

**What's NEW?**



**IMG Educational Series**

Moving to a new place is tough, but facing difficulties to work in your profession is tougher. The IMG Bridging Program is committed to delivering an educational series that will provide you with information about the Canadian health system and help you better prepare for the qualifying examinations. Your feedback and contributions are highly valued! For more information contact Suha Masalmeh at [smasalmeh@isisns.ca](mailto:smasalmeh@isisns.ca) or 406 8830.

**IMG Volunteer Buddy System**

The Buddy system is a new volunteer program that helps newcomer IMGs to establish both social and support networks. The program aligns experienced IMGs with newly arrived IMGs. The two people in the unit monitor and help each other. This helps the new comer IMGs learn more quickly from close and frequent contact with experienced IMGs than when learning about the system alone. The Buddy system is coordinated by the IMG Bridging Program in collaboration with the Association of International Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia (AIPS NS). If you are interested in taking part in the program, please contact [smasalmeh@isisns.ca](mailto:smasalmeh@isisns.ca) or [aiipsns@gmail.com](mailto:aiipsns@gmail.com)

**Events**



**Auscultation of the Heart: reviving an ancient but endangered skill**

Honoring Dr. Douglas Roy's 50+ years in Cardiology  
With Dr. John Finley  
May 20th 2010, 7 pm  
Tupper Building Theatre 3H1 Third Floor.

**Top Five Dialysis Problems**

With Dr. Steven Soroka  
May 20th 2010, 7 - 9 pm  
Lloyd Frellick Conference Room, Queen's General Hospital  
Liverpool

[http://cme.medicine.dal.ca/files/CHP\\_Notices/LIV\\_Soroka\\_20May10.pdf](http://cme.medicine.dal.ca/files/CHP_Notices/LIV_Soroka_20May10.pdf)

**Electronic Medical Records**

With Dr. Stewart Cameron  
May 20th 2010, 7 - 9 PM

Room 568, Northside General Hospital  
North Sydney  
[http://cme.medicine.dal.ca/files/CHP\\_Notices/NSY\\_Cameron\\_20May10.pdf](http://cme.medicine.dal.ca/files/CHP_Notices/NSY_Cameron_20May10.pdf)

**TIA Diagnosis and Management**

With Dr. Stephen Phillips  
May 27th 2010, 7 - 9 pm  
Conference Room 1 & 2, Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre  
Amherst  
[http://cme.medicine.dal.ca/files/CHP\\_Notices/AMH\\_Phillips\\_27May10.pdf](http://cme.medicine.dal.ca/files/CHP_Notices/AMH_Phillips_27May10.pdf)

**Adult ADHD: Appreciation for the Balance and Focus**

With Dr. Risk Kronfli  
May 27th 2010, 6:30 pm Dinner; 7:30 -9 pm  
Program Museum of Industry  
147 N Foord Street, Stellarton  
New Glasgow  
[http://cme.medicine.dal.ca/files/CHP\\_Notices/NGL\\_Kronfli\\_27May10.pdf](http://cme.medicine.dal.ca/files/CHP_Notices/NGL_Kronfli_27May10.pdf)

**Bioidentical Hormones in Hormone Replacement Therapy**

With Dr. Gillian Graves  
May 27th 2010, 7 - 9 PM  
Boardroom Valley Regional Hospital  
Kentville  
[http://cme.medicine.dal.ca/files/CHP\\_Notices/KEN\\_Graves\\_27May10.pdf](http://cme.medicine.dal.ca/files/CHP_Notices/KEN_Graves_27May10.pdf)

**Programs**

**English for Health Care Professionals**

16 weeks from April 19th to August 6th 2010, Monday – Fridays (8:45 am – 12:15 pm) and Wednesday afternoons at ISIS. For more information and registration contact Hien Truong at [htruong@isisns.ca](mailto:htruong@isisns.ca) or 902.406.8852

**Orientation to the Canadian Health Care System for Internationally Educated Health Care Professionals**

9 Weekly Sessions from April 27th to June 22nd, 2010, Tuesdays 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
QEII Health Sciences Centre – VG Site  
Bethune Building –Room 255  
For further information contact Sheila Paris 902. 473.2175 or [sheila.paris@cdha.nshealth.ca](mailto:sheila.paris@cdha.nshealth.ca)

**Useful Resources**

**Communication Skills Program at Dalhousie Medical School**

The Communication Skills Program at

Dalhousie Medical School provides communication skills training on patient-doctor interaction to all levels of medical education. The website provides useful resources that can be of benefit to IMGs preparing for clinical assessments.  
<http://csp.medicine.dal.ca/teach.php>

**IMG News**

**Foreign-trained physicians may be part of solution for N.B.'s doctor shortage**

By Adam Bowie

Would hiring more foreign-trained physicians help the Horizon Health Network's recruitment teams to fill a slew of doctor vacancies?

With many New Brunswick physicians approaching retirement age, the need to attract newly trained emergency-room doctors, family practitioners and specialists is expected to rise. At a public board meeting last week, Dr. Edouard Hendriks, vice-president of medical affairs for the Horizon Health Network, said the region has 61 vacancies for physicians - although agreements are in place to fill about half of those jobs within the next two years. Hendriks said recruitment efforts are underway to fill unoccupied positions. For Saeema Sobur, that sounds like an opportunity. The Burlington, Ont., resident trained to be a doctor and she practised medicine for nearly 10 years in Bangladesh before moving to Canada with her husband. To read more:  
<http://dailygleaner.canadaeast.com/front/article/1024217>

*The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story, and writes another, and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he vowed to make it."*

Author James M. Barrie

**Volunteer Opportunities**

If you would like to volunteer at the IMG Bridging Program, please contact [smasalmeh@isisns.ca](mailto:smasalmeh@isisns.ca)

