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To our newest colleagues,

Welcome to your first year of family medicine residency training!

It is a great pleasure to welcome you as a Resident member of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)—your professional College representing family medicine across the country.

Our collective resident voice is represented at the CFPC by the Section of Residents (SoR) Council. The Council consists of a first-year (R1) and a second-year resident (R2) from each family medicine residency program across Canada. Every July, a call for R1 nominations is circulated to fill these important positions to support a strong resident voice within the CFPC.

The SoR Council is seeking an R1 representative from each residency program for a two-year term. As a member of the SoR Council, you will help shape the national perspective on family medicine education and training in Canada, and you will have the opportunity to highlight particular issues and topics of concern as a resident physician. Meetings are normally held at the CFPC National Office in Mississauga, Ontario, in the spring and fall of each year, and all travel expenses are reimbursed; however, during the COVID-19 pandemic, our in-person meetings are on pause at least until the end of 2021, and our meetings are currently taking place virtually.

Council participation provides unique leadership, learning, and networking opportunities with the CFPC to represent the interests of resident physicians and to help shape the future of family medicine in Canada.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the SoR Council, please contact your residency program's SoR Council representative, whose name and SoR Council resources (including Terms of Reference, position descriptions, and an orientation video) can be found at: <http://www.cfpc.ca/SectionofResidents/>. You can also email education@cfpc.ca to be connected with your local representative. The next meeting will take place in September (date to be confirmed). For more information on the SoR Council and resources designed for residents, please visit: <https://www.cfpc.ca/en/member-services/for-residents>.

It may be a more difficult and challenging time to start a residency in family medicine during the COVID-19 pandemic, so please do not hesitate to reach out to your SoR Council for support.

Wishing you a successful year ahead!

Sincerely,

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