



e-Newsletter



Happy Holiday Season!

We hope that you will be able to take time to enjoy a restful holiday with friends and family. A number of important issues are presented for your information.

Contact office@bccfp.bc.ca if you have any concerns affecting family practice in BC - each note will receive a reply!



BCCFP 24th Annual Scientific Assembly

Save the date! The event will take place October 13 & 14, 2012 at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver.

Contact office@bccfp.bc.ca for early registration notification - the event sells out well before the date.

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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 - short or long - and we'll reply to every response. We look forward to hearing from you!

Fitness to Drive Update & Resource

The BCCFP continues to be in **active discussion** with the Office of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles to provide input on the revised regulations on assessing Fitness to Drive and Mandatory Reporting.

A **list of transportation alternatives** for those who are no longer able to drive has been prepared by the Medically At-Risk Driving Centre at the University of Alberta: [Transportation Alternatives](#) in BC.

Bruce Halliday Award Care of the Disabled

Dr. Bruce Halliday passed away on January 1, 2011 at the age

of 84. He was **President of the College of Family Physicians of Canada** in 1971-72, **Family Physician of the Year** in 1975, and the **Ontario College of Family Physicians President** in 1967. More...

In his honour, the Bruce Halliday Award for Care of the Disabled has been approved by the Research and Education Foundation and the CFPC Committee on Endowments and Awards. The annual recipient of the award will be a **family physician who makes an exceptional contribution to the welfare of the disabled through practice or teaching or research or advocacy.**

To make a donation please contact: Ms. Sarah Delaney, Research and Education Foundation, sb@cfpc.ca or 1-800-387-6197 or 905-629-0900, extension 244.

Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre New Web Resource

The Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre, located at BC Children's Hospital, provides in-person, telephone, and online support to families who have a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges. At the Centre, both professional and peers provide support by helping to navigate the mental health system, discussing treatment options and connecting them to appropriate community resources. The Centre recently launched a new website <http://keltymentalhealth.ca>, providing additional targeted resources for **medical professionals**. **For more information, please email keltycentre@bcmhs.bc.ca or call toll free 1-800-665-1822.**

Strategic Retreat Revised BCCFP Strategic Plan

On the weekend of November 19 & 20, your Board gathered to review our Strategic Plan, last reviewed in November 2007. Stimulated by recent meetings with the CFPC, the Board considered the many developments in family medicine across Canada, and especially in BC. Much has changed in the last few years. Taking a very action-focused approach and a 1-2 year timeframe, the Executive and Board will review the initial planning at meetings in January and February; more detail will follow.

For more information on developments at the CFPC, view the [CFPC Report to the BCCFP](#) and the [BCCFP President Report](#).

CFPC Global Health Committee Regional Member Recruitment

The Board of the College of Family Physicians of Canada recently approved the addition of the **Global Health**

Committee under the Section of Family Physicians With Special Interests or Focused Practices (SIFP).

Terms of Reference are as seen [here](#), with the additional purpose of: *"To improve health and reduce health inequities in the world's most resource poor countries and vulnerable populations by promoting high standards of medical education and care, encouraging research and disseminating knowledge in family medicine and primary care."*

If you are interested in being a representative on this committee 1) Provide an expression of your *interest* and 2) Indicate your *experience* in the area of Global Health and whether you have a focused practice in this area and respond to Pamela Cirino at pc@cfpc.ca no later than January 10th, 2012. Meetings will be in Toronto.

Featured: BC Family Physicians

Dr. Marjorie Docherty CFPC Family Physician of the Year

The College of Family Physicians of Canada is proud to announce Dr. Marjorie Docherty (Kelowna, BC) as the **recipient of the 2011 Family Physician of the Year**.

Dr. Docherty is recognized for her outstanding contribution to Family Medicine and for teaching medical students and residents, with whom she has instilled her famous words of encouragement, "It takes as long as it takes."

Every year, the College presents the Reg L. Perkin Award to one family physician from each province in **recognition of his/her outstanding patient care; significant contributions to the health and well-being of their respective communities; and commitment to family medicine teaching and research**. Dr. Docherty was presented the prestigious award at a ceremony during the 2011 Family Medicine Forum in Montreal, Quebec.

[View the bios for Dr. Docherty and other recipients.](#)

2011-2012 CFPC Executive Committee Featuring 2 Members-At-Large from BC

Drs. Nirvair Levitt and **Garey Mazowita** have been named to the 2011 - 2012 CFPC Executive Committee.

In 2007, Dr. Levitt was honoured as the Family Physician of the Year for British Columbia as the recipient of the Reg L. Perkin Award. [More...](#)

In 2010, Dr. Mazowita was honoured as the Donald I. Rice Award recipient. [More...](#)

Canadian Family Physician Portrait

Dr. Margaret McGregor

Dr. Margaret McGregor is featured on the cover of the October 2011 [Canadian Family Physician](#).

The Canadian Family Physician has embarked on a project to assemble the **portrait of Family Medicine in Canada**. Each cover of the journal will feature a family physician chosen at random from our membership list, along with a short essay -a brief glimpse of the person and the practice. Over time, the randomness will become representative and the differences, taken together, will define what it is that all family physicians have in common.

BC Medical Student Scholarships

BCCFP and CFPC Awards

Congratulations to **Shahana Nathwani** (CFPC) and **Danette Dawkin** (BCCFP) recipients of medical student scholarships.

Shahana is currently in her 4th year of medical school at the University of British Columbia.

Danette is currently an R1 in the UBC Family Medicine Postgraduate Residency Program, Fort St. John.

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