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Dear Colleagues,

I am honoured to be your advocate for General Internal Medicine as the 15th President of the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine. I am excited to hear your input and suggestions as we forge our identity as a subspecialty.

I would like to thank our Past President, Finlay McAlister, for his exemplary leadership as he steered us through ground-breaking changes including the recognition of General Internal Medicine as a subspecialty.

Special thanks to David Simpson and the members of the 2011 Annual Meeting Committee for the successful organization and implementation of our recent meeting in Halifax. Under the guidance of Drs. Nadine Lahoud and Kathleen Raby, we are enthusiastically planning our next annual meeting to be held October 17-20, 2012 in Quebec City.

This is an exhilarating time for GIM and I invite you to use this opportunity to shape the future of our subspecialty. Your suggestions are valuable. We encourage you to make your voice heard. Please email me or your CSIM Council members at csim@royalcollege.ca.

Happy holidays and wishing you all the very best for the New Year!

Dr. Maria Bacchus
President, CSIM

CSIM MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVES

Resident membership is FREE. And for residents just going into practice, the CSIM is offering 50% off their first year dues for Full Membership for those switching in 2012!

CSIM would also like to offer an incentive for Full Members called "Member-get-a-Member." Current Full Members would receive \$100 off their 2012 dues if they recruit one new Full Member and \$200 off if they recruit two new Full Members!

For applications or listing of membership benefits, e-mail csim@royalcollege.ca or visit www.csionline.com.

On-line payment of membership dues is available. [Click here to pay your dues online.](#)

Your CSIM membership is valued and you are encouraged to continue supporting *your* Society.

CANADIAN JOURNAL OF GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE

Remember to forward submissions and contributions to *your* journal.

Please forward your submissions to: csim@royalcollege.ca

HUI LEE HEALTH PROMOTION SCHOLARSHIP

2012 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The purpose of the award is to promote excellence in health promotion and to honour the life of **Dr. Hui Lee**, an active and cherished member of the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine.

ELIGIBILITY

- This award is available to all CSIM members interested in pursuing further education with an aim of developing skills to enhance their effectiveness as a health promoter.
- Candidates' previous work and contributions will be considered as well as the merits of the proposed course of study and the candidates' future plans in health promotion.
- Candidates will be selected based on the likelihood that they will become a meaningful presence in health promotion either locally, regionally or nationally; and their potential to be a leader for health promotion within the CSIM.

Contact the CSIM Office for the terms of reference csim@royalcollege.ca.

GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Royal College Council unanimously approved the application for recognition of General Internal Medicine as the 17th subspecialty of Internal Medicine on December 17, 2010. A Working Group in General Internal Medicine has been established by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Our first task is to create the objectives for training programs in GIM and this work is well under way. After the creation of the specialty-specific standard documents, applications for new residency programs in GIM must then be made through one of the medical schools in Canada for review and approval by the Royal College Accreditation Committee. It is up to each university/program to decide if they wish to apply to become a Royal College recognized 2 year GIM program.

Exciting times are just starting and we will continue to keep CSIM updated and seek feedback through future web based initiatives. Keep following!

Dr. Sharon Card, Chair of GIM Working Group
Dr. Bert Govig, CSIM Representative on the GIM Working Group

ROYAL COLLEGE NATIONAL PHYSICIAN SURVEY

On behalf of the National Physician Survey (NPS) partners we are pleased to share the survey results by specialty. This new data and information will be available as of December 2, 2011 on the NPS website (www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca).

As with previous surveys the 2010 results provide valuable data about the current priorities and interests of Canada's doctors – issues such as changing scopes of practice, barriers to care, and use of information technology. This information has been used extensively to help plan for the future, inform policy decisions, and advocate for required changes to our health care system.

We would welcome the opportunity to produce a summary of information relevant to your specialty organization to support your related research or communications. Please contact us if you wish to request this service, or if you have any questions about the new NPS data.

If you are not able to find the results for your specialty of interest, please contact us and we will be happy to help you find the data you need.

Best regards, Artem Safarov

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SIMULATION SUMMIT MOBILE APP



The 2011 Simulation Summit mobile app enhances and amplifies the value you get from the 2011 Simulation Summit. The Royal College's 2011 Simulation Summit invites health care professionals to experience and share in the latest innovations in simulation-focused learning opportunities.

Through this app, you can:

- Review the program schedule by day or by conference track
- Plan your personal program of events
- Locate each room using floor maps for all venues
- Receive official conference updates
- Check plenary speaker bios and lecture topics
- Enter conference notes and contact information
- Read complete sponsor and exhibitor information
- and much more ...

