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On April 10, 2017 CAPA launched our advocacy campaign in Quebec. This included a news release calling on the government to introduce PAs into Quebec. We also showcased the [bilingual version of the Canada Needs PAs](#) video on social media and on YouTube. This generated media coverage from [Radio-Canada](#) and garnered attention on social media. The CAPA Facebook page had a total reach of 2219 and we saw a significant amount of activity on Twitter. Congratulations to Martin Bédard, Quebec Chapter President for doing such a great job representing the profession.

In addition, we called on our Quebec PA members to meet with their local MNAs and to assist them; we provided a presentation on the value of PAs. We are hoping that this will help raise awareness for PAs and garner champions in government to help move the introduction of the profession forward.

We encourage our members to join in the conversation #QuebecNeedsPAs and to share the video on your social media networks.

Ontario Sustainability Plan

In April CAPA met with various stakeholder groups in Ontario to help move the PA agenda forward. We were fortunate to have discussions with senior leadership from the Ontario Medical Association, the Ontario Hospital Association and the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario (AFHTO). We've also continued our discussions with government. Discussions focused on funding models for PAs and regulation in the province. AFHTO has volunteered to host a webinar in which 2 PAs working in Ontario will have the opportunity to showcase their contributions to patient care, to

educate other Family Health Team administrators on PAs, and to share funding mechanisms that exist to hire a PA on their team.

Over the coming months we will continue to press the government for regulation, for investment 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, CAPA has met with a group of Ontario PAs to provide them with our plan to target influential MPPs in the province. Tools have been provided to these PAs to assist them in their presentations. The intent is to demonstrate the value that PAs can provide to healthcare and to find champion MPPs to help move the PA agenda forward with government.

Meeting with NB Ministry of Health

Earlier this month CAPA met with the Assistant Deputy Minister and his policy advisor from NB Health. The discussion was focused on expanding on the number of PAs in the province. The government voiced their support and views PAs as a valuable addition to healthcare. They were intrigued by the Conference Board reports and have begun discussions about the benefits that PAs could provide in certain specialties such as cardiology. They are in the initial phases of planning; however, suggested that we circle back with them in a few months to continue the discussion.



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CAPA continues to engage the Medical Society in NB and is looking to enlist their support in future advocacy in the province.

CAPA Offers Payment Plans for Membership Renewal!

CAPA now offers our members the option of auto-renewal. This option is available to members who choose to pay their member dues by credit card via installments. These installments can be monthly (1st of every month), quarterly (1 April, 1 July, 1 October and 1 January) or semi-annually (1 April and 1 October). If you have not yet renewed your membership and wish to participate in our payment plan, please contact CAPA at: admin@capa-acam.ca.

March 31 was the deadline to renew your CAPA membership. For anyone who has not yet renewed for the 2017-2018 membership year, you must renew before May 31, 2017! After this time you will no longer have access to your member benefits or CPD tracking tool.

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 memberships
- And much more!

Visit capa-acam.ca and register today!

Congratulation to Ken Doucette, our lucky Early Bird membership renewal winner of the Bluetooth speaker, generously donated by the Personal Insurance Company!

CAPA 2017 – Save the Date!

The 2017 CAPA Annual Conference will be in the Nation's capital at the Delta Ottawa City Centre from October 26 – 29, 2017. This year's program is sure to please with dynamic speakers from across the Globe and fun networking opportunities. We look forward to celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary and your contribution to Canadian healthcare. Be sure to mark it in your calendars.

Do you have any industry rep contacts (i.e. in pharma, medical devices, etc.)? If so, help CAPA solicit new exhibitors and sponsors by sharing your contacts with CAPA's Member Services and Conference Planner, Kristy Corrente at kcorrente@capa-acam.ca. Getting new involvement from industry is all about networking, help us make these connections today!

Congratulation to Katelyn Miller, our lucky winner of the Cineplex movie pass for two, compliments of the Personal Insurance Company for completing the CAPA 2017 needs assessment survey!

Physician Assistant: New Officer Occupation

April 2017 marked a new milestone in the history of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) PA



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occupation. As part of the occupational restructure, all eligible PAs were commissioned into the new officer occupation. This historic occasion was the result of several years of planning, which culminated with an occupational study, followed by a dedicated effort for the implementation of the new occupational structure.

The commissioning of CAF PAs and the transition from a non-commissioned member occupation to an officer occupation is a significant milestone within the CAF; it is the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the military PA occupation.

Pri-Med 2017

Are you attending the 2017 Pri-Med Conference in Mississauga, Ontario from May 10 -13? CAPA is looking for a few volunteers to help in our booth to help educate physicians on the value of PAs. If you can spare an hour of your time and are interested in advocating for the advancement of the profession, please contact Natalie St-Pierre at: nst-pierre@capa-acam.ca

CAPA Recognizes Volunteers

April 23 - 29 is National Volunteer Week in Canada. In celebration of this special occasion, CAPA would like to thank all of our volunteers for the time and effort that they have selflessly invested to make a difference for PAs in Canada and to patients within their communities.

CAPA's Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer leaders who spend countless hours ensuring that there is a national voice for the PA profession in Canada. Volunteer members also sit on various CAPA and PACCC committees or are

involved with other projects and activities at a national and provincial level. The passion and dedication that these people have brought to the Association has had a tremendous impact in making a difference for PAs in their communities. Please join us in thanking our volunteers for their commitment to not only advancing the PA agenda in Canada but also their commitment to their fellow members and colleagues within the health care field in Canada and abroad.

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 through the Royal College CPD Tracking Tool. For any questions regarding the CPD Tracking Tool, we encourage you to refer to the list of [FAQs](#) under CPD in the PACCC section on the CAPA website. If you have any further questions or require any assistance, please contact Sandra Bourgon, 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!



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PAs in the Media

[*Des adjoints au médecin, une solution pour désengorger le système de santé?*](#)

[*Canadian physician assistants: A new profession with new educational insight*](#)

[*Physician assistants can help health system*](#)

Job Listings

Opportunities exist in Newmarket, Hamilton, remote locations across Canada, 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 mdBriefcase, Canada's leading provider of online continuing medical education.

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