

Virtual Event

March 28, 2024

9:15AM–3:00PM MDT



AIMGA IMG SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

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ZOOM DETAILS

Join Stream A

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Join Stream B

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Times	STREAM A	STREAM B
9:15-10:30am	An Orientation to the Available Financial Supports for those who Matched to Residency or are PRA Eligible; delivered by MD Financial Management and Scotiabank	An Overview of the MCC Examinations (QE1, NAC OSCE, and TDM) and Preparatory Resources; delivered by the Medical Council of Canada
10:30-10:45am	Break	
10:45am-12:00pm	An Overview of the Practice Readiness Assessment Route in Alberta (PRA-AB); Delivered by the College of Physicians of Alberta	An Overview of the Royal College Practice Eligibility Route for Internationally Trained Specialists; delivered by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
12:00-12:45pm	Break	
12:45pm-1:45pm	Unlocking Opportunities with AIMGA's Patient Navigator Program (PNP); delivered by AIMGA	Insights into AIMGA's Medical Communication Assessment Program (M-CAP); delivered by AIMGA
1:45pm-2:00pm	Break	
2:00pm-3:00pm	PRA-BC Pathway to Licensure in British Columbia; delivered by PRA-BC	Successfully Navigate the Canadian Job Search and Workplace with AIMGA's Career Transition Program; delivered by AIMGA

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

STREAM A

9:15am-10:30am

An Orientation to Financial Supports for Those Who Matched to Residency or a PRA Route

Presented by MD Management, Carissa Walker, and Scotiabank

Join MD Financial Management and partners from Scotiabank for a one-hour session delving into the financial implications of transitioning into residency or navigating the Practice Readiness Assessment route. Explore topics such as assessing your future financial situation and taxes, effective debt management, an introduction to investing and considerations when deciding between renting and buying a home. Engage in this virtual session to gain insights and have your questions addressed!

10:45am-12:00pm

An Overview of the Alberta Practice Readiness Assessment (PRA) Route for IMGs

Presented by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA), Dr. Michael Caffaro

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?

This session is open to IMGs who meet the requirements of the PRA route. The presenter will provide an overview of the sponsorship process, eligibility, and recruitment. Any recent changes will be discussed if applicable. There will be time at the end of the session to ask general questions where clarification may be needed.

12:45pm-1:45pm

Unlocking Opportunities With AIMGA's Patient Navigator Program

Presented by AIMGA, Drew Bowman, PNP Coordinator

Do you want to learn more about AIMGA's Patient Navigator Program (PNP)?

This program assists IMGs who are interested in pursuing employment within the Canadian health care system as a patient navigator, health facilitator/promoter, interpreter, or community-based researcher. The program provides training and certification in patient navigation, interpretation, health promotion/facilitation, community-based research, and workplace readiness. This program also includes a hand-on practicum placement. This program is a 12-to-16-week program and requires 25-30 hours per week. In April, we will be accepting applications from IMGs who reside in Alberta as this program has been made possible with funding from the Government of Alberta. This program is open to Permanent Residents, Refugees, and Canadian Citizens.

Join us to learn more about this program to see if it is a good fit for you!

2:00pm-3:00pm

PRA-BC Pathway to Licensure in British Columbia

Presented by PRA-BC, Clare Quirico and Ladan Takar

Internationally Trained Family Physicians - Explore Your Options!

Join us for a dynamic information session where we will:

- explain how the PRA-BC application process works
- share applicant success stories, and
- address your questions

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STREAM B

9:15am-10:30am

MCC Examinations (QE1, NAC OSCE, and TDM) and Preparatory Resources
Presented by the Medical Council of Canada, Dr. Maxim Morin, Director of Assessment; Julie Kendall, Program Manager; Judy McCormick, Program Manager

This session aims to give prospective candidates an in-depth understanding of the Medical Council of Canada examinations (QE1, NAC OSCE, and TDM) and preparatory resources. The presenters will cover the exams' purpose, format, and content, provide attendees with a clear picture of what to expect on the exam day, insights on exam preparation, and an explanation of how results are distributed. We welcome interactive participation, and a dedicated Q&A segment will follow the main presentation.

10:45am-12:00pm

An Overview of the Royal College Practice Eligibility Route for Internationally Trained Specialists
Presented by The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), Eryn McDonell

Are you a specialist trained internationally? 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 specialty training outside Canada, the USA, and the Royal College approved jurisdictions, 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.

12:45pm-1:45pm

Insights into AIMGA's Medical Communication Assessment Program (MCAP)
Presented by AIMGA, Rossalia Videlova, Program Manager and Lead Advisor

Have you heard about the Medical Communication Assessment Program (MCAP) at AIMGA and want to learn more about the benefits of this program for IMGs exploring licensure?

MCAP is designed for IMGs who are exploring licensure and who are looking to gain a greater understanding of patient/person-centred care and to further develop their communication skills and ability to build rapport with patients. This program is for IMGs who are exploring licensure via CaRMS or a Practice Readiness Assessment route. This program has been proven statistically to make a difference in increasing cultural competence, performance on the NAC, and an understanding of the underlying values of the Canadian system. This program has supported many IMGs in their successful integration into the Canadian healthcare system as a physician, resident, or clinical surgical assistant or physician associate. The program is facilitated by both communication and medical educators. This program has been made possible by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and is therefore open to IMGs who have Permanent Resident status. As it is delivered online, it is open to IMGs across Canada. We will be accepting applications soon for this program.

Join this session to learn more about this program and hear experiences and stories from our current participants!

2:00pm-3:00pm

Successfully Navigate the Canadian Job Search and Workplace with AIMGA's Career Transition Program (CTP)
Presented by AIMGA, Anne Babineau, CTP Facilitator

Have you heard about AIMGA's Career Transition Program and wondered how this course might be of benefit to you?

CTP is designed for IMGs who are exploring employment and/or an alternative career pathway as a short, intermediate, or long-term goal. This program is a 12-week program that explores the following topics: Managing transitions, finding a job in Canada that makes use of your experience, education and expertise, alternative careers, informational interviews, understanding and using social media effectively, putting your professional biography, resume, networking, and interviewing skills to the test, giving and receiving feedback within the Canadian context, successfully managing conflict in the workplace, and the importance of soft skills, teamwork, initiative, and critical thinking. This program has been made possible with funding from the Government of Alberta and is open to both Permanent Residents and Canadian Citizens.

Join this session to learn more about this program and hear experiences and stories from participants!