



## e-Newsletter

Dear Mr. Holmes,

Welcome to the **BCCFP e-Newsletter**.

### **The Board and Staff of the BC College of Family Physicians extend to you a very Happy New Year!**

A number of important issues are presented for your information. Contact [office@bccfp.bc.ca](mailto:office@bccfp.bc.ca) if you have any concerns affecting family practice in BC - each note will receive a reply!



### **UBC Interprofessional Education Survey**

UBC College of Health Disciplines and UBC Continuing Studies are exploring new interprofessional education opportunities for continuing professional development in the health professions.

Interprofessional courses are opportunities for a mix of professionals who work together collaboratively in practice to learn together about issues that are of common interest. In keeping with current changes in service delivery where professions are working more closely together, this type of training is increasingly important.

The [survey](#) takes about 10 minutes to complete.

### **Board Representation**

We have several new Board members and new per diem and

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## **New Guide to Assessing Fitness to Drive** Tools & Information

The BC government, through the Office of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles (OSMV), has introduced a new [2010 BC Guide in Determining Fitness to Drive](#) document.

The guide refers to a new screening tool, called SIMARD MD, for use by health care practitioners to identify cognitively impaired patients whose driving skills may have declined to unsafe levels. As part of the new guidelines, patients who are referred to DriveABLE by OSMV no longer have to pay. **OSMV will cover the cost of the driver assessments it requests.**

We will shortly send you, via email, a copy of 1) the SIMARD MD tool, 2) a flowchart describing the new driver-fitness screening and 3) assessment process and a copy of the form to use when reporting to OSMV a condition affecting a patient's fitness and ability to drive.

Even more information on the new guidelines, screening and assessment tools, and the driver-fitness review process will be available early in the new year.

## Flu Season Pharmacare Antiviral Coverage

The Ministry of Health Services is pleased to announce that, effective December 14, 2010, PharmaCare is providing expanded coverage for oseltamivir and zanamivir for the 2010/2011 influenza season.

Detailed criteria for each drug are available on the PharmaCare website at [Oseltamivir](#) or [Zanamivir](#). No Special Authority form is required.

Further information, along with the detailed criteria, can also be found in the December 20, 2010 edition of the PharmaCare newsletter.

## Call for Presentations 2011 Annual Scientific Assembly

The BC College of Family Physicians is seeking to stimulate broad interest in bringing new information, resources and skills to our **Annual Scientific Assembly** (October 15 to 16, 2011 in Vancouver) through a 'Call for Presentations'.

We are seeking excellent speakers who might present a keynote address, lecture or a skills session. This educational event is one of the largest in BC and provides opportunities for family physicians to discuss tools and best practices. If you know an excellent presentation or know of new information which should be presented, please consider supporting a submission.

**The deadline for the Call for Presentations** is January 26, 2011. [Download the form](#).

## Pharmacist Medication Management Program Update

Following our earlier special bulletin regarding the new pharmacist program, a number of pharmacists were interviewed by Board members from the BCCFP and SGP.

The community pharmacists did not have much knowledge of the program and were concerned about its potential to impact on their relationship with family physicians.

As recently announced in the BCMA Board summary, there

travel allowances.

Join us and make a difference in how the BCCFP represents you.

### Vacancies:

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Northern Health  
Authority - Northwest

Northern Health  
Authority - Interior

Northern Health  
Authority - North East

[Click here](#) for a list of cities in each district.

### Issues and Concerns?

This newsletter is an opportunity for you to let us know your concerns, ideas and thoughts about our profession and your District.

Send a note to [office@bccfp.bc.ca](mailto:office@bccfp.bc.ca) - short or long - and we'll reply to every response. Looking to hear from you!

are ongoing talks between the BCMA, the College of Pharmacists, the Pharmacy Association and the Ministry.

We will keep you updated as more information is provided.

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## CME on the Run!

### CFPC Continuing Professional Development Award Winner

The CFPC is pleased to announce this year's inaugural CPD Award recipient: "[CME on the Run!](#)" This program was developed and delivered by the UBC Division of Continuing Professional Development.

The CFPC Continuing Professional Development Award recognizes a Mainpro accredited educational program that has provided an exceptional learning experience to practicing or practice-eligible CFPC members. The award is presented to the individual or group responsible for the design, development and implementation of the winning CPD program.

[Download and nominate](#) for the 2011 CFPC CPD Program Award. **Deadline for nominations is March 31st, 2011.**

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## Enhancements to CFPC Exam

### Changes in the Coming Years

The CFPC Certification exam has been subject to continuous revisions and updates. Beginning in 2011, there will be seven new exam sites, reducing travel costs for some candidates.

This year will also see the introduction of a computer-based written exam, which will enhance a number of administration aspects including on-line application for candidates, increased security, more efficient processing of results and improvement to the quality and consistency of translation.

While these changes will generate additional costs, the College has budgeted a significant portion of the new costs, minimizing the impact on candidates.

Beginning in 2013, the LMCC Part II will be harmonised with the CCFP exam. Candidates will travel to and sit one exam in place of two.

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## Recognition of International Training Certification

### New Jurisdictions

There are now [three jurisdictions](#) approved under the CFPC's program for recognition of international training and certification; Ireland, the United States and Australia thru the

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

While discussions continue with the most recent jurisdiction, Ireland, eligible physicians from these three countries entering practice in Canada and seeking certification will be granted a CCFP without further examination.

The College anticipates finalizing the review of the comparability of the Royal Colleges of General Practitioners in the UK and New Zealand shortly.

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