

## Council Highlights

Council of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta met in Edmonton on December 1 and 2, 2011. Significant outcomes of the meeting included:

### **Conflict of Interest Declarations**

Council approved having all College committee members complete an annual conflict of interest declaration, and adding an agenda item to all committee meetings for the discussion of potential conflicts of interest and how they will be managed.

### **Finance and Audit Committee**

Council approved an annual fee of \$100 to be effective January 1, 2012 for physicians on the General Register whose practices are limited to administrative consultation (e.g. providing consultative advice with respect to fitness to drive a motor vehicle). Eligibility for this fee is by exception and at the discretion of the Registrar.

Council approved a \$200 + GST application fee to be effective January 1, 2012 for all Registrar approvals with the exception of Certified Examiner and Injury Management Consultant applications. This is a one-time, cost recovery fee, which recognizes the Registrar's time reviewing the application.

### **Assessment and Competency Enhancement (ACE) Program**

Council approved a revised description and set of rules for the ACE program, which incorporates feedback received during the consultation process.

### **Physician Health Monitoring Program (PHMP)**

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### **In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Standards**

Council approved new IVF Standards, which outline the qualifications physicians require to work in non-hospital IVF facilities in Alberta and supplement the College's standards for non-hospital surgical facilities.

### **Registration Requirements: Evaluating Examination (EE) for Academic Appointments**

Council agreed to waive the requirement of success on the EE for academic appointments. Until all Canadian jurisdictions can implement this requirement, the College will instead require a letter from the Dean of Faculty of Medicine at the respective university supporting the appointment.

### **Eligibility for Election to Council**

Council directed that a member is not eligible for election to CPSA Council:

- If it is within five years of the member being disciplined by the College. (This time period is consistent with the College's five-year publication of its disciplinary findings.)
- If formal charge(s) of unbecoming conduct under the *Health Professions Act* are currently in place against the member.
- Until the member has satisfied all conditions of any existing Part IV discipline order under the *Health Professions Act*.

### **Council Election Results**

Council ratified the Council election results. The three College Councillors who will begin their terms in 2012 are:

- Dr. Randall Sargent – family physician from Calgary, current Vice President of Council
- Dr. Mike Kalisiak – dermatologist from Calgary
- Dr. Maeve O'Beirne – academic family physician from Calgary