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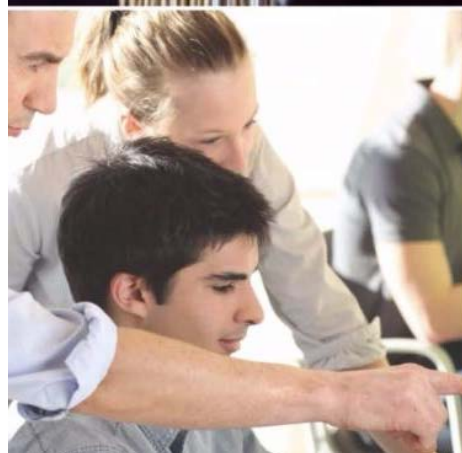
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AFMC Awarded the Ted Freedman Award for Innovation in Education

The 2017 Ted Freedman Award was awarded to the Association of Faculties of Medicine (AFMC), Association of Faculties

AFMC Committed to Improving Indigenous Health

AFMC is re-igniting its social accountability agenda and its commitment to addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action to ensure the education and training about Indigenous persons' health needs in Canada are front and center: At CCME 2017, an open board meeting was held on the topic of the social

of Pharmacy (AFPC), Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) and Canada Health Infoway in recognition of the [Digital Health F.A.C.T.S.](#) (Faculty Associations Content & Training Solutions) joint project. The award was presented at [CAHSPR 2017](#) in Toronto and accepted by Anne Fazzalari.

Dr. Shannon Venance Appointed as Assistant-Secretary to CACME

It is with pleasure that the Committee on Accreditation of Continuing Medical Education (CACME) announces the appointment of Dr. Shannon Venance as Assistant-Secretary, effective September 1st, 2017.

Dr. Venance, MD PhD, FRCPC, received her PhD from Queen's University and completed medical school and Neurology residency at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa. Dr. Venance is an Associate Professor in the Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University. Her clinical expertise is in disorders of muscle. She maintains an active clinical practice and research in patient-centered qualitative research in muscle diseases. Dr. Venance is a member of the Canadian Neuromuscular Group and a site investigator for the Canadian Neuromuscular Disease Registry. She is a Clinician Teacher at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, actively involved in education across the learning continuum. She brings a collaborative approach and expertise in change management and quality improvement lens to her education roles. Her contributions to medical education have been recognized with the Douglas Bocking Award for Excellence in Medical Teaching, the Angelika F Hahn Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching and the Schulich Undergraduate Award of Excellence in Education. She has published on the impact of curriculum change on front-line medical school faculty.

Dr Venance currently serves as the Assistant-Secretary to the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools

accountability of our medical schools in addressing



Indigenous persons' health; the moving key note address by Ry Moran was on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; AFMC released a [statement](#) on its renewed commitment; and the Hot Topic panel discussion focused on Indigenous Health and issues of accessibility and safety.

AFMC is pleased to announce it has created **Network on Indigenous Health** to review the AFMC-IPAC competencies and curricula in Indigenous Health, and is producing a **position paper** on the Role of Medical Schools and their Social Accountability in Addressing Indigenous Health Issues in Canada. An **ad-hoc Board Committee of Deans** has also been established to provide advice to the Board on advocacy, leadership and strategic planning on Indigenous Health education and training, as well as potential funding opportunities.

A detailed report prepared by AFMC's VP Education, Dr. Sarita Verma, on AFMC's Indigenous Health activities can be accessed [here](#).

Student Portal - What did the CFMS ask AFMC at CCME 2017?

Through the Canadian Federation of Medical Students ([CFMS](#)), students recently asked AFMC [questions](#) related to Faculty procedures for visiting electives and the functionality of the AFMC Student Portal. AFMC is delighted to confirm action is underway to address these questions.

1. We have reached out to all schools to reinforce the importance of a timely response to home school verification;
2. In July, AFMC will release an upgrade to the Portal dashboard for students, which includes new application status and a countdown tracker for the 8 week deadline.
3. AFMC has also consulted with students to determine the best time for implementation and transition for annual updates to the common immunization form; and
4. AFMC has initiated plans to facilitate meetings with the medical schools to discuss applications fees and refunds.

We would like to extend our thanks to the CFMS for its leadership and continued engagement on our shared priorities.

(CACMS), and was the AFMC Interim Accreditation Coordinator for Schulich from 2010 to 2016 as well as the Faculty Lead for the last full CACMS accreditation at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.



PGME Collaborative Governance Council

The PGME Collaborative Governance Council had a meeting on May 15, 2017. Topics discussed include recommendations and implementation plans stemming from the Privacy and Exchange of Learning Information working group, Entry routes to residency training, as well as the work being done by the Accommodations and Generalism working groups. The Council's common message for its spring meeting can be found [here](#).

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Big into Data

AFMC collects and houses data on faculties as well as on learners from the day they apply to medical school until they go out to practice. Advanced longitudinal analysis can significantly improve the understanding of our academic medicine environment and profoundly impact our ability to change our system and improve outcomes. To better serve our members and community, AFMC is embarking on a year-long exercise to renew its data strategy in consultation with our 17 Faculties of Medicine, learners and partners. We are assessing what data we should collect, how it is analysed, how it is reported and to whom.



AFMC Addressing the Opioids Crisis - Update

As per its commitment to the Health Canada [Joint Statement of Action](#), AFMC is conducting a survey of leaders within the 17 Faculties of Medicine about the content and location of their curricula for

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[The Unmatched Canadian Medical Graduate: the Victim of a Broken System](#)

[Tragic case of Robert Chu shows plight of Canadian medical school grads](#)

[Medical residency mismatch: number of unmatched Canadian medical graduates reaches all-time high](#)

<http://healthydebate.ca/2017/03/topic/wait-times-specialists-hhr>

[McGill medical school to reach out to Indigenous, low-income students after missing diversity goals](#)

[Study says you may live longer going to a younger doctor, but does age matter?](#)

Announcements

CAPER has recently posted a fact sheet on [Specialty trends](#) in Canadian postgraduate medical education

Sign up for the [next CAME webinar](#): Humanism in Medicine: Reflection, Dialogue and the Possibilities of Care, by Arno K. Kumagai, September 12, 2017

Physician [Volunteers Needed](#) at North American Indigenous Games (NAIG)

The Québec Medical Association is hosting the 5th edition of the international conference [Preventing Overdiagnosis](#), which will be held August 17-19, 2017 at the Centre des congrès de Québec.

Prix Profession Santé 2017 - You have until June 30, 2017 to [submit a nomination](#)

Please note that the next AFMC Newsletter will be issued in September 2017. AFMC wishes everyone a wonderful summer!

instruction in the diagnosis, prevention, appropriate reporting and treatment of the medical consequences of the opioid crisis across the continuum. Their offerings have been summarized in UGME, PGME, and CPD.

We are convening two town hall meetings of experts from the 17 Faculties of Medicine (including clinicians, students, residents, researchers, and educator leaders) to review opioid educational activities currently in use in our schools; to create and share a repository of educational products that reflect best practice; and to make recommendations for dissemination of best practices regarding the educational programs to all 17 Faculties of Medicine.

Planned outputs are:

- a summary of educational offerings in UGME, PGME and CPD;
- a prospectus of highly ranked programs at each level with a description of the course/seminar for broad dissemination;
- and a set of recommendations to be presented to Health Canada by November 2017.

Physician Resource Planning Advisory Committee (PRPAC) Spring 2017 Meeting

The Physician Resource Planning Advisory Committee to the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Committee on Health Workforce met on June 5, 2017 in Ottawa. During the meeting, members discussed the following:

- The methodology for the needs-based component of the pan-Canadian physician resource planning tool (update provided by the Conference Board of Canada). The final supply-based and needs-based tool will be completed by Spring 2018.
- A process-mapping exercise with respect to unmatched Canadian medical graduates, including an environmental scan, key informant interview results and a survey of student affairs offices. A final report will be available at the fall meeting.
- The launch of the Entry Routes to Residency Working Group and next steps.

In closing, members received updates with respect

to the Advancing Rural Family Medicine: Rural Road Map, the National Specialty Societies Human Resources for Health Dialogue, as well as relevant physician health workforce activities from its members.



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