPROGRAMDIRECTORS-L@LISTSERV.UTORONTO.CA
Subject: MARK YOUR CALENDARS | 2020 CMPA Resident Safety Symposiums

To: Residency Program Directors & Family Medicine Site Directors
cc: Program Administrators, PGMEAC

Dear Colleagues,

The 2020 Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) Safety Symposia will be held in October over three days. Each one-day seminar is designed to disseminate a national curriculum to improve patient safety by educating residents regarding risk
and consent with relevant scenarios and court cases. The training program is targeted to PGY2 residents in specialty programs and PGY1 Family Medicine residents. Other residents who have not attended in the past are also welcome.

The 2020 CMPA sessions have been confirmed for the following dates:

**All PGY1 Family Medicine residents ONLY**
- Wednesday, October 14th

**All PGY2 Specialty residents can be sent on one of the two following dates:**
- Thursday, October 15th OR Friday, October 16th

Professionalism, Communication and Advocacy are CanMEDS roles and behaviours integral to our training programs and are embedded in our accreditation standards. With the high quality of information that CMPA is providing through these seminars, our expectation is that residents will be encouraged and enabled to attend and that programs will integrate this into the annual schedule of events/academic activities.

Our events team will be in touch in the new year to provide more details on the exact timing, location and registration process. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at: pgme.events@utoronto.ca

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