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Voting is Open for 2017 CAPA BOD Positions!

2017 Elections – CAPA Board of Directors: Vote Now!

Voting opened on July 13, 2017 for the following BOD positions:

- **President**
- **Vice-President**
- **Ontario Chapter Vice-President**
- **Atlantic Chapter President**

Members will have until **0:700 hrs on July 27, 2017** to [vote](#) for their preferred candidate. Bios and election platforms have been posted to the [website](#). We encourage you to review these and to take the time to cast your vote. The elected candidates will be announced electronically on August 3, 2017 and the results will also be included in the August news bulletin.

The following positions have been acclaimed as there were no other expressions of interest; therefore no voting is required for these positions. Please join us in congratulating the following individuals:

- Canadian Armed Forces Representative – **Danyal Beale, CCPA**
- Atlantic Chapter Vice-President – **Franklin Marquez, CCPA**
- Ontario Chapter President – **Deniece O’Leary, PA-C**
- Quebec Chapter President – **Jean-Nicolas Chagnon, CCPA**
- Quebec Chapter Vice-President – **Louis-François Robichaud, CCPA**

There were no expressions of interest for one of the two CAF representatives or the Director of Communications. These roles will remain vacant

until such time as the CAPA Board of Directors deems it appropriate to appoint candidates to fulfill the roles or to leave them vacant.

Please note that the voting system requests that you enter your member number. If you do not have your member number, send an email to admin@capa-acam.ca and we would be happy to provide it. We are looking into the issue of member numbers not appearing on member profiles.

Progress in NB

As you may be aware, in June CAPA’s Executive Director travelled to Fredericton to meet with Horizon Health Authority, the NB Medical Society and NB Health. The feedback received was encouraging. While in Fredericton we were also able to garner media coverage with the local and provincial media which featured 3 articles in 2 different news publications.

To help keep the momentum going, we have asked for a meeting with the provincial Minister of Health. We have a significant amount of support from a number of stakeholder groups and local physicians. If we can convey the value that PAs bring to the NB healthcare system, we are hopeful that this will help with the expansion of the profession in the province.

Ontario Sustainability Plan

Work continues with the MOHLTC’s PA Integration Working Group. The Ontario Chapter President has provided updates with regards to the Working Group’s progress in navigating through obstacles such as funding and regulation.



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CAPA also had the opportunity to meet with the Premier and Minister of Health's office in early July. We are cautiously optimistic that we'll see progress soon. It has been too long.

To keep their feet to the fire, on September 13, 2017 CAPA will be holding a PA Awareness Reception at Queens Park from 3- 6pm. We invite you to RSVP your interest in attending this event to nst-pierre@capa-acam.ca. Additional details have also been sent out via email.

Conference Board of Canada Report: Funding Models

The Conference Board of Canada is nearing the conclusion of their report on Funding Models for PAs. The report has gone through several revisions based on feedback received from the advisory committee, internal PA reviewers and staff. The final step in the process is for their internal publishing to polish the report and get ready for its public release. It is estimated that the report will be ready for publication by the end of August 2017.

This report will be shared with various stakeholders including the membership, government and key stakeholder groups. The final report which will provide recommendations for PA Integration will be published later this fall to coincide with our annual conference. Stay tuned for additional details.

CAPA 2017 – Early Bird Registration is Now Open!

Online registration is now open for the 2017 CAPA Annual Conference. Sign up before September 1st 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: 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!

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



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hands-on workshops to enhance learning and build a supportive community of practice. The ECHO model was developed in 2003, in response to the 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 or contact 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. Please **do not** contact the Royal College directly as you will simply be redirected to PACCC.

When things go wrong in your practice?

When things go wrong in your practice, it is always comforting to know that you have comprehensive liability insurance to protect you and your loved ones. Sign up today for 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 to learn more about the benefits you receive with CAPA.](#)

PAs in the Media

<http://www.wellandtribune.ca/2017/07/13/doctor-back-in-port-colborne>

<https://www.niaqarathisweek.com/news-story/7417350-port-colborne-to-help-doctor-establish-practice/>

<https://capa-acam.ca/2017/07/fund-hospitals-instead-of-doctors/>

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



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

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

Job Listings

The opportunities we currently have listed are: Ontario: St. Thomas, Sarnia, Toronto, North Bay, Newmarket, Hamilton, Brantford, Burlington, Belleville and Trenton, in Alberta: Edmonton and Calgary, and in Manitoba: Winnipeg, there are also opportunities in remote locations across Canada. To view the job descriptions, visit the [job listings](#) in the Members Area on the CAPA website.



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