

What's NEW?

Educational Series Research Opportunities

Medical research in Canada is conducted to aid the body of knowledge in the field of Medicine. Over the years, the advancement in medical practice and technology is mainly due to great emphasis on research.



Before coming to Canada, many IMGs participated in research in many capacities; either as principle investigators or have done some literature review.

An excellent session was held on the evening of June 17th. Our guest speakers were Dr. Gerry Johnston, Associate Dean of Research and Dr. Rob Brownstone, Assistant Dean of Research. They provided an overview of the overview of the process to be part of the research team and answered the questions of IMGs who attended the session.

If you are interested in research and would like to explore that field as a career or education you can contact the Faculty of Medicine Medical Research Development Office at Dalhousie University.

Events

Online CME Courses

Infectious Disease Outbreaks:

Tools and strategies for front-line clinicians

Through a series of case studies, this course provides best practices in preparedness, early detection and response to notifiable and emerging infectious diseases.

http://www.mdcme.ca/cmecourse_info.asp?id=79

Osteoporosis - Assessing Fracture Risk: An Evidence Based Approach

This course is designed to help family physicians manage the important role they play everyday in the prevention and management of osteoporosis in their patient base.

http://www.mdcme.ca/cmecourse_info.asp?id=82

PPIs and the Treatment of GERD, Dyspepsia and NSAID-associated Peptic Ulcer Disease

The aim of this course is to increase general practitioners', family physicians' and other healthcare practitioners' awareness of PPIs in the management of upper GI conditions including GERD, peptic ulcer disease and dyspepsia.

http://www.mdcme.ca/cmecourse_info.asp?id=88

Useful Links

Integrated Health Research Training Partnership (IH RTP)

The Integrated Health Research Training Partnership (IH RTP) is a collaborative partnership among Capital Health, IWK Health Centre, Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry, Health professions and the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation. The program provides education and skills required to conduct quality health research.

<http://www.ihrtpp.ca/index.html>



IMG News

Windsor's Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital expands with two physician assistants

By Sonja Puzic, Windsorstar
INDSOR, Ont. — Wait times at Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital's busy emergency department are expected to improve with the arrival of two new physician assistants. Kashif Mushtaq and Fariba Forouzandeh were hired through a provincial pilot program bringing PAs to 19 ERs across Ontario to reduce the pressure on doctors and nurses while speeding up patient flow.

Mushtaq and Forouzandeh are foreign-trained doctors who've had to struggle to find work in the medical field since their arrival in Canada.

Mushtaq is from Pakistan and Forouzandeh is from Iran. Both have five years of medical training and have completed a 14-week physician assistant integration program.

Forouzandeh, who lived in Toronto before coming to Windsor, said this is her first job in the medical field since coming to Canada five years ago. The two PA positions in the ER are funded for two years, but Hotel-Dieu is hoping the Ministry of Health will extend that. Although not being able to work as a doctor is "frustrating," Mushtaq said he's grateful to work in the ER and put his education and experience to use in Ontario. "It's a great opportunity," he said. "This is what I'm going to focus on now." To read more:

<http://www.windsorstar.com/health/Foreign+trained+docs+foot+door/3128459/story.html>

Province explores process to assess foreign-trained MDs

By Hannah Scissons, The StarPhoenix

The provincial government and medical groups say they are making progress on developing a system to assess foreign doctors who come to Saskatchewan.

"Discussions are at a relatively advanced stage now, with the expectation of an evaluation program by 2011, but the details aren't yet established," said Bryan Salte, spokesperson for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan. Read more: <http://www.thestarphoenix.com/health/Province+explores+process+assess+foreign+trained/3218799/story.html#ixzz0sMF7rcWK>

A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him.

Volunteer Opportunities

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