

# Doctors of BC and CMA Member Renewal

#### Dear Colleagues:

Renewal notices for Doctors of BC and CMA members will soon be sent to physicians. Dues amounts for both associations remain unchanged from last year, as has the option to choose CMA membership.

During the 2021 membership renewal process, Doctors of BC will automatically carry forward your profile from 2020, which includes Section and Society memberships. The option to opt out of your CMA membership is clearly indicated on the renewal form. For physicians who wish to retain the benefits associated with CMA membership, Doctors of BC will continue to collect CMA dues.

## **Doctors of BC and CMA Membership**

There is great value in being a member of Doctors of BC as all members are offered a full range of benefits and services that include:

- Advocacy with government and other stakeholders on behalf of physicians this pandemic year physicians benefitted from new virtual care fees, virtual care and return to in-person care toolkits and webinars, and surgery ramp up that evolved due to our input, and much more.
- **Professional benefits** physician advocacy on numerous levels, audit advice, clinical practice guidelines, mini practice profiles, programs for rural physicians, BC Medical Journal, and negotiations
- Personal benefits parental leave program, Physician Health Program
- Financial benefits CME reimbursement, CMPA rebate, CPRSP program
- Insurance benefits comprehensive personal and professional insurance options include life, disability, accident and illness; travel and medical; identity theft; health and dental; and property and casualty insurance

Dual membership with the CMA creates a stronger, united voice for physicians and allows us to provide members with greater and more targeted support. Membership to the CMA also offers physicians access to leading evidence-based clinical products (valued at more than \$2,500 annually) and a strong national voice to advocate for better health.

#### **Online Registration**

Beginning this year, registration by mail has been phased out and dues will only be renewed online. Online registration is applicable to regular members and to complimentary members wishing to join Sections and Societies. Regular members who renew online by January 31, 2021, will be eligible to win a free 2021 membership, and for those who renew online by March 31, 2021, you will be eligible to win an iPad.

You can find further information on the Doctors of BC website.

### **Continuing Partnership**

Doctors of BC and the CMA have entered into a partnership that supports our two associations to collaborate on developing joint initiatives that will have a meaningful and measurable impact on the medical profession here in BC and help build a stronger health care system for our patients. Doctors of BC remains committed to our continuing work with the CMA as we maintain our strong relationship and partnership on initiatives important to all of us.

Sincerely,

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