

TRILLIUM PSA NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- February 2nd, 2017 - PSA meeting MH Auditorium, video conferenced to CVH Boardroom. (1700h Dinner and 1730h Meeting)
NOTE: CAPACITY ISSUES MAY IMPACT LOCATION
- April 20th, 2017 - Long Service Awards Gala
- May 11th, 2017 - PSA Meeting

PSA NEWSLETTER

The PSA is proud to bring you the first quarterly newsletter! In an effort to increase our reach to all PSA staff we have decided to start a newsletter to keep you informed and improve our representation. Feel free to contact any member of the PSA for any questions you may have.

DECEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

We thank Mr. Brian Beamish, Information and Privacy Commissioner, for his presentation on the need for increased awareness of privacy related issues in our private practices and for answering the many questions he was posed.

Our Chief of Staff, Dr. Morra, highlighted that THP is ranked number one in Ontario for hospital and emergency room visits and highest in the need for increased capacity. We are slated for infrastructure expansion into the future at all sites. Staff at THP has been doing an excellent job despite the recognized pressures of an increased patient load, reduction in fee schedules, increased office expenses and OMA's relationship with the current government.

Congratulations to Dr. Gail Hirano from CVH and Dr. George Virich for being the iPad winners at our December meeting! Attend the next meeting for your chance to win!

UPCOMING MEETING

We look forward to Dr. Bill Wong presenting on Medical Assistance in Dying. This is a QIPS qualified talk. We will also give you an update on the OMA followed by questions.

NEW PHYSICIAN PORTAL

In January, we launched the new Physician Portal. We would like to thank Dr. Joe Noora, Past President of the PSA, and the entire team for all their hard work in setting this up. Please take the time to visit the site off of the main THP Hub page. There you will find a link to the PSA page, which provides more information on the PSA and the role we serve.

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NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER

We would like to call upon the membership from the CVH site that may be interested in seeking the role of Treasurer with the PSA. This is a four year commitment and will progress up to President of the PSA. You will have an opportunity to learn a lot and eventually sit on the Board of the Hospital. Please contact one of the PSA staff for more information regarding the role.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS GALA

Preparations are underway for this year's LSA Gala that will take place at the Credit Valley Golf and Country Club. We will be inviting milestone awards recipients to the Gala first and then the remainder of the tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis. This Black Tie affair was a huge success last year and we look forward to recognizing the award recipients.

FYI's FROM MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chart Completion - The MAC has revised the Chart Completion Policy for THP, effective April 1st, 2017. Completed charts are important for patient care, patient safety and now hospital funding. Charts should be completed by 14 days after being chart is available in Chartmax. The current weekly e-mail notices reminding Professional Staff of any delinquent charts will be replaced in Paril by an automated e-mail notice system that will arrive via the THP e-mail account. As per the existing policy, failure to complete charts within 42 days may result in an administrative suspension of Hospital privileges. New to the policy is that prior to administrative suspension occurring, Professional Staff may be invited to MAC to explain the reasons for delinquency.

OMA UPDATE

Our medical profession is going through a difficult time. Bill 41 passed within the last month which gives the Minister of Health and LHINs substantial powers. These include granting access of charts to health inspectors, creation of new sub-LHINs and giving them ability to plan and direct where physicians can practice. More recently, the government is rapidly moving ahead with Bill 87. Briefly, this Bill gives the Minister of Health the power to compel regulatory colleges such as the CPSO to disclose personal health information about regulated healthcare providers, including doctors.

On Friday January 13th, 25 OMA council members submitted a petition of 13 grievances against the sitting OMA executive with a call for a vote of non-confidence against each Executive member individually. This will take place on January 29th. It is important that you review both the grievances and the OMA's response. Both of these can be found on the OMA website: www.oma.org under the Council tab. Members should make an effort to be informed contact their district and or section delegates with their views. More information can be found at www.carenotcuts.ca and on the We are Your Ontario's Doctors Facebook page.