

Education Affairs

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) - Reviews and approves submissions for Section One and Section Three RCPSC accreditation of educational events. It serves to increase the quality of gastrointestinal educational events in Canada; facilitate participation of the CAG membership in the Royal College MOC program; and provide physician and non-physician organizations with a single point of contact for accreditation of educational programs related to the gastroenterology specialty.

The MOC is guided by the following principles: to adhere to the rules and regulations outlined by the Royal College concerning the MOC accreditation process; maintain the integrity of the accreditation process; provide an efficient process for industry and non-industry groups; and ensure the process will be transparent.



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Scholars' Program - is held in conjunction with CDDW™ and provides an opportunity for exceptional internal medicine and pediatric residents (PGY1/PGY2), and medical students in the final 2 years of their program (3rd/4th year in a 4-year program, 2nd/3rd year in a 3-year program) to explore a career in gastroenterology. The annual program accepts 32 candidates - including both adult and pediatric-focused participants - as well as two positions reserved for BIPOC candidates.

Gastroenterology Residents-in-Training (GRIT) Course - A high-caliber, internationally recognized, annual training program for gastroenterology/hepatology residents held in association with CDDW™. It is designed to provide trainees with experience presenting posters orally; cover timely topics of interest and obtain up-to-date information in a context that allows critical evaluation; interact and network with other residents; and interact closely with a small number of recognized, effective Canadian teachers.

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Skills Enhancement for Endoscopy™ (SEE™) Program – A national hands-on educational program for Canadian practising endoscopists. The SEE™ Program consists of three accredited courses: Colonoscopy Skills Improvement (CSI) (designed for all practising endoscopists). The CSI Course provides up-skilling and improvement of colonoscopy skills; Train-the-Endoscopy-Trainer (TET) (designed for teachers of endoscopy), with specific aims to improve teaching skills and procedural conscious competence needed to teach endoscopy; Endoscopic Polypectomy Improvement Course (EPIC) (designed for all practising endoscopists). The course provides a didactic lecture (Approach to Polypectomy: Diagnosis of polyps; Polypectomy techniques; Case-based discussion) and a practical hands-on session using an ex-vivo porcine model.



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Research Affairs

Research Affairs oversees several key initiatives including the CAG research funding program, development of the basic science educational content for CDDW™ and conducting the annual abstract review and selection process.

Research Affairs is also responsible for **Research Topics**, an annual meeting where basic science and clinical trainees come together to present their research, participate in career workshops, and network.

Clinical Affairs

Endoscopy - Represents the CAG on matters relating to endoscopy and promotes competence and training in the field, including development of credentialing guidelines in endoscopic procedures.

Pediatrics - Represents the interests of pediatric gastroenterologists and researchers.

Practice Affairs - Provides a forum to address issues relevant to clinical members of the CAG including ongoing training, knowledge dissemination, practice-related issues, Clinical Practice Guidelines, and position papers.

Regional Representation - Serves as a channel of communication between the CAG and provincial/regional gastroenterology associations.

Administrative Affairs

Admissions - Encourages membership and reviews and recommends approval from the Board all applications for membership from qualified professionals.

Diversity and Equity - Identifies important issues related to equity, gender, identified and under-represented groups and communities for discussion and action.

Ethics - Establishes/updates guidelines for ethical standards in patient care, research, education, and industry interaction, and increases understanding of biomedical ethics in gastroenterology.

Publications/Archives - Responsible for all the CAG publications/communications including the website and archives. Its chair is a member of the *Journal of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology-Oxford University Press (JCAG-OUP) Advisory Group*.

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GIWomenCAN! - A group of physicians advocating for women in clinical gastroenterology and gastrointestinal research in Canada. The goal is to improve the experiences of Canadian women physicians and researchers working in gastroenterology.

Women's Mentorship Program - Provide female residents and newer gastroenterologists access to mentors from diverse GI practices, academic departments, and geographic regions. We hope to foster casual dialogue between mentors and mentees while affording trainees the opportunity to gain valuable guidance and career advice from faculty not accessible to them in their training programs.

Quality Affairs

Innovation - Evaluates how best to develop quality metrics and assess how effective they are at improving quality.

Quality Practice Guidelines - Develops quality guidelines relevant to endoscopic and clinical practice.

C-GRS - Oversees the Canada-Global Rating Scale (C-GRS) quality initiative which allows participating sites to record their responses to the bi-annual questionnaire to help them reflect on and track the quality of both clinical and patient services they provide.

IBD-GRS - Oversees the IBD-Global Rating Scale (IBD-GRS) quality initiative, a web-based self-assessment tool allowing clinics and healthcare professionals to review the quality of their care delivery, and the impact of any improvements to care services.

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Choosing Wisely – Performs an annual review of the current Choosing Wisely Canada (CWC) recommendations as submitted by the CAG, reviews CAG clinical practice guidelines to identify recommendations that may be suitable for Choosing Wisely List, solicits recommendations for new gastrointestinal-related lists, and reviews and considers recommendations put forth by CWC.



Practice Audit – Oversees the Practice Audit in Gastroenterology (PAGE) program which is a CAG initiative and a Royal College Accredited Self-Assessment Program. The PAGE platform allows users to record and nationally compare key variables like scope timing.