Position Paper: “Human Trafficking in Canada”

WHEREAS the Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) is committed to improving current health inequities that exist among the Canadian population;

WHEREAS the CFMS currently has no position paper that addresses human trafficking;

WHEREAS the national government and other institutions have a limited definition and understanding of human trafficking which has limited physicians’ capacity to address this issue;

WHEREAS medical students and healthcare professionals have a lack of awareness regarding human trafficking and clinical signs associated with trafficked persons or persons at risk for being trafficked, which has led to inadequate care for these individuals;

WHEREAS the adoption of such a paper would encourage educational efforts to introduce and improve medical curricula regarding clinical “red flags” to identify those who may be at risk of being trafficked or those who are currently being trafficked;

BIRT the CFMS adopt the position paper on Human Trafficking in Canada.

Anticipated Financial Cost: none

Level of Effort: 0

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