CAGS February 2016 e-News

The Canadian Surgery Forum is now accepting abstract and video submissions for CSF 2016!
This is your opportunity to share your research with other national and international surgical professionals and to contribute to the educational content of the Forum.

This year's CSF will be taking place September 8-11, 2016 at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto.

Abstracts and videos can be submitted here. Kindly review abstract and video guidelines before submitting. The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2016.

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Canadian Association of General Surgeons position statement: recommendations for surgeons with blood-borne communicable diseases

The potential for transmission of hematogenously transmitted pathogens during exposure-prone procedures is a clinically important concern to both patients and surgeons. There is inconsistency among regulatory bodies in Canada regarding the management of infection risk among surgeons, particularly with regard to screening and the postexposure management of infected surgeons. The Canadian Association of General Surgeons commissioned a task force to review the evidence regarding the management of blood-borne pathogens and transmission risk during surgical procedures. The results of this review indicate a need for several jurisdictions to update their guidelines to reflect current evidence-based practices.

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The full text can be found here: http://canjsurg.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/59-1-007615.pdf

President’s Distinguished Service Award in General Surgery

The President’s Distinguished Service Award in General Surgery is given annually to a CAGS Member whose career exemplifies that of a Canadian General Surgeon, and who has greatly contributed to the advancement or promotion of the practice of General Surgery. Nominations can be made by any CAGS member or any member of the public and recipients will be selected by the CAGS Nominating Committee. Factors considered in the selection process include: span, impact and scope of career; estimated number of lives individual has touched through his or her work; legacy of the individual’s work; innovation within the specialty; or research.

Please submit a written letter describing why the nominee should receive the award along with the nominee’s full CV to cags@cags-accc.ca. Nominations will be accepted between December 1st, 2015 through June 1, 2016. Eligible nominations will be reviewed and the recipient will be determined by the Nominating Committee.
Call for nominations for Royal College awards

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada is seeking nominations for its regional Prix d'excellence-Specialist of the Year and Mentor of the Year awards for 2016. Please help us spread the word!

Each of the Royal College’s five regions honour two local Fellows annually through these prestigious awards. We encourage you to share the nomination information with regional/provincial sub-groups, national board members or others who might be interested in participating. If you have an exceptional colleague whom you would like to recognize, please review the award details and submit your nomination package before the March 7 deadline.

Prix d'excellence-Specialist of the Year

The Prix d'excellence-Specialist of the Year award was established to recognize Fellows of the Royal College who have made significant contributions in providing outstanding care to their patients and to the community in which they practice. The nominee must be a role model for excellence in patient care.

Nomination deadline: March 7, 2016 (guidelines and nomination form)

Mentor of the Year

The Mentor of the Year award was established to recognize Fellows of the Royal College who have had a significant impact on the career development of students, residents and/or other Fellows. The nominee must have demonstrated his or her ability to be an excellent role model in demonstrating the qualities or competencies of Leader, Scholar and Professional (as described in the CanMEDS Framework).

Nomination deadline: March 7, 2016 (guidelines and nomination form)

For further information, please contact
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Diagnosis and Management of Appendicitis in Children: Surgical Perspectives

Appendicitis is the most common non-traumatic surgical emergency in children. A recent study of 12 Pediatric Emergency Medicine Canada research centres identified significant practice variations in the diagnosis and management strategies used in children admitted to hospital with suspected appendicitis. While this study outlined variations in how Emergency Practitioners manage this patient population, the approach of Canadian pediatric and general surgeons has not been described.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CAGSAPPYSURVEY

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Project Title: A survey on the management of diverticulitis among Canadian general surgeons

The management of diverticulitis has been evolving in recent years. Traditionally, resection of the diseased colon with end colostomy has been the standard procedure for perforated diverticulitis. Increasingly, surgical resection with primary anastomosis, with or without proximal diversion, is being performed successfully in the emergent management of perforated diverticulitis. Thus, the ideal surgical procedure in cases of perforation, particularly the role of proximal diversion, remains a matter of debate. Furthermore, once the acute episode resolves, the elective management of diverticulitis is also debatable.
We would like to conduct a survey to determine the practice patterns among Canadian general surgeons regarding the management of diverticulitis.

The study involves completion of an online survey that will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

If you would like to participate in this study please click the link below to access the survey.
https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1IccoPTTlwXsAex

Thank you for your participation.

Tina Mele, MD, FRCSC - Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, University of Western Ontario
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Michael Ott, MD, FRCSC - Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, University of Western Ontario
Christopher Schlachta, MD, FRCSC - Professor, Department of Surgery, University of Western Ontario

REMINDER: What about the surgical care of elderly patients?

Drs. Najma Ahmed and Tyler Chesney from the University of Toronto are interested in the surgical care of elderly patients across Canada. What are your thoughts about taking care of this patient population? What resources do you have? What challenges exist?

This is a reminder to complete this short survey. It only takes 8-12 minutes! Your inputs will be very valuable.

