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PA Challenge Bowl: Winning Team Awarded $250

CAPA 2015 – 9 days and counting!

Register Your Team for the PA Challenge Bowl and compete to win a $250 gift card to the Biermarkt!

CAPA is actively recruiting teams to participate in the first ever PA Challenge Bowl at CAPA 2015. Scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 24 from 7 - 8 pm at the Novotel Toronto Centre, the PA Challenge Bowl is your opportunity to collectively show off your intellectual prowess.

Gather your friends and come compete against your peers in a trivia challenge. This friendly competition requires teams of both students and practicing PAs. Teams of three will compete against one another by answering a series of medical questions that are designed to test the knowledge of even the most experienced PA.

After all teams have faced off, the successful team will be awarded a $250 gift card to the Biermarkt, which is conveniently located directly across the street from the CAPA conference. And if good food and drinks is not enough of an incentive, you will also earn bragging rights for the year.

Get your Quizician Assistant hat on and sign-up before Sunday, October 18th. You will need to provide your unique team name as well as the name of each member of your group. To learn more, visit the CAPA website.

October 22 – 25, Toronto, ON, Novotel Toronto Centre

CAPA 2015 is fast approaching and space is filling up quickly. With speakers such as André Picard, Health Reporter, Globe and Mail and Dr. Forbes, CMA President, CAPA 2015 is sure to be a spectacular event. To share a global overview of the PA profession, we also look forward to welcoming international delegates from the Netherlands PA Association, US and Australia. We encourage you to register online today and to obtain all of your annual CPD requirement in one place. For those of you who missed the deadline for the discounted hotel rate with the Novotel, we encourage you to visit the CAPA website to view a list of available hotels in close proximity to the conference.

Registration is also still open for the conference workshops on “Case Studies in Emergent and Screening ECGs” as well as the “Point of Care – Ultrasound”. Register online today!

Advocacy

PA Lobby Day

PA Awareness Day was a success! With almost 75 PAs in attendance from across the province, this was a tremendous opportunity to raise awareness of the great work that PAs are doing to improve patient care, work collaboratively with other providers and to save the healthcare system money.

The Minister of Health attended the event and heard firsthand from PAs the challenges that the profession is facing as a result of the current funding models and the lack of regulation in Ontario. The Minister also spoke to the group and highlighted the importance of PAs to the healthcare system. He also shared that the government is committed to ensuring the sustainability of the profession and is undertaking a review of the PA role and funding challenges with the objective of improving the environment for
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PAs. The Minister also introduced PAs formally in the Legislature, recognizing the important role that PAs are playing in Ontario. In addition, 25 MPPs attended our reception and we were able to meet with the two opposition Health Critics, France Gélinas and Jeff Yurek.

PA Awareness Day was an important opportunity to ensure that our Ontario politicians are aware of the great work that PAs are doing and the critical role that they play in patient care.

Since then we have met with the Ministry and they are committed to working with CAPA to develop a plan on how to address the funding of PAs in Ontario. More information will be shared as discussions progress.

Progress in BC
In September CAPA met with the BC Care Providers Association (BCCPA) to speak about integrating PAs into long-term care facilities across the province and to ask for their support in introducing the profession into this area of specialty. Given that seniors care is a priority for government and that there is a specific focus on improving long-term care in BC, we felt that this was an important relationship to develop. Since this initial meeting, BCCPA has indicated their support to CAPA for PAs and have published data supporting this in their recent report Strengthening Seniors Care Delivery in BC released on October 1, 2015. BCCPA has also made comments publicly in the Vancouver Sun and CBC News indicating their support for introducing new models of care in BC including the integration of PAs. We will continue to work with BCCPA and other stakeholders to identify areas where PAs could fill a need in the province.

National PA Day
In Canada National PA Day is November 27th. The CAPA National Staff are putting together promotional materials for you to use in your practice and communities to commemorate this special occasion. The first of these items is a PA Day poster, which will be sent by mail at the end of this month. All other materials will be posted on the website for your use. Additional details will follow in future news bulletins.

Membership
PA Cert Exam
Online registration for the 2015 PA Cert Exam is closed. Exam sites will be Toronto and Winnipeg. Exact locations for the PACCC PA Cert Exam have been provided to candidates via email. If you have not received this information please contact Sandra Bourgon at: sbourgon@capaacam.ca.

Job Listings
There are new opportunities in Ontario (Barrie, Fergus, Petrolia, Thunder Bay and Windsor) and in Manitoba (Winkler). To view these and other opportunities visit the job listings section on the CAPA website.

PAs in the News
Free up acute care beds with seniors-specific funding say care providers

BC Care Providers Association Op-Ed: Exploring the Role of Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners in Long-Term Care

B.C.’s long-term care homes seek bigger role with seniors
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Making travel plans for CAPA 2015? Access travel and hotel discounts offered through your CAPA membership.

Need liability insurance? Marsh and McLennan Companies provides peace of mind that does not cost a fortune.

Also, if you are preparing to write the certification exam, CAPA members receive 30% off of test preparation services with Exam Master.

CAPA will also be launching a member benefit with GoodLife Fitness whereby members will be receiving a sizeable discount. Details to follow shortly.

For these benefits and more click here.