CFMS SGM 2016

Resolution Title: *Position Paper on Organ and Tissue Donation in Undergraduate Medical Education*

WHEREAS the Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) currently has no position paper on organ and tissue donation in undergraduate medical education;

WHEREAS organ shortages for transplantation are a public health concern that is relevant to the CFMS membership and Canadian society;

WHEREAS lack of sufficient training of healthcare providers on the topic of organ donation causes missed opportunity to increase the supply of organ and tissue donors;

WHEREAS other medical organizations such as the Quebec Medical Association, Canadian Medