

Today, the 19th of May, has been a day to celebrate Family Doctors around the world - for the diverse role they perform in personal and community preventive health initiatives, being the first point of connection at the beginning of the journey of an acute or chronic illness, and as a guide as the illness unfolds - able to integrate current medical knowledge with the personal and social dynamics within families and their communities.

We, the CDMS Executive, recognize and honor the dedicated efforts of members who repeatedly rise to the challenges of maintaining competence as knowledge advances in many directions, and apply themselves to give of their best wisdom within our rapidly evolving cultures and health care systems.

This year, across all communities in the province, timely access for primary care for many is inadequate. Access to someone who knows your individual context and is going to provide care across time.

The best model for sustaining primary care within the hospital is currently unclear- we believe we need to preserve the best and essential elements of continuity as it evolves. We recognize the potential relationship across the span of people's and their families' lives is the most desirable state.

We gratefully salute all our Family Physician colleagues for their central and critical role in our community clinics and the hospital.

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