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THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN ACTION!



The QMA has been busier than ever this year, starting with the launch of the revamped *QMA Info* and new Web site to meet the communication needs identified by a majority of you in the satisfaction survey. But in particular, I am pleased to invite you to take part in the large-scale consultation around the theme of the medical profession and the need for a new social contract, titled **“La profession médicale : vers un nouveau contrat social”**, launched by your association.

From April 16 to 18, 2015, you will be able to have your say on this hot topic at our 17th convention to be held in Montréal. The discussions will take place in the form of conferences and panels. Be sure to attend. Share your comments on the issue now by

joining the online consultation **“Médecins du Québec, avez-vous atteint votre quota?”** (Québec physicians, when is enough... enough?). Read the related articles in the new *QMA Info*.

Another important action by your association will take place on March 25, 2015, when the QMA will give a joint presentation with the CMA as part of the parliamentary commission on Bill 20.

In addition, other meetings between the QMA and its members are on the agenda for 2015: the launch in March of new cohorts for the courses in the PMI Leadership program in the Québec regions, the Colloque médical étudiant on May 9 and 10, and the symposium on medical leadership in October. Read your new *QMA Info* for more details.

I invite you to visit your new website with its completely revamped structure and

content. Contribute to the two communication tools in the new *Health Care System* section by announcing your activities to all QMA members.

To conclude, I would once again like to extend my invitation to attend the convention and consultation on the theme of the medical profession and the need for a new social contract, titled **“La profession médicale : vers un nouveau contrat social”**. Both of these actions are key elements in this priority issue for the future of our profession. We all need to make ourselves heard. I look forward to discussing it with you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which reads "Laurent Marcoux".

Laurent Marcoux, M.D., M. Sc.
President



The Québec Medical Association (QMA) invites you to share your opinion on the theme *“La profession médicale : vers un nouveau contrat social”* (The Medical Profession: Time for a New Social Contract), at its 2015 Convention, which will be held from April 16 to April 18, in Montréal.

Many themes will be discussed during the conferences and panel discussions: the social contract, accessibility to health care, physicians and expanding the fields of professional practice, the use of big data and related questions, altruism and conflicts of interest, the duties and responsibilities of physicians, self-regulation and regulations, and the generation gap in medicine.

Doctors Sylvia R. Cruess, endocrinologist and Professor of Medicine, and Richard L.

Cruess, orthopaedic surgeon and Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Medical Education Centre of McGill University, both internationally renowned for their expertise in the field of medical professionalism, will launch the work of this convention during their opening conference entitled *“Professionalism and Medicine's Social Contract with Society”*.

Take a look at the enclosed program on our website, and join this social debate in order to take charge of the future of your profession. Fill out the registration form now and be part of the 2015 QMA Convention.

To find out more, read the full article at www.amq.ca on the “About the QMA” tab under QMA Info.

Québec physicians, when is enough... enough?

The professional autonomy of physicians is being called increasingly into question. The public's confidence in physicians is eroding. The transformation of the health care system is gathering momentum. Have your say on this issue!

Can sharing clinical activities with other health professionals improve access to care? Does society have realistic expectations of the medical community? Be part of the Québec Medical Association large-scale consultation titled *“L'avenir de la profession médicale : vers un nouveau contrat social”*.



La profession médicale :
**VERS UN NOUVEAU
CONTRAT SOCIAL**

Read the discussion paper on this topic or refer to the discussion guide available on the QMA's website (www.amq.ca). Send us your comments and thoughts to consultation@amq.ca or the news feed at www.petalmmd.com.

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2015 Excellence Awards



The QMA is pleased to launch the 2015 edition of its excellence awards recognizing physicians for their exceptional contribution to the progress of health care in Québec at its convention being held from April 16 to 18, 2015.

Has the work or initiative of a fellow health professional caught your attention in the past year and deserves to be highlighted? Nominate that person now!

Check the nomination process and complete the online nomination form on our website. The nomination deadline is **5 p.m. on March 8, 2015**. The official awards presentation will take place during the 2015 QMA convention.

CMEQ: The Meeting Place for Students

Students, get ready! The next Colloque médical étudiant du Québec (CMEQ) on May 8 and 9, 2015, in Sherbrooke, with the theme *"leadership and extreme medicine"*, will give you a chance to discover the different aspects of a profession that requires courage, control and expertise.

Are you interested in attending the CMEQ and networking with other participants? Then register now by visiting the event website at www.lecmeq.com.

To find out more, read the full article at www.amq.ca on the "About the QMA" tab under QMA Info.

A Streamlined Newsletter and Website

2015 is off to a flying start with the publication of an updated version of QMA Info and a completely revamped website.

The new version of *QMA Info* presents the information organized by theme. The new site at www.qma.ca mirrors the same structure. Just a few clicks will take you to a wide range of content. Are you looking for topics on which your association has taken a

position? On the "QMA in Action" tab, check the "Position Statements".

The "Courses and CPD" tab presents all the useful information about ongoing training and the PMI Leadership program.

To find out more, read the full article at www.amq.ca on the "About the QMA" tab under QMA Info.

Interview Simulations for CaRMS: Reduce the Uncertainty

More than 75 people took part in the interview simulations for CaRMS, a service that the QMA has offered for two years now for student members in their second year of clerkship.

Given as a participatory workshop with eight students, resident physicians invited students to answer potential interview

questions in turn. It was a valuable, helpful experience for most of the participants, as reflected by the positive comments from many of them.

To find out more, read the full article at www.amq.ca on the "About the QMA" tab under QMA Info.

The "Big Blue Book" Accessible Anywhere

Thanks to the QMA and CMA, downloading the RxTx Mobile App lets you have your very own permanent copy of the Compendium, a.k.a. the "big blue book", free of charge.

Worth \$500, the *RxTx Mobile App* contains more than 2,000 product monographs and listings that are updated regularly, includes evidence-based recommended pharmacological treatments for more than 200 medical conditions, and offers a fully bilingual interface.

To find out more, read the full article at www.amq.ca on the "About the QMA" tab under QMA Info.

QMA President from 1965 to 1966: Death of Dr. Normand Belliveau

We were very sad to learn of the death of Dr. Normand Belliveau, who was an active member of the QMA as the association's president from 1965



to 1966. The Board of Directors and management of the QMA offer their condolences to his family and thank him for his many years of commitment to the medical community.



The PMI Leadership Program Is Now Available in Your Region

Training offered close to the participants' workplace and oriented toward regional issues and situations. These are just some of the benefits of the QMA courses, now available in some Québec regions.

The QMA recently launched new cohorts for the courses in the Abitibi and Québec City regions, and hopes to begin a few more in the coming months.

How do you get a cohort started in your region? Nothing could be easier! Simply indicate your interest to the QMA now by filling out the expression of interest form (available in French only) on the website. Also check our course schedule and if you find a suitable course, fill out the registration form (available in French only).

Elsewhere in the System!

Visit the section of the website devoted entirely to the health care system, its stakeholders, and the news and events occurring between each edition of *QMA info*.

What

7th INTER-HOSPITAL CONFERENCE ON MENTAL HEALTH

When

March 26, 2015

Where

Hôtel Hyatt Regency, Montréal

What

5th CONVENTION OF THE CHUM CARDIOVASCULAR CENTRE

When

April 17, 2015

Where

Centre Mont-Royal de Montréal

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