

# PA News Bulletin

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## **2017 Board Elections - July 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Expression of interest Deadline!**

### **July 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Deadline for Expression of Interest: 2017 Board Elections!**

July 2, 2017 is your last opportunity to submit your expression of interest for any of the open positions on the CAPA Board of Directors. If you are interested in having a direct impact on the advancement of the PA profession and want to represent your peers at a National level, we want to hear from you. The following elected positions are open for a 2 year term:

**President**

**Vice-President**

**Director, Communications**

**CAF Representatives**

**Ontario Chapter President and Vice-President**

**Atlantic Chapter President and Vice-President**

**Quebec Chapter President and Vice-President**

Voting will open on July 13, 2017. The elected candidates will be announced on August 3, 2017. We encourage you to be proactive and get involved to ensure a bright future for your profession and association.

### **Progress in NB**

On June 15, 2017 CAPA's Executive Director travelled to Fredericton to meet with Horizon Health Authority, the NB Medical Society and NB Health. The objective of these meetings was to advocate for the expansion of PAs in the province. Two champion physicians, Dr. Young, supervising physician for the PAs at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital and Dr. MacDonald, former military physician and lead of the PA pilot project participated in these discussions and were able to assist in demonstrating the value that PAs provide

in NB. The feedback received was encouraging and we are optimistic that these meetings will help to move the PA agenda forward in NB, setting an example for the rest of Atlantic Canada.

To coincide with these meetings we made outreach to the local media. We were successful in receiving coverage in the Daily Gleaner and the Telegraph Journal. A total of 3 stories were published (two in the Daily Gleaner and one in the Telegraph Journal). The focus of these articles was the need for the expansion of PAs in NB. These stories can be accessed under PA media below.

### **Ontario Sustainability Plan**

Progress continues in Ontario with the MOHLTC's PA Integration Working Group. The objective of this initiative is to better incorporate PAs into the provincial health care system in priority areas. Funding and regulation were presented as the biggest hurdles to the advancement of the profession in the province. A number of case examples were shared with the working group from our PA representatives to showcase the challenges with expansion across Ontario. This combined with the publication of the Conference Board of Canada report on funding models for PAs will help the government to establish their plan for long-term sustainability of the profession.

The expectation is that the plan will not be solidified until the working group has finished their work and the final report from the Conference Board focusing on recommendations for PA integration is published. It is expected that the final report will be available in early fall.



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Unfortunately this process is taking longer than expected. CAPA will be meeting with the Minister of Health and Premier in July to discuss the sustainability plan and will continue to push for their support in expediting the process.

### **CAPA 2017 – Early Bird Registration is Now Open!**

Online registration is now open for the 2017 CAPA Annual Conference. Sign up before September 1<sup>st</sup> to take advantage of the Early Bird discounted rate. This year's event will be in the Nation's Capital at the Delta Ottawa City Centre from October 26 – 29, 2017. The tentative program is available on the [website](#) and is sure to please with engaging speakers, high caliber education and fun networking opportunities. Some highlights will include: approach to chest and abdominal x-ray interpretation, EKG and joint injections workshops, the 2nd Annual Awards Gala and President's Dinner, as well as an improved event APP with real time updates.

For program details, including a list of prominent speakers and networking opportunities, [click here](#).

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity: [Register online](#) today!

### **Canadian PAs Travel to France to Share Knowledge**

In March 2017 the Société Française de Chirurgie Thoracique et Cardio-Vasculaire contacted CAPA inquiring about Canadian PAs working in cardiology. They wanted to learn more about the role of PAs working in this specialty by inviting them to their conference in Marseille, France. CAPA contacted all PAs working in cardiology

across Canada looking for someone who could represent cardiology PAs, as well as speak French. Natalie Dies and Francois Cameron offered to travel to Marseille to attend this event and present the PA role and its impact in cardiac surgery. The objective was to look at the use of PAs as an option to supplement the number of residents/interns. The feedback received was very encouraging and helped to raise awareness for health innovation globally.

### **Entry to Practice Guide is Now Available**

CAPA has created an Entry to Practice Guide for new PA graduates. The purpose of this resource is to assist you in your employment search. Valuable information is included such as interview techniques, contract negotiations, professionalism and more. Check it out on the [CAPA website](#) today.

### **Paediatric Project ECHO: moving knowledge, not people**

The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) will be launching Paediatric Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) in October 2017. Paediatric Project ECHO aims to connect community-based healthcare providers with specialists at SickKids, to build capacity in the community to care for paediatric patients.

Paediatric Project ECHO expands the knowledge base of healthcare professionals through innovative virtual mentorship and collaboration. This model uses a combination of interactive videoconferencing, educational presentations, and hands-on workshops to enhance learning and build a supportive community of practice. The ECHO model was developed in 2003, in response to the



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problem of high viral hepatitis rates in the rural, underserved, socially disadvantaged population of New Mexico. This model has been highly successful, and has been replicated worldwide.

Paediatric Project ECHO will concentrate on the following paediatric specialties: Pain, Bariatric Care, Complex Care and Palliative Care. All Ontario healthcare providers interested in any of these areas are invited to participate in the program at no cost.

To register or for more information visit:

[www.echoontario.ca](http://www.echoontario.ca) or contact [project.echo@sickkids.ca](mailto:project.echo@sickkids.ca)

### 2017 PA Cert Exam

[Online registration](#) for the 2017 PA Cert Exam is now open. Exam sites will be Ottawa and Winnipeg. Exact locations for the PACCC PA Cert Exam will be provided to individual candidates upon registration approval. Please feel free to forward this information to anyone that could/should write the 2017 PACCC PA Cert Exam. If they are not currently a CAPA member, they may not be aware that the online registration is now open. Registration closes October 6, 2017. No registrations will be accepted after this date.

### Continuing Professional Development

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](mailto:certification@capa-acam.ca). Please **do not** contact the Royal College directly as you will simply be

redirected to PACCC.

### Are you protected 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!

[Visit the member's area today to learn more about the benefits you receive with CAPA.](#)

### PAs in the Media

<https://capa-acam.ca/2017/06/a-new-solution-to-an-old-problem/>

<https://capa-acam.ca/2017/06/need-for-pas-in-n-b/>

<https://capa-acam.ca/2017/06/physician-assistants-another-piece-of-puzzle/>

<http://canjsurg.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/60-3-172.pdf?platform=hootsuite>

<https://capa-acam.ca/2017/05/establishing-and-growing-the-scope-of-practice-of-physician-assistants/>

<https://capa-acam.ca/2017/05/ontario-boosting-access-to-primary-care-across-the-province/>



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## **Job Listings**

Opportunities exist in Sarnia, the Edmonton area, North Bay, Winnipeg, Newmarket, Hamilton, remote locations across Canada, Brantford, Burlington, Belleville, and Trenton. To view the job descriptions, visit the [job listings](#) section on the CAPA website.



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