

## MEETING OF THE DEANS OF THE FACULTIES OF MEDICINE OF QUEBEC

BY EMAIL

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### **To all residents**

### **Subject: Continuation of postgraduate medical training during the health crisis**

Dear colleagues,

At this stressful time, the uncertainty we are surrounded with on a daily basis is worrying for many of us. We are receiving what are sometimes contradictory messages, directives, and advice from different sources. Our wellbeing is surely their motivation, but all this can amount to a noisy, counter productive atmosphere.

Despite these difficult circumstances, over the last few days and for some time to come, the faculties of medicine and the postgraduate medical studies sector have and will be dedicated to continuing their educational mission and providing you with the best possible training. This will certainly involve many changes in schedules and training methods. We greatly appreciate the flexibility that our residents (and our training programs) have shown.

As much as possible, you, our students, absolutely must be allowed to complete your training when expected, to do your part for the health system and the general population and fulfill the social responsibility that you doubtless accepted when you were admitted to your medical programs.

To do this, it is crucial that you pursue your education according to the parameters set by your program directors and postgraduate medical departments (though these parameters will necessarily vary in the current situation). You will get the training you require while assisting with the response to this health crisis. We have recently reaffirmed the essential nature of pedagogical relevance with the organizations in our health care network.

We are definitely navigating stormy seas, but we are staying true to our essential mission, which is to provide our society with health care professionals who are particularly needed in the face of this pandemic. To do this, we are depending on your ongoing collaboration.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your understanding, collaboration, and solidarity. Québec is dealing with one of the biggest challenges in recent history and is more than ever counting on you, our health care workers, to help us get through this health crisis.

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