

## **Learner News Week of December 7, 2020**

### **Visiting Electives**

The AFMC Committee for Undergraduate Medical education, comprised of the undergraduate deans of the 17 medical schools met and discussed visiting electives in the context of the current pandemic. The following points summarise the discussion:

- The group agreed to maintain a uniform approach across all 17 schools
- Based on the current COVID situation and logistical considerations, visiting electives cannot be offered before July 1, 2021.
- The schools' ability to offer visiting electives after July 1 2021 will be re-evaluated in the first months of 2021 (February or March at the latest for a July 1 start)

### **CANPREPP**

On November 26, 2020 the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) launched CANPREPP, a one-stop-shop solution where any applicant to a Canadian residency program can discover and experience any residency program across Canada.

This new tool is funded by the CMA Foundation, and is a result of collaboration between AFMC and the Canadian Faculties of Medicine, the Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS), the Canadian Medical Association, the CMA Foundation and Fédération médicale étudiante du Québec (FMEQ).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students are no longer able to visit residency programs. CANPREPP allows students to virtually connect with the people in residency programs across Canada and the communities they support.

CANPREPP equals the playing field for students and programs – allowing every student access to every program, and every program to promote themselves to every student.

### **New Virtual Interview Handbook for Applicants**

A virtual interview handbook for applicants is now available to assist with the transition to virtual interview for the 2021 residency match. The handbook was created by a working group of the AFMC Resident Matching Committee (ARMC), which included learners, PG deans and Program Directors.