Follow this link to complete the survey online: http://goo.gl/forms/enxepnJM59.
Contact tyler.chesney@mail.utoronto.ca if you have any questions or issues. Thanks!

Tyler Chesney (General Surgery Resident) and Najma Ahmed (General Surgery Program Director), University of Toronto.

CAGS New Look

We are seeking input for a new look and crest for CAGS to use on our day-to-day correspondence. Submit your redesign ideas to cags@cags-accg.ca by March 1, 2016. You will also have the opportunity to win a free registration for CSF 2016.

For more information on the history of the current design, please click here.

Less May be More: Loop Ileostomy with Colonic Lavage for Fulminant C.Difficile Colitis

We're conducting a survey and your input would be appreciated. Click the button below to start the survey which will take 5-10 minutes of your time. Thank you for your participation!
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N5YNCGD
Do you want to let people know what’s going on in your part of the country? Do you have an interesting story to tell? A job opportunity to post or one that you are looking for? Why not write about it and send it to us for publication in the next CAGS newsletter? Please send all submissions to CAGS@cags-accg.ca and share the news with other members.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS:

National Capital General Surgery Symposium
Saturday, February 20, 2016
The Delta Ottawa City Centre
To register online, please visit: https://events.cmeuottawa.ca/website/index/110067
For more information, click here.

22nd National Congress of Digestive Diseases FISMAD 2016
February 24-27, 2016
Naples, Italy
For more information, click here.

Canadian General Surgery Review 2016
February 26-28, 2016
Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel and Conference Centre, 801 Dixon Road, Toronto, ON
To register online: www.generalsurgeryreview.ca
Contact: info@generalsurgeryreview.ca

Definitive Surgical Trauma Care (DSTC®) Course
April 5-7, 2016
Vancouver, BC
Trauma Services at Vancouver General Hospital, with the support of The Trauma Association of Canada and the International Association for Trauma and Surgical Intensive Care (IATSIC), is conducting a Definitive Surgical Trauma Care (DSTC®) Course.
For more information, click here.

The 8th Biennial Congress of ASEAN Society of Colorectal Surgeons (ASCS) 2016
April 6-9, 2016
Bali, Indonesia
Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center
For more information, click here.

IHPBA 2016 São Paulo
12th World Congress of the Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association
April 20-23, 2016
São Paulo, Brazil
For more information, click here.

Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland
International Surgical Congress – Surgery in the Digital Age
May 11-13, 2016
Belfast
Provisional Programme eFlyer
For more information, click here.
ICCDS (International Consensus Conference on Duodenal Switch)
May 27-28, 2016
Québec City, Québec
For more information, click here.

Canadian Surgery Forum 2016
September 8-11, 2016
Toronto, ON
For more information please visit www.canadiansurgeryforum.com

World Congress on Thyroid Cancer (WCTC)
July 27-30, 2017
Boston, Massachusetts
For more information, click here.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
For a full list of career opportunities, please visit our careers page.

Locum - Campbell River
Looking for a full time locum for 6 months to cover a general surgery practice in Campbell River, on Vancouver Island in BC. The practice offers 1 OR day a week, 1 endoscopy day a week and 2 office days a week. Call is roughly 1 in 7, or between 3 and 5 days a month. The practice includes breast, colorectal, gallbladder and hernia surgery as well as diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy. For more information please contact Dr. Leanne Wood at leannejeanwood@gmail.com and visit the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) website at http://www.viha.ca/careers/

Colorectal Surgeon - University of Alberta
The Division of General Surgery, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Alberta, and the Clinical Department of Surgery, Alberta Health Services, Edmonton Zone is accepting applications for a Colorectal Surgeon with advanced MIS training. The candidate will have a strong research background with at least a Master of Science. Research in the field of colorectal cancer and/or inflammatory bowel disease surgery is an expectation. The primary practice site for this position has been identified as the University of Alberta Hospital.

The Division of General Surgery is recruiting a surgeon to start July 1, 2016, although this date is flexible. The successful applicant will have a job description which includes a commitment to clinical care delivery, education and research. Consideration of applications will continue until the position is filled. Interested applicants should arrange to have a current curriculum vitae, a letter of intent and the names of three references forwarded to:

Dr. David Williams
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For more information, click here.
GENERAL SURGEON - Fort St. John Hospital

$120,000 Recruitment BONUS available (until March 31st, 2016)*

The Fort St. John Hospital is seeking a GENERAL SURGEON. There is an opportunity to work in a well-established clinic or develop your own clinic. The Fort St. John Hospital is a NEW 55 bed facility offering a full range of services including diagnostics, surgery, acute care, medicine, ICU, and maternity. The population of Fort St. John is 19,000 with a rural catchment area of approximately 60,000.

For more information:
physicians.northernhealth.ca

Contact:
Charlene Thomas: 250-872-0882
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*RPs4BC ($100,000) available for serious candidate prepared to accept a formal job offer before March 31st, 2016. Other recruitment incentive ($20,000) ongoing.

For more information, click here.