Resolution: Motion to Adopt a Position Paper “Responding to Medical Student Suicide”

WHEREAS; The CFMS supports the health and well-being of its members.

WHEREAS; Burnout, depressive symptoms, and suicidal ideations are prevalent amongst medical students (Dyrbye et al, 2016; Rotenstein et al, 2016) and risk of burnout increases as medical training progresses (McLuckie et al, 2018).

WHEREAS; Medical students at risk do not always seek or receive the help they need for fear of stigmatization (Matheson et al, 2016).

WHEREAS; Only a proportion of Canadian medical undergraduate programs have an existing response policy in the event of a suicide (Zivanovic et al, 2018).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CFMS adopt the position paper “Responding to Medical Student Suicide.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CFMS advocate for efforts in prevention, education, early identification, support, and suicide response protocol among Canadian medical schools.

Financial Cost: $0

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Level of Effort: 0h

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