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Dear Physicians

Maintenance of Certification during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (the "College") wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all the physicians diligently working during the COVID 19 pandemic to provide access, treatment and care to patients affected. We owe a profound debt of gratitude to all our health professionals and everybody who will be on the front lines of this pandemic

We understand that the demand placed on physicians during the COVID-19 will affect the attendance to continuing professional education conferences and learning opportunities.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) and the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) have changed their CPD requirements. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS) requires physicians to meet the CPD requirements of either RCPSC or CFPC. The changes by those two organizations result in changes to CPSS requirements.

For Registrants enrolled in <u>The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada</u> Certification (MOC) Program:

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada will be waiving all Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program requirements for 2020:

- One year will be added to everyone's cycle (everyone will now be on a six-year cycle).
- While no credits are required to be submitted this year, any credits submitted will still be counted towards your current (now six-year) cycle. The Royal College is waiving the traditional 40-credit minimum requirement for 2020.

Link to the latest FAQ: Impact of COVID-19 on 2020-21 MOC and dues cycles

For Registrants enrolled in The <u>College of Family Physicians of Canada</u> Mainpro+ certification program:

The College of Family Physicians of Canada will be extending all current Mainpro cycles by one year by:

• Waiving the 2019-2020 annual continuing professional development (CPD) requirements (25 certified and/or non-certified credits)

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• Extending all current Mainpro+ cycles by one year to allow physicians more time to acquire 250 credits

Link to the latest news article: <u>Waiving Mainpro+ credit requirements and extending</u> cycles

Those changes mean that physicians will have an additional year to comply with MainPro+ or MOC in order to renew their licences with CPSS.

We wish to remind you that many of training resources related to COVID-19 may qualify for CPD credits, as well as some of the instructional and teaching that you may be providing or receiving. Keep track of these for future submission for CPD credits.

Thank you again for all physician colleagues providing the front-line care during the Covid-19 pandemic. The CPSS is here to assist you during this time. Do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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