PA Perspective on Physician Assisted Death

CAPA has finalized a position statement on Physician Assisted Death (PAD). The statement was developed in consultation with the membership and PA leader, Maureen Taylor. After careful consideration and consultation, CAPA believes that regulated PAs should be able to administer PAD. Please take the time to review our statement and share with your colleagues. CAPA will be doing more in the months and years to come to offer the perspective of PAs in Canadian health care policy deliberations.

Special thanks to Maureen Taylor for her ongoing leadership in this area, and acting as a PA Ambassador in Canada.

Advocacy
Support in BC
CAPA is working hard to raise awareness of the benefits of PAs in British Columbia, where PAs remain sidelined. In the coming weeks and months we’ll be meeting various stakeholders and authorities to promote the value that PAs can bring to patient care, health budgets and collaborative practice. In May, CAPA’s President, Chris Rhule, will be participating in a panel discussion on health human resources and will also be facilitating a workshop showcasing the PA role in long-term care, at the BC Care Providers Association Conference. We have gathered specific case examples from PAs practicing in long-term care homes, however, if you are a PA working in this area and have some information to share, please send it to Natalie St-Pierre at: nst-pierre@capa-acam.ca.

Ontario 2016 Budget Update
The 2016 Ontario budget included a new investment of more than $345 million to all publicly funded hospitals, including a one per cent increase to base funding, to provide better patient access to high-quality health care services. In 2016-2017, hospitals would receive: $175 million to provide patients with access to more services in new and redeveloped hospitals and for targeted priority services such as organ and tissue transplants; $160 million to improve access and wait times for hospital services, including additional procedures such as cataract surgeries, knee and hip replacements and knee arthroscopies; $7.5 million for small, northern and rural hospitals, which is in addition to Ontario's $20 million Small and Rural Hospital Transformation Fund; and $6 million for mental health hospitals.

In addition, the government has committed to providing $85 million over three years to interprofessional primary care. The goal is to ensure CHCs, NPLCs, FHTs, AHACs and nursing stations can effectively recruit and retain qualified interprofessional staff in primary care settings to better serve patients and communities.

CAPA is now engaged in regular discussions with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, as they work through their review of PA funding in the province. Their work has taken longer than we hoped, but we believe it will be critical to finding a long-term sustainable approach to ensure our profession’s success in Ontario.

In January CAPA submitted a proposal for consideration to the Standing Committee on
Finance to increase the funding for PAs in Ontario. Although we were disappointed that we did not get PA focussed funding in the budget, we’re optimistic that the funding that was announced for both hospitals and interprofessional primary care can be used to support the recommendations from the Ministry once their work is complete.

Visibility in NFLD
CAPA submitted a letter to the editor in relation to an article posted on CBC news. The article referenced lengthy wait times in Corner Brook, NFLD and how PAs can help to improve access to care and resolve the doctor shortage. The letter was published by The Telegraph and The Western Star is featured on the CAPA website. We also sent a copy of the letter to the new Minister of Health, Dr. Haggie. We will be following up with his office to arrange a meeting in the coming months.

Membership
CAPA Membership: A National Voice Advocating for You!
The official deadline to renew your membership is March 31, 2016. If you have not already done so, we would encourage you to renew online today.

As a growing profession it is important to have a national voice advocating with government and key influencers on your behalf. CAPA membership also provides exclusive access to: a CPD tracking system, an affordable professional liability insurance group rate, discounted home and auto insurance and reduced rates on travel and fitness memberships.

Your support is critical in helping CAPA realize its goals and in ensuring future opportunities for PAs.

Renew online today and help us continue this important work.

Winner Early Bird Draw
Congratulations to Wei En Enoch Choo, the winner of the early bird draw. Wei received a $50 dinner’s gift card courtesy of the Personal Insurance Company.

Membership Payment
Just a reminder: CAPA is now accepting monthly, quarterly and semi-annual installments as an option for membership dues payment. If you are interested in this option, please contact us at: 877-744-2272.

Are You Fully Covered in Your Practice?
CAPA membership provides exclusive access to discounted professional liability coverage through Marsh. The CAPA group liability insurance plan offers individual coverage specifically tailored to your practice for up to $10,000,000 per incident and in the event of a claim, provides up to $100,000 in legal expenses. Other group plans from hospitals or clinics may not offer the same coverage. Ensure that you are protected - Sign up today!

Job Listings
Opportunities exist in Brantford, St. Catherine’s, Grand Bend, Kingston, Kitchener, Toronto and Windsor. To view the job descriptions, visit the job listings section on the CAPA website.

Taking a trip this March break? Access travel and hotel discounts offered through your CAPA membership. Local Hospitality, who offers below-market travel discounts around the world, has....
upgraded and redesigned their booking engine to make it more user-friendly. They also offer a mobile interface and $1 from every booking will go towards a charity cancer campaign.

Sign up online today for your GoodLife Fitness membership to get in shape and beat the winter blues! Members and their families (same household) receive up to 45% off a regular gym membership.

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