



Virtual Event

March 29

9:45AM-3:15PM

# AIMGA IMG SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

FOSTERING PATHWAYS TO LICENSURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY FOR IMGs

## Zoom Details

### Join IMG Symposium | Stream A

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## STREAM A

## STREAM B

9:45-10:45am

An Overview of the Practice Readiness Assessment (PRA) Routes for IMGs, presented by the CPSA and AHS Medical Affairs

Alternative Careers: A Panel Discussion with IMGs, presented by Ali Assi, Catherine Akinola, Obiageli Oladeji, and Uchechukwu Katchy

10:45-11:00am

Break

11:00am-12:00pm

An Overview of the Royal College Practice Eligibility Route for Internationally Trained Physicians, presented by The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

12:00-1:00pm

Lunch Break

1:00-2:00pm

An Introduction to the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre (AARC) and Addictions, presented by Donny Serink

Employer Panel - What Employers Really Want, presented by Agnes Dallison, Alannah Turner, Leah Fochuk, Leanna Craig, and Nicole Dyer

2:00-2:15pm

Break

2:15-3:15pm

An Overview of Upcoming AIMGA Programs, presented by Deidre Lake, Kathleen Hall, and Pamela Heath

An Overview of the Alberta Clinical and Surgical Assistant Positions (ACSAP), presented by Robert Bunn

\* The Medical Council of Canada was invited to provide an overview of their exams (QE1 and NAC OSCE); however declined at this time. We hope to have them at our next symposium.

## STREAM A

### AN OVERVIEW OF THE PRACTICE READINESS ASSESSMENT (PRA) ROUTE FOR IMGs

Presented by the CPSA and AHS Medical Affairs

Do you have two or more years of continuous post-graduate training? Have you been out of independent practice for less than three years? Have you successfully completed the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part I (MCCQE Part I) and met the CPSA English language proficiency requirements for practice in Canada? For more about the practice readiness assessment route, [click here!](#)

This session is open to IMGs who meet the requirements of the PRA route and have an eligibility letter (active/inactive) or who meet the eligibility criteria and are preparing themselves to apply for this route. This session will be conducted by the CPSA and AHS Medical Affairs. The presenters will provide an overview of the sponsorship process, eligibility, and recruitment. They will also discuss any recent changes if applicable. There may be some time at the end of the session to ask general questions where clarification is needed. We are pleased to be able to offer this information session.

### AN OVERVIEW OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE PRACTICE ELIGIBILITY ROUTE FOR INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED PHYSICIANS

Presented by The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)

Are you a specialist with at least 3 years of practice? Would you like to learn more about the Royal College practice eligibility specialty exams and eligibility criteria?

The Practice Eligibility Route is a path available for internationally trained physicians, who have completed 3 years of practice in their specialty (in any jurisdiction), to have their practice and training experiences recognized in order to receive Royal College exam eligibility and ultimately certification. This path is designed for recognized primary specialties. We are pleased to have the Royal College join AIMGA's IMG symposium.

For more information about this route, [click here!](#)

### AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ALBERTA ADOLESCENT RECOVERY CENTRE (AARC) AND ADDICTIONS

Presented by Donny Serink

Dr. Vause is the Executive Director of the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre (AARC), a long-term, intensive treatment program for severely addicted youth and their families. AARC is the culmination of Dr. Vause's 20 years of research into adolescent addiction. His research took him to treatment centres throughout North America. Dr. Vause started his career in high schools, where he taught, counseled and developed programs to help youth in the education system. His Masters dissertation "A School Drug Program", and his Ph.D. Program, "Adolescent Substance Use Disorders", focus on both a model and facility for adolescent drug treatment. He has provided many teacher in-service presentations on the subject of drug use in schools in Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario, British Columbia and parts of the United States, and has provided numerous workshops for many other community organizations. Dr. Vause is considered to be a leading expert in the field of adolescent addiction, and his advice is sought by other professionals. AIMGA is pleased to have formed a partnership with AARC to provide opportunities for IMGs to learn about addictions.

### AN OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING AIMGA PROGRAMS

Presented by Deidre Lake, Kathleen Hall, and Pamela Heath

MCAP (Medical Communication Assessment Program) is a 12-week program for IMGs seeking licensure via CaRMS, ACSAP, PRA routes. Facilitate sessions include standardized patients, physician examiners, communication educators, and online supports.

AIMGA is pleased to offer this skills based program for IMGs seeking employment as health navigators to support citizens who require supports. This program is offered in partnership with AIMGA, York University, and CILISAT (interpreter translator certification).

The Career Transition Program assists IMGs who are considering an alternative career pathway in health as a short or long-term goal. CTP includes career workshops, coaching sessions, mentoring circles, and a mock interview with employers and HR consultants.

## STREAM B

### ALTERNATIVE CAREERS: A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH IMGs

Presented by Ali Assi, Catherine Akinola, Obiageli Oladeji, and Uchechukwu Katchy

Presented by Ali Assi (Senior Research and Engagement Lead at the University of Alberta), Catherine Akinola (Medical Science Liaison for Astra Zeneca), Obiageli Oladeji (AHS Contact Tracer), and Uchechukwu Katchy (Geographic Public Health Lead Alberta and Northwest Territories, Red Cross).

Join us to hear from fellow IMGs working in various careers in health. We will be asking our panelists a variety of questions related to their roles and experiences working within the Canadian healthcare system. This session will provide an opportunity for members who are seeking employment to learn from our panelists' journeys and how they obtained the positions they are currently in.

### EMPLOYER PANEL

Presented by Agnes Dallison, Alannah Turner, Leah Fochuk, Leanna Craig, and Nicole Dyer

This session will be offered by Agnes Dallison (Research Manager at the Cumming School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, UCalgary), Alannah Turner (Human Resources Consultant), Leah Fochuk (Head of People at Symend), Leanna Craig (Human Resources Director at Carya), and Nicole Dyer (Co-President at Vytality at Home).

They will provide their tips and advice and answer questions you have about finding employment. Join this session and gain insights into what employers are seeking in applicants and learn how to create a positive impression.

### AN OVERVIEW OF THE ALBERTA CLINICAL AND SURGICAL ASSISTANT POSITIONS (ACSAP)

Presented by Robert Bunn, Manager of Physician Services, AHS

This session will provide an overview of the Alberta Health Services Clinical and Surgical Assistant positions for those IMGs who are eligible and interested in becoming a Clinical or Surgical Assistant in Alberta. An overview will be provided by Robert Bunn, Manager of Physician Services at AHS.

*The right **person** in the right **seat** at the right **time**. We are here to assist at every step in the licensure process from application to integration.*

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