The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC): Representing more than 42,000 members, the CFPC is the professional organization that establishes the standards for and accredits postgraduate family medicine training in Canada's 17 medical schools. It reviews and certifies continuing professional development programs and materials that enable family physicians to meet certification and licensing requirements.

**Vision:** Leading family medicine. Improving lives.

**Mission:** Leading family medicine to improving the health of all people in Canada—by setting standards for education, certifying and supporting family physicians, championing advocacy and research, and honouring the patient-physician relationship as being core to our profession.

**Values:** Caring • Learning • Collaboration • Responsiveness • Respect • Integrity • Commitment to excellence

The CFPC updates

**Team Primary Care – Training for Transformation**

Team Primary Care – Training for Transformation aims to accelerate transformative change in the way primary care practitioners train to work together. This [program](#), run by the Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine (FAFM), is funded by Employment and Social Development Canada and co-led by the CFPC and the Canadian Health Workforce Network, in partnership with more than 65 health professional and educational organizations, including the SRPC, across Canada.

The work on this grant will help draw attention to the need for immediate support for members, including those family physicians working in rural and remote areas while accelerating changes needed to lay the foundation for sustainable, comprehensive, well-resourced team-based family practice in the future.

**Patient’s Medical Home (PMH)**

More than a decade ago, the CFPC created the concept of Patient’s Medical Homes (PMH), a building block for team-based care.

PMHs include family physicians and a team of other health care professionals who work together to ensure patients can access medical advice and information when and where they need it. The overall vision is that every patient is registered with a PMH. When the patient’s personal family physician is unavailable, care may also be provided by colleagues or other qualified health professionals within the PMH team.
In January 2023 the CFPC met with the PEI federal health minister and other leaders regarding the PMH vision in Prince Edward Island. This vision has gained significant government acceptance in PEI. Five primary care locations were initially established with a focus on transitioning towards collaborative team-based care; today there are 10 clinic locations, and more are planned.

**Patient’s Medical Neighbourhoods**
The CFPC also supports the concept of a Patient's Medical Neighbourhood. This envisions PMHs connected in a more extensive integrated network that coordinates care and provides depth of expertise and access to ensure that all patients can receive comprehensive care.

Such Neighbourhoods have been formed across Canada and worldwide and have demonstrated improvements from scale up that benefit patient access, outcomes, safety, and experience; lower costs through reduced duplication of services; improved delivery of preventive services; and more evidence-based patient care.

**Outcomes of Training Project – strengthening training**
The CFPC is now in phase two of the Outcomes of Training Project (OTP).

The CFPC consulted with university department heads, residency program directors, its Section of Residents and Section of Medical Students, and the First Five Years in Family Practice group. The voices and perspectives of rural physicians were also integrated throughout all phases and features of the OTP including the development and validation of the Family Medicine Professional Profile and the Residency Training Profile, which collectively establish the CFPC’s expectations of the discipline and system of training, as well as the various committees and working groups serving this project.

The SRPC is highly engaged in the OTP. Dr. Kristy Penner is on the CFPC’s Education Reform Taskforce (ERTF), the group tasked with advising on responsible curriculum renewal planning and change stewardship. The SRPC has also created a complementary advisory group to garner the perspectives and opinions of its membership and bring that voice to the task force table as well as nationally convened processes such as education design retreats.

Advice and recommendations from the ERTF will be profiled at the spring 2023 task force meeting and at the June 2023 educational design retreat with the university program leaders.

Educational standards won’t change any earlier than 2027. The CFPC is committed to a responsible and collaborative change approach, incremental and iterative, coupled with evaluation.
Rural Road Map for Action
As part of the follow-up of the Rural Road Map for Action, “The rural road map for action: an examination of undergraduate medical education in Canada” was released describing the changes in rural medical education in undergraduate education in Canada.

Advocacy
The CFPC is the sole national organization dedicated to family doctors, advancing the specialty of family medicine in Canada. CCFP, FCFP, and CAC are more than just letters after your name; they're an assurance of high standards and quality through residency accreditation, certification and examination, and continuing professional development. The College also brings the collective voice of more than 42,000 members to the highest levels of each tier of government, addressing issues that are important to them, including the crisis in family medicine.

In response to the crisis in family medicine, the CFCP has issued seven position papers on issues such as remuneration, national licensure, locum availability, administrative support, and physician burnout. The CFPC offers short-, mid-, and long-term solutions for the health care system reform.

Our continued advocacy efforts have begun to attract government support to provide immediate resources to family doctors while accelerating the adoption of team-based models of care.

Federal proposal on health care funding
Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced details of health care funding following a meeting with Canada's premiers earlier in February 2023. The Government of Canada will work with the provinces and territories in four areas. The CFPC supports the https://www.cfpc.ca/en/news-and-events/news-events/news-releases/2023/federal-proposal-on-health-care-funding-has-merit, s to call for attention to be placed on ensuring that any funding is used to transform practice environments through providing administrative relief and increasing support for transitions to team-based primary care models. The CFPC will continue to work with our federal partners and our provincial Chapters to ensure that these new investments reflect the foundational importance of family medicine in Canada's health care system.

Listening + Learning
The CFPC is Listening + Learning from members. Over the next few months, members are invited to share their thoughts and ideas in various ways, including a Town Hall meeting where they can ask questions and share opinions and CEO Virtual Coffee Chats during which they can have frank conversations to provide feedback and suggest ideas for the CFPC. Member feedback will inform the development of the strategic plan and chart the course for the CFPC.

We are moving forward together.