

PGME COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES				
	Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020	Time: 07:00 - 08:00	Location: Teleconference	
MEETING CALLED BY	L. Champion, Associate Dean Postgraduate Medical Education			
ATTENDEES	C. Akincioglu, V. Beletsky, P. Bere, R. Butler, A. Cheng, A. Florendo-Cumbermack, S. Gryn, A. Haig, R. Hammond, N. Huda, H. Iyer, J. Laba, E. Lovett, A. Lum, S. Macaluso, D. Morrison, C. Newnham, M. Ngo, S. Northcott, M. Ott, T. Paul, K. Potvin, A. Power, A. Proulx, M. Qiabi, J. Rosenfield, P. Teefy, J. Thain, G. Tithecott, T. Van Hooren, J. VanKoughnett, J. Vergel de Dios, M. Weir, C. Yamashita, J. Yoo Hospital Rep: S. Fahner PARO Rep: K. Desai P.A. Exec Rep: Guests: J. Binnendyk, S. Giberson-Kirby, A. Good, J. Joyce, P. Morris, K. Trudgeon P. Basharat, K, Fung, B. Rotenberg			
REGRETS				
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CALL TO ORD	TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES	
DISCUSSION	Agenda, Minutes – APPROVED	

## **UPDATES**

ORIENTATION DAY & T2R: TRANSITION TO RESIDENCY			
DISCUSSION	<ul> <li>CaRMS will start asking PGY1 applications to provide their Medical Identification Number (MINC).</li> <li>Corporate IDs were sent out to all new trainees starting between July 1 – August 31 which allows trainees to set up their hospital email and Identity. Also contains information for obtaining ID badges, scrubs, and how to complete eLearning training modules, CERNER PowerChart training, respirator mask fit, etc.</li> <li>London ACLS has been providing virtual training, and practical in-class sessions will be done at a later time once it's possible to have more learners in a room.</li> <li>"Swag bags" with lanyards, water bottles etc. will be sent to programs for distribution.</li> <li>All information for the Virtual Orientation is hosted on OWL. Within the site, there are three sections, the first includes all hospital orientation information and welcome videos, which will be available as of June 15<sup>th</sup>, and we ask residents to complete review of documents and materials prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>. The other sections include Orientation modules related to CBME.</li> <li>On Orientation Day, June 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a live welcome from Dr. Champion, PGME office, and PARO for an official welcome, and an opportunity for residents to ask questions.</li> </ul>		



The 8-week T2R series will be virtual, taking place on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 4:00pm, running from July 8<sup>th</sup> – August 26<sup>th</sup>. Sessions will be presented by a mix of faculty and residents, and will be hosted through Zoom, with materials available in OWL. All information has been distributed to residents by email, and a reminder email will be sent to programs.

#### **PARO UPDATE**

### DISCUSSION

- Despite advocacy from PARO as well as the medical school Deans and PGME Deans of Ontario, residents have been determined by to be ineligible for the pandemic pay raise, at a government level above the Minister of Health. PARO is running a campaign called 'Forgotten on the Frontlines" as a continuing advocacy effort.
- PARO's General Council met and elected the new Board of Directors for the upcoming year. K. Desai has been elected to the Board of Directors.
- PARO shared its perspective on self-isolation prior to starting residency with the PGME Deans and incoming new residents.

#### SELF-ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS

## DISCUSSION

- There are no self-isolation requirements for any residents or fellows coming to London, Windsor or Distributed Education Network hospital sites unless they have travelled outside of Canada within the preceding 14 days.
- Any trainees entering from outside of Canada are required to complete the 14-day selfisolation period.

## **ELECTIVES**

# DISCUSSION

- Electives for Medicine subspecialty programs are cancelled until after the end of Block 3 (September 21<sup>st</sup>). Some exceptions exist, such as for mandatory rotations that can't be offered by the home school, for which an Inter-University Affiliation agreement is in place, or when a program has multiple routes of entry (e.g. Critical Care, Pain Medicine, Palliative Care) which are not strictly Medicine-entry programs.
- Electives will have to be given less weight during the selection process for the Medicine Subspecialty Match.
- Medical students will have had few or no elective opportunities, and discussing is
  ongoing whether electives can/should be counted during the selection process of the R1
  Match. Once a decision has been made, it will be shared with programs.

#### PPE

- HMMS in London has provided reassurance that there is adequate PPE to meet the needs of all medical, pharmacy, RN, RT, and Physiotherapy students and trainees.
- Clerks will be able to return on July 6th.
- There has been minimal discussion regarding PPE for distributed/community rotations. The understanding is that sites have adequate PPE. An issue has arisen with physician clinics/offices where there is reluctance to take residents as they can't provide PPE. PARO has discussed this issue, and the standpoint is that if adequate PPE can't be provided, the resident should not complete the rotation. Dr. Champion will connect with FM PDs to determine if this issue has arisen, and how it is being resolved, and will share that information.

## **DISCUSSION**

- Concern raised about impact on resident education caused by limited exposure to
  outpatient rotations; the timeline for phasing residents back into outpatient rotations is
  determined by the Ministry of Health and Public Health, currently no word on when that
  will occur. One positive change is that there is an increase in gathering/group size limit
  from 5 to 10, which will allow increased teaching opportunity and improve rounds.
- Question was posed whether there is a change in liability for learner in a virtual care scenario when there is no supervisor present on the call. There is no change in the principles of supervision; it's considered the same as when a resident might go alone to the ER, or do rounds with no supervisor physically present. There is the same

expectation that if a resident has a concern, they contact their supervisor immediately, and they are required to provide updates and information about the care they have provided.

## **CARMS VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS – RESIDENT PREPARATION**

## DISCUSSION

- PGME will work to meet resident needs for upcoming Medicine, Pediatrics, and Family Medicine subspecialty match virtual interviews by providing access to virtual interview resources, and have requested resident feedback. Request was made to make a space available with a computer and reliable internet where residents can participate in their interview. PGME is looking into the possibly of a space being provided in one of the hospitals or the Clinical Skills Building on Western campus.
- The Communication Plan for programs on conducting virtual interviews and resident recruitment will be shared in late June/early July. (*Was distributed on July 3<sup>rd</sup>*)

#### **ACCREDITATION**

## DISCUSSION

RCPSC and CFPC accreditation meetings are currently ongoing. Once meetings are complete on June 25<sup>th</sup>, we will receive all final program recommendations and transmittal letters containing accreditation status will be sent to each program from the Colleges. Program status recommendations are not expected to change since the site visit, but if a change has occurred, it will be highlighted by PGME.

## ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

DATE AND TIME

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 07:00 - 08:00 by Teleconference