



September 2022

Family Medicine Newsletter

Welcomes and farewells

MPAS welcomes the incoming class of 2024 and inducted them into the profession during Inauguration and the stethoscope ceremony on September 2, 2022. The class was welcomed by Elder Margaret Lavallee, Dean Nickerson, Dr. Mihalchuk Assistant Registrar CPSM, Dr Ian Whetter, Medical Director for OHS, and Steven Hall, Manitoba Director of Manitoba for CAPA.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Rachel Roy who is the recipient of the Susan Wright Bell Award. Congratulations to Joanna Maier who is the recipient of the 2022 Excellence in Faculty Development Award.

Congratulations to Ms. Alyssa Kidd has been selected as the recipient of the 2022 CFPC Medical Student Scholarship for the University of Manitoba. The College of Family Physicians of Canada™ (CFPC) Medical Student Scholarship recognizes a top medical student in Canada who has demonstrated an interest in or commitment to a career in family medicine during their undergraduate medical education. This is a program of the Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine (FAFM) through the generosity of its donors, Scotiabank and MD Financial Management. The award will be presented during the Family Medicine Forum 2022, to be held in Toronto, Ontario, from November 9th to November 12th.

Congratulations to Ms. Jessica Sproule who has been selected to receive the 2022 Family Medicine Resident Scholarship for the University of Manitoba. This is a program of the Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine (FAFM) through the generosity of its donors, Scotiabank and MD Financial Management. The award will be presented during the College of Family Physicians of Canada™ (CFPC)'s Family Medicine Forum 2022, to be held in Toronto, Ontario, from November 9th to November 12th.

Congratulations to Bobby McNair who has been selected as the recipient of the **2022 CFPC Indigenous Medical Student Scholarship**. This is a program of the Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine (FAFM), through the generosity of its donors, Scotiabank and MD Financial Management. The CFPC Indigenous Medical Student Scholarship recognizes a top First Nations, Metis, or Inuit medical student in Canada who has demonstrated an interest in or a commitment to a career in family medicine during their undergraduate medical education. The award will be presented during the College of Family Physicians of Canada™ (CFPC)'s Family Medicine Forum 2022, to be held in Toronto, Ontario, from November 9th to November 12th.

MPAS would like to congratulate Madelaine Murray, PAS 2022 Graduate, who presented her research on Aug 25, 2022 at the Health Professions Scholarship Day entitled Views, self-rated competency, and perceived barriers in practicing trauma-informed care: A survey of Physician Assistants in Canada. Her work in surveying trauma informed care among practicing physician assistants may be used to further develop educational needs that best suit future patients.

MPAS congratulates the Class of 2022 for completion of the program and wishes them luck in their first year as a practicing PA.

Check out MPAS on social media

MPAS now has social media. Please [follow](#) us!

Advancing Leadership Performance and Agency for Interprofessional Teamwork and Integrated Primary Healthcare

University of Manitoba researchers (Halas and Singh) are conducting a study to explore the role of leadership and identify the nuanced differences between integrated or collaborative teamwork and multi-provider care, as well as the competencies and capacity required to lead interprofessional collaborative practice. The name of this study is **Advancing Leadership Performance and Agency for Interprofessional Teamwork and Integrated Primary Healthcare**.

You are being invited to participate in this study because you hold a leadership position or work in leadership capacity with clinical and non-clinical providers within the scope of your practice.

During a 60-minute interview, you will be asked about your views about skills, knowledge, and capacity needed by leaders to foster interprofessional collaboration (IPC) and optimize teamwork; and facilitators and barriers encountered by leaders with regard to interprofessional team functioning in primary care settings.

If you are interested in our study and/or have any questions, please contact Ms. Alyzia Horsfall by email alyzia.horsfall@umanitoba.ca or by telephone at 204-789-3314.

Patient Values and Preferences on Benzodiazepine Use Survey

This study is being conducted by Dr. Christine Leong, Assistant Professor from the College of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba

This survey is being conducted to understand the values and preferences of patients on information that would be important to receive prior to starting a benzodiazepine. This survey aims to collect information on counseling points that healthcare providers communicate to patients prior to prescribing or dispensing a new prescription for a benzodiazepine.

Your feedback will be collected through an online survey which will ask you a series of questions and should take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

<https://rcsurvey.radyfhs.umanitoba.ca/surveys/?s=KMJE9MRR49>

DFM 50th Anniversary

We are excited that we have finalized the date for the celebration of the DFM 50th Anniversary on **May 26, 2023** (Friday) at the Metropolitan Event Centre in downtown Winnipeg.

We are thrilled to have Andrew Picard, Award Winning Author, and Journalist as the keynote speaker for the event. To make this event even more special we will have an amazing jazz quartet and the Ron Paley Big Band.

Stay tuned for information about ticket sales and sponsorships which will soon be released on our social media platforms. We invite you to like or follow our Instagram, FB, Twitter, LinkedIn. ([Department of Family Medicine |Link tree](#)). To enhance this event and celebration it would be awesome if you could share stories, pictures and innovations related to your site in the DFM social media platforms.

Manitoba Rural Physician Assistant Program (MRPAP)

The Manitoba Rural Physician Assistant Program (MRPAP) is a post-graduate Micro-Certificate education program designed to prepare Physician Assistants to practice and contribute to the medical primary care needs of the communities of Northern Manitoba and Ontario.

The MRPAP is a cooperative endeavor with [Ongomiizwin - Indigenous Institute of Health and Healing](#) (University of Manitoba) and seeks to improve the quality of care provided in Indigenous communities.

This project is initially regional. However, when successful, expandable and potentially national in scope based on the participation of First Nations Communities and Health Canada. Graduates from all Canadian Physician Assistant Educational Programs are eligible and, with minimal refinement, could accept Registered Nurses (Extended Practice, Primary Care, or Outpost) or Clinical Assistants who wish to expand their knowledge and skill base.

[Read more about the Manitoba Rural PA Program.](#)
[Manitoba Rural Physician Assistant Program Curricular Design](#)

Publications

Wu, M, Chanchlani R, Dart A, Kosowan L, Roychoudhury S, **Singer A.** *Temporal trends in prevalence of blood pressure screening and hypertension after introduction of clinical practice guidelines on hypertension in Canadian children: A time-series analysis.* Hypertension Canada's Annual Congress and YI Forum. May 5-6, 2022. (Virtual Congress) *Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation.*

Faisal N, Kosowan L, Zafari H, Zulkernine F, Lix L, Mahar A, Singh H, Renner E, **Singer. A.** *Identifying patients with cirrhosis in primary care clinics – development and validation of a case definition using electronic medical records.* Family Medicine Forum 2022. Toronto, Canada. November 9-12, 2022.

Marrie R A, Fisk J D, Walld R, Bolton J M, Sareen J, Patten S B, Singer A, Lix L M, Hitchon C A, El-Gabalaway R, Katz A, Marriott J, Bernstein C N. Prescription opioid use in multiple sclerosis. *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry.* August 2022. doi:10.1136/jnnp-2022-329508

Canadian ADaptive Platform Trial of COVID-19 Therapeutics in Community Settings (Can-ADAPT COVID) (July 2022- June 2023) Applicants: Andrew David Pinto, Yoav Keynan, Michelle Greiver, Peter Jüni, Todd Campbell Lee, Emily Gibson McDonald, Srinivas Murthy, Peter Selby. [See all co-applicants.](#) Source: CIHR Operating Grant: COVID-19 Outpatient Therapeutic Studies. Amount: \$10,000,000

[See all publications here.](#)
