

PA News Bulletin

March 27, 2017 Issue 27



CAPA Launches Campaign in Quebec Calling for Introduction of PAs!

CAPA Launches Campaign in Quebec calling for the introduction of PAs

Over the coming months, CAPA will be taking steps to advocate for the introduction of PAs into Quebec. The first step in this plan is the launch of a French version of our [Canada Needs PAs](#) video which was showcased at CAPA 2016 and in November 2016 as part of the National PA Day campaign. We encourage you to use this tool to educate others about the profession and to raise awareness for PAs in Quebec and in other parts of the country that speak primarily French. A link to the video on YouTube has been provided below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ikt_NvvURJY&t=6s

Please share our video on your social media networks.

We can also send you an electronic copy on a memory stick upon request. Please contact Natalie St-Pierre at: nst-pierre@capa-acam.ca if you would like to receive a memory stick with the French and English videos included.

Ontario Sustainability Plan

CAPA has been meeting with officials at the Ministry of Health (MOHLTC) regularly. We're pleased to announce that our work has resulted in the establishment of the "PA Integration Working Group".

The working groups' mandate is to support the development and implementation of initiatives that improve the integration of PAs in Ontario's health workforce for the benefit of patients.

CAPA appointed a few individuals to this working

group and is hopeful that they will work quickly to recommend solutions to the challenges facing PAs in Ontario.

Although we're disappointed that our efforts to get policy changes and investments in PAs have only resulted in the establishment of a working group, we're pleased that the Ministry is finally taking the necessary steps to find solutions.

Over the coming months we will continue to press the government for regulation, for investments in PAs, and for policy changes that will make it easier for employers to hire and retain PAs.

CAPA also plans to host a PA awareness reception at Queens Park on September 13, 2017. This will provide an opportunity to bring our issues with funding and regulation to the forefront with MPPs including the Minister.

Lastly as part of our advocacy campaign, we will be formulating an advocacy group of Ontario PAs to meet with influential MPPs to help move the PA agenda forward with government. CAPA has identified the top 20 most influential MPPs and will be pairing them with members within their riding.

The intention is to demonstrate the value that PAs can provide to the healthcare system using the Conference Board of Canada data. Tools have been prepared to assist in this process. Additional details will follow in future news bulletins.

A National Voice Advocating for You!

There is still time to renew your CAPA membership. March 31st is the deadline to register



Canadian Association of Physician Assistants
Association canadienne des adjoints au médecin

capa-acam.ca

PA News Bulletin

March 27, 2017 Issue 27



CAPA Launches Campaign in Quebec Calling for Introduction of PAs!

for 2017/18 membership year. Your CAPA membership offers exclusive access to the following member privileges:

- A National organization representing your interests
- Advocacy for the advancement of the profession across all provinces and territories
- Affordable professional liability insurance
- High caliber CPD and online tracking system
- Discounts on home and auto insurance
- Networking Opportunities
- Reduced rates on travel and fitness membership
- And much more!

Visit capa-acam.ca and register today!

MB Report Reinforces the Role of PAs

The Health Intelligence Inc. Associates' recently published a report on Provincial Clinical and Preventative Services Planning. In early February a news release was published by Manitoba Health indicating the government's acceptance of the report. Within this report PAs were identified as an important component of improving patient care in the province. The report had a series of recommendations in which PAs were included. One of the key recommendations was to increase the use of alternative providers of care and the expansion of collaborative inter-professional team-based care. We were very pleased to see PAs highlighted within the list of providers.

PAs were also identified as important players in the expansion of innovative primary care delivery models to help improve access, reduce wait times and minimize congestion in hospital emergency

departments. The full report and recommendations can be found on [MB Health's website](#).

PA Receives the Order of Military Merit

CAPA would like to congratulate Mark McLennan, Vice-President, CAPA Board of Directors and long-time member for being selected as a recipient of the Order of Military Merit Award.

Mark was selected to receive this prestigious award for his national service in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Founded on July 1, 1972, the Order of Military Merit recognizes distinctive merit and exceptional service displayed by the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces, both Regular and Reserve.

CAPA is exceptionally proud of Mark's achievements both in and outside the military. He is a dedicated PA within the Armed Forces, and a strong advocate in CAPA to improving the well-being of PAs and improving health care.

On March 6, 2017 Mark accepted this award from The Governor General of Canada, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston and The Commander of the RCN, Vice-Admiral, M.F.R. LLOYD, CMM, CD during an official ceremony in Ottawa.

Please join us in recognizing Mark for his outstanding achievement.



Canadian Association of Physician Assistants
Association canadienne des adjoints au médecin

capa-acam.ca

PA News Bulletin

March 27, 2017 Issue 27



CAPA Launches Campaign in Quebec Calling for Introduction of PAs!

CAPA 2017 Call for Speakers – Deadline Extended!

The deadline for submissions for the call for speakers has been extended to April 3rd. If you or someone you know (i.e., your supervising physician) may be interested in presenting, please apply. For more information, please [click here](#).

Continuing Professional Development

All new CCPAs from the 2016 PA Cert Exam have now been provided with their profile information for the Mainport ePortfolio program on the Royal College CPD Tracking Tool. For any questions with regards to the CPD Tracking Tool, we encourage you to refer to the list of FAQs under CPD of the PACCC section of the CAPA website. If you have any further questions or require any assistance, please contact Sandra Bourgon, PACCC Manager of Certification at (877)744-2272 or at certification@capa-acam.ca. Please **do not** contact the Royal College directly as you will simply be redirected to PACCC.

Protect Yourself and Loved Ones with Professional Liability Insurance

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 Northern Alberta, remote locations across Canada, Newmarket, Hamilton, Brantford, Vaughan, Burlington, Calgary, Belleville and Trenton. To view the job descriptions, visit the [job listings](#) section on the CAPA website.

Take Advantage of our Exclusive Membership Benefits

If you are starting to think about preparing for the certification exam, check out the member benefit with Exam Master. Or if you're looking for educational resources to assist you in your practice, check out the discounts with Skyscape, Pepid or EM: Rap to name a few.

[Visit the member's area to learn more about these benefits and more.](#)



Canadian Association of Physician Assistants
Association canadienne des adjoints au médecin

capa-acam.ca