



Resident Highlights of 2023-2024

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This is a recap of the CAEP Residents' Section for 2023-2024. We focused on outreach, growth, renewal, and sustainability to ensure consistency and relevancy in serving the EM residents from coast to coast. As always, we work hard to meet the needs of residents and address their concerns. Here are a handful of our accomplishments from this year:

1. **Membership Campaign:** Our communications and public relations team spearheaded a membership campaign presented to all emergency medicine programs including FRCPC and CCFP(EM). It highlighted the value of CAEP membership to emergency medicine residents.
2. **Promoting Resident Academic Excellence:** We partnered with the CAEP National Grand Rounds team to showcase resident excellence. We accepted applicants from residents nationwide to present their academic interests and research at the National Grand Rounds. We successfully ran the first-ever resident-led CAEP National Grand Rounds.
3. **Promoting EM Leadership:** Our resident representatives actively contributed to many CAEP subcommittees including CCFP(EM), Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Rural, Medicine, CJEM, and Wellness. They addressed resident concerns and led projects benefiting residents and CAEP broadly. This year, we connected residents from across Canada with active CAEP subcommittees to act as resident representatives, contributing meaningfully to positively impact Canadian EM residents.
4. **CAEP Conference:** Led by Dr. Sarah Shwartz, Conference Liaison Representative, the RS team spearheaded a very engaging and successful EM Learner Day at the CAEP national conference. We ran hands-on simulations teaching learners how to perform cricothyrotomies, insert pigtail chest tubes, cast, and insert central lines.
5. **Creation of CAEP Medical Student Awards:** We initiated the process to create CAEP Medical Student Awards recognizing leadership and advocacy. This award will materialize in the 2024-2025 year.
6. **Advocacy:** The RS committee engaged with the Anti-Racism and Anti-Colonialism subcommittee to issue a statement on anti-Palestinian racism and anti-Semitism. These efforts aimed to show solidarity and support for EM community members facing intimidation, silencing, and harassment for their Palestinian human rights advocacy. Unfortunately, our efforts were not successful.

A final highlight of our year has been a broad renewal of our governance structure. Our aims were to streamline the election process, reduce redundancy, ensure longevity and continuity for our section, and better represent the needs of residents. For example, subcommittee positions will now be sought via an application-based process. We intend to recruit and support a stronger and more effective resident voice on subcommittees.

I want to end by thanking my team and the CAEP executive for supporting such a successful and productive year for our section. I am excited to hand over to the incoming team and look forward to the continued success of our section.

Thank you.