Resolution: Adoption of the policy document “Pharmacare: Promoting Equitable Access to Medications”

WHEREAS the CFMS previously adopted a policy document entitled “The National Pharmaceutical Strategy” in April 2009;

WHEREAS the “National Pharmaceutical Strategy” policy document recognized the barriers in access to medications and called for a more equitable system;

WHEREAS there has been a wealth of new research supporting equitable access to medications that are not captured in the current “National Pharmaceutical Strategy” policy document;

WHEREAS the CFMS has been actively involved in advocating for Pharmacare through our November 2014 Lobby Day efforts and continued advocacy initiatives;

WHEREAS the CFMS has a need for current and robust evidence to support its advocacy activities;

WHEREAS the CFMS 2014-2017 Strategic Plan identified Equity as a value and described an aim “for equal opportunities for all Canadian medical students and advance health equity for all members of society”;

BIRT the CFMS formally adopt the attached, edited policy document entitled, “Pharmacare: Promoting Equitable Access to Medications”.

Financial Cost: N/A

Level of Effort: N/A

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