The Simulation Summit provides practical educational activities using the latest tools, tips and research to enhance the integration of simulation into multi-professional health care environments. The program promotes scholarly based research of simulation standards in real-world applications and encourages participation from all health care professionals. Maximize your time using the RCPSC Simulation Summit app.

The apps are available at: <http://store.apple.com/ca> / <http://ca.blackberry.com/apps-software/appworld/>

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

General Internal Medicine Health Sciences North – Sudbury, Ontario

The Department of Medicine of Health Sciences North/Horizon Santé-Nord (HSN) is building its General Internal Medicine (GIM) capacity to complement existing medical subspecialists and to support its academic mission with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM). Members of the team function as Fee-for Service consultants and combine private clinic with in-patient care and Clinical Teaching Unit (CTU) opportunities. There are also opportunities to participate in specialty out-patient clinics. GIM call is attractive averaging 3 or 4 days per month.

Sudbury offers an exceptional quality of life, with excellent schools, abundant lakes, parklands and extensive recreational opportunities. The City is near Georgian Bay and Muskoka, and a 50-minute flight or four-hour drive north of Toronto.

Candidates must be eligible for licensure in Ontario and have obtained or be eligible to obtain specialty qualifications by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and CV to the Medical and Academic Affairs office, by fax to (705) 523-7041 or by e-mail to gvezina@hsnsudbury.ca. Please visit www.hsnsudbury.ca for a more detailed description.

HSN thanks all applicants, but only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

HEAD OF GIM, DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

The position is intended to be a major academic leadership position in the Department and Faculty where a majority of time would be protected for research in GIM. In order to achieve this goal, the Department Chair would provide an administrative infrastructure for the GIM Head to ensure the research agenda is taken forward. In addition to the research infrastructure outlined in the posting, there is an endowed chair in Health System Design and Quality Improvement available.

Beyond the resources available through the Department of Internal Medicine, the Faculty is building additional clinical research infrastructure aligning with the CIHR SPOR strategy in a joint venture with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. In particular, we are in the process of consolidating and expanding our Methods Core in the Centre for Healthcare Innovation that Dr. Terry Klassen is currently leading.

The Faculty is also the home of the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP) which houses 60+ provincial administrative databases including a comprehensive Manitoba Health and Department of Education database allowing researcher to link hospital healthcare data sets to other data sets at the population level and track an individual's history within the province going back to the 1970s.

**Anyone interested in obtaining further information, please contact the Chair of the Search Committee
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS / CME

- **4th McMaster University Review Course in Internal Medicine**

March 28 - March 31, 2012

Hamilton Convention Centre in Hamilton, ON

Information: Angela Silla

Continuing Health Sciences Education

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- **Canadian Society of Internal Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting**

October 17-20, 2012

Quebec City, QC – Hilton

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- **Canadian Society of Internal Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting**

October 2-5, 2013

Toronto, ON

Information: CSIM

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Edmonton physician receives honour from Mayo Clinic

University of Alberta Hospital physician **Dr. Ann Colbourne** has been selected by the [Mayo Clinic](#) as the latest recipient of its **Plummer Society Award for Excellence**.

Since 2007, the Mayo Clinic has presented a Plummer Society Award for Excellence every two years to a member of its alumni association who has demonstrated a commitment to the field of internal medicine and/or related subspecialties; demonstrated significant commitment to mentoring future generations of practitioners or scientists; achieved significant recognition in a chosen field of internal medicine or subspecialty; and is influential in that field and has contributed to the science in that field.

Dr. Colbourne – the third recipient of the award and first Canadian physician to receive it – currently leads an initiative that uses e-technology to deliver health services, expertise and information to insulin pump patients in Newfoundland. By doing so, she is improving access and eliminating barriers to care across Alberta and beyond.

Dr. Colbourne's lifelong learning journey has taken her from Newfoundland via a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford, and then to Mayo Clinic for internal medicine. She holds degrees in biochemistry, theology and medicine.

Her clinical practice has spanned the health-care continuum from a district medical officer for four nursing stations in southeast coastal Labrador, to her Mayo Clinic residency and internal medicine practice, to health services leadership in policy and practice. Her internal medicine specialty practice has progressed from solo practice in northern Newfoundland and Labrador, to university- affiliated practices in St. John's, Nfld. and Edmonton.

If you have pertinent information to share with your colleagues, consider this e-newsletter which is circulated to CSIM members.

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