

CFMS Committee on Health Policy Review

Paper Title: Five Years in the Era of the AFMC Student Portal:
Canadian Medical Students' Experiences and Recommendations

Paper Type: Position Paper

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Reviewer 1

Strengths: This paper identifies key issues with the AFMC student portal affecting medical students across Canada. The conclusions are drawn from recent survey data from a large sample of medical students from schools across the country. The recommendations are clear and identify priority action areas to improve the elective experience. Overall, the paper comprehensively addresses an important issue.

Areas of Improvement: Revisions included minor suggestions around grammar, messaging and organization.

Reviewer 2

Strengths: Great paper that does a wonderful job of bringing to light the many issues that students have had in using the Portal system. The recommendations are based on recent survey data, are actionable, reasonable, and align with medical student priorities

Areas of Improvement: Missing data from multiple medical schools that could result in loss of perspective/skewing of certain data points (such as where students apply). Recommend addressing this concern in the paper and following up future data collection with ensuring that all schools are represented in the data.