

2023

2024

YEAR IN REVIEW





TAKING ACTION FOR FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Advocacy Impact

Working collaboratively, we have seen progress in the following areas:



\$546M
over three years
for new or
expanded
interprofessional
care teams.



**New
legislation**
to eliminate
sick notes for
short-term
illnesses.



Funding
for a provincial
AI scribe pilot
program.



**Insurance
association
statement**
discouraging
referrals for
paramedical
services.



**Clarified roles
and responsibilities**
of family physicians
and specialists to help
ensure care-related
activity happens
in the right setting.

The OCFP will continue to work with government and partners to address practice pain points, while remaining focused on longer term goals of advocating for appropriate remuneration, identifying potential new models of primary care and ensuring every Ontarian has access to interprofessional team-based care, anchored by a family physician.

OCFP in the Media



3,100+
media stories
across Ontario
in the last year.



24
family physicians
trained to act as
media spokespeople.

In a survey, family physicians told us they want to see the OCFP in the media, speaking out for family physicians. As a result, the OCFP has been a leading voice in the news.

In each story, family physicians discuss challenges, share solutions and urge the Ontario government to support family physicians.

People living without family doctor to double in K-W by 2026

Now report forecasts as many as 150,000 people will be living without a family doctor
Updated Nov. 2, 2023 at 9:20 a.m. Nov. 1, 2023 2 min read



Randall Denley: A cure for paperwork and the solution for Ontario's family doctor shortage

Ontario's population is growing far faster than its supply of doctors and many physicians are hitting retirement age

Randall Denley
Published Jan 11, 2024 • 4 minute read





SUPPORTING FAMILY PHYSICIANS IN THEIR PRACTICE

President's Message

Our President's Message remains a key source for new and emerging information, tools and resources to support family physicians in their practice. Popular topics: CPSO Advice to the Profession, resources on writing sick notes, and respiratory illness tools and resources.



10 Messages
(April 2022-March 2023).

Community of Practice



8,537
participants
cumulatively
attended sessions.

The 'Changing the Way We Work' (COVID-19) Community of Practice continues to address family physician pain points and hot topics while also sharing current knowledge on emerging public health issues.

An average of
560
attendees
per session —
the highest
attended session
included 750
participants.



Awarded the
**2023 CFPC Continuing
Professional
Development Award**
for providing an
exceptional learning
experience.



Mental Health, Substance Use Disorders and Chronic Pain

Two unique OCFP programs provide family physicians with an opportunity to connect and share, while meeting the growing needs of Ontarians related to mental health, substance use disorders and chronic pain.

Community of Practice

- Built by family physicians for family physicians, this monthly community of practice connects family physicians in real time to learn from others who are working with patients to address their mental health, substance use disorders and chronic pain, while also focusing on their own wellness.
- **1914** attendees over 12 sessions.

Peer Connect

- Participants receive support to skillfully respond to mental health issues, address substance use disorders and chronic pain challenges in practice, while also making space to prioritize and strengthen their own well-being.
- Peer learners and guides participated in 1:1 and small group learning, collectively earning **754** Mainpro+ credits.





PROMOTING LIFELONG LEARNING

Leadership Academy



60 Family Physicians

from various practice models across Ontario participated in this immersive program designed to cultivate and enhance leadership skills.

Family Medicine Summit



100%

of survey respondents said their overall experience with FMS was positive.



90.6%

stated that FMS included fresh and unique content that is not generally available at other conferences.

Mainpro+

140

program applications.

442

ethical reviews for sessions delivered in Ontario.

13,400+

Mainpro+ credits submitted on behalf of more than 7,600 participants of OCFP programs.



New OCFP Initiatives

Family Doctors Enabling Integrated Care

- New program to provide Mainpro+ certification support to integrated healthcare teams (i.e., OHTs). The OCFP helped certify seven sessions from five OHTs.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Focus Groups

- As part of our commitment to EDI, the OCFP started the process of deeper engagement to better understand the experiences of members through an anonymous survey and a series of focus groups of women and non-binary family physicians.
- The opportunity to better understand experiences related to bias, exclusion, discrimination and inequities across practice settings will inform the future state of work in education, supportive networks and leadership development.
- An action plan based on findings and recommendations will be developed in 2024-2025.

