

## What is NEW?

### Joint Study Group Pilot

During the months of February, March and April, a groups of IMGs, Medical Students from Dalhousie University and Residents came together in a study group structure where residents acted as tutors for the sessions. The diversity of experience and background made the sessions interesting and informative. The joint study group pilot was designed to exchange skills and knowledge among the group of participants.



The structure of the study group was based on the needs of participants and the residents' teaching styles. The first part of the session was allocated to discussion of a case scenario and relevant OSCE tips. The second part of the session was allocated to Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) relevant to the case or in the same field of Medicine. A plan is in place to offer this program twice a year to help IMGs in their exam preparation efforts.



## Events

### Academy of Medicine Lecture Series

Dr. Jeffrey Turnbull MD, FRCPC  
President-Elect Canadian Medical Association  
Topic: On Medicare TBA  
Chair: Dean Tom Marrie  
Thursday, April 15, 2010. 7:00 PM  
Tupper Building Theatre 3rd Floor

### Ethics and Health Law Workshop

April 20th, 2010, 5 - 7 pm  
Classroom 12, ISIS  
(6960 Mumford Rd. Suite 2120)

## 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)

*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



## Useful Resources

### Continue Medical Education

Online Courses [www.mdcme.ca](http://www.mdcme.ca)

### Learners TV

Learners TV is a website that provides materials from well respected education institutions in format such as videos, presentations, lecture notes and free online test. [www.learnerstv.com](http://www.learnerstv.com)

## IMGs News

### Residency for foreign trained doctors

Each year, Ontario dedicates at least 200 residency spaces for foreign-trained physicians, both family medicine practitioners and specialists, through the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS). Dr. Takpal 'Tinu' Birdi moved to Canada to join her husband in March 2009, after completing her undergraduate medical degree at the University of Nairobi, in her native Kenya. But well ahead of arriving here, she began preparing for her international graduate exams after her immigration consultant scared her with the reality of "driving taxi" for a living. To read more <http://canadianimmigrant.ca/learn/newsitems/article/6839>

### "The Big Wait" documentary on Canadian Healthcare

OMNI Television is proud to present the world television premiere of **The Big Wait** as part of its *Language Documentary Specials* series. The 60 minute documentary launches to Punjabi speaking audiences on OMNI.2, Sunday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. ET. The English language version of **The Big Wait** airs one week later on OMNI.2, Sunday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. ET. Four years in the making, **The Big Wait** tells a true story of patients and doctors on a parallel journey in today's changing medical landscape: while millions of Canadians wait to get a family doctor, many foreign trained physicians wait to fulfill their dreams of practicing medicine in Canada. To read more <http://www.oyetimes.com/views/press-releases/2568-qthe-big-waitq-documentary-on-canadian-healthcare>

### "Doctors without residencies"

This short documentary highlights how discrimination prevents foreign-trained doctors from practicing in Canada – even after they've received their Canadian qualifications. Interviews with medical professionals and human rights advocates illustrate how systemic racism plays a role. This film is part of the Work For All series, produced by the National Film Board of Canada, with the participation of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. To read more, visit [http://www.nfb.ca/film/doctors\\_without\\_residency/](http://www.nfb.ca/film/doctors_without_residency/)



## Volunteer Opportunities

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