

Registration during COVID-19

NEW – FINAL YEAR SPECIALIST RESIDENTS

1. How can I be registered at the CPSM now that my exams have been cancelled?

Final year residents in Royal College training programs have faced unique registration challenges due to the postponement of their examinations because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

CPSM has modified the usual requirements for enrollment on the Specialist Register to accommodate the special circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic for the 2020 cohort of graduating residents to address the following impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic:

- i. the inability to be registered as specialists due to the postponement of the certifying examinations;
- ii. the need for the 2020 resident cohort to be recognized as specialists while providing quality medical care during this public health emergency;
- iii. the knowledge, skills and judgement of this 2020 cohort; and
- iv. financial prejudice to new graduating residents arising from exam postponement.

As this 2020 cohort will be registered as specialists temporarily, they will be able to bill the regular specialist tariffs and not the GP tariffs.

The attached [Practice Direction](#) has details related to enrollment on the Specialist Register while in the Provisional (Specialty Practice-Limited) Class.

NOTE: For individual residents you will be sent an application to apply for Specialist enrollment by your Application Review Analyst in the coming weeks.

MEDICAL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS

1. I've heard that the Undergraduate Medical Program has closed some areas. Can you give me the details?

The UGME Clerkship program is on hiatus, effective end of day, March 18th. This decision balances the professional commitment required of students and their utility in the health care system with the risks to students and patients of continuing and the

challenges of providing enough clinical environments. U of M was the last school in Canada to pause its clerkship program. Clerks may choose to volunteer within the health system where needed.

For Med 1 and 2 the curriculum will go on-line with small group sessions on Zoom following the schedule already published. Clinical skills and OSCEs are paused, exams are unknown at this time. Service Learning is over for the year and rural week is cancelled.

For Med 4 Clinical Electives are suspended while non-clinical Electives may continue. Evidence Based medicine will be done on-line. ACLS is postponed until further notice, convocation is cancelled, and LMCC Part 1 is cancelled.

2. If LMCC Part 1 is cancelled, then how will this affect the residency programs that start this spring?

It will be up to the individual programs to determine if they require the LMCC Part I for all students.

REGISTRATION DURING A MEDICAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

1. Has CPSM made any provisions to register out of province or retired physicians?

CPSM is working with Shared Health to ensure medical practitioners' services are located where most needed. Please contact [Shared Health](#) then you will be linked with CPSM.

2. What else should I know about registration at this time?

The College is responsible for registering physicians, surgeons, clinical assistants and physician assistants to practise in Manitoba.

The College is actively reviewing how best we can support the profession on a continuous basis as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. This includes consideration of what is available in terms of emergency measures within our statutory framework. Apart from these legislated measures, the College cannot register individuals who do not otherwise meet statutory qualifications for registration. Please refer to the registration requirements below.

Physicians, surgeons, clinical assistants and physician assistants:

- a) whose licensure or certificate of practice in Manitoba has expired and who have been out of practice for less than 3 years, or are currently practising in another jurisdiction, and are considering re-applying to practise in Manitoba, or
- b) who have never been registered in Manitoba and who meet the requirements for registration in Manitoba, and are considering applying to practise in Manitoba –

We request that, due to the recently declared state of emergency in Manitoba, you consider first contacting Shared Health respecting the medical services required in the province. Shared Health will be coordinating where resources are required and the areas that are most in need. Please contact Shared Health at: [Shared Health](#).