

A message for CAEP's Membership Chair

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Your ongoing CAEP membership is valued and is important. The support you, so generously provide, gives all of us, the Canadian Emergency Medicine community: a national voice on matters that impact Emergency Medicine in Canada; a means to share important and novel clinical practice information that allow us to optimize the care we provide to our patients; and it allows us to grow as national specialty among the landscape of Canadian medicine.

This year in the life of the CAEP organization was continued recovery from the effects of the devastating COVID-19 pandemic. We have all been confronted with the challenges of human resource challenges, physician burnout and attempts at recharging knowledge translation efforts through offerings like CAEP CME and the CAEP Annual Medical conference. CAEP was engaged in efforts to make a National Medical licence a reality. A high level strategic document on the Canadian EM landscape and the future of EM in Canada was brought to fruition through the EM POWER work group. Our body of knowledge was enhanced through the ongoing CAEP research efforts, and our Journal – CJEM. We need to start celebrating the ongoing outstanding efforts of our members through local and national process development and provision of excellent clinical care through Member Spotlights and the annual CAEP awards. Feel free to identify fellow clinicians that should be highlighted in an upcoming Member Spotlight and please remain involved in the many ways possible with your national Emergency Medicine organization – CAEP.

CAEP needs your ongoing engagement with your organization. Please discuss ideas like Institutional Membership with your respective business groups. Join other EM groups like Kenora and North Bay, Ontario or Kentville Nova Scotia, where the business group has chosen to join CAEP as a group and CAEP will work with the members to develop a personalized approach to their CAEP experience.

CAEP is a wonderful organization. It allows EM physicians to network, learn and advocate. However, the organization needs to grow. It needs to fully represent as much of the EM community as possible. In order to grow, we need more members, and for this to happen we need your help. Encourage your colleague working alongside you on your next shift, or the EM physician replacing your or taking over from you to join the national community of practice for Emergency Medicine in Canada – CAEP.

Respectfully,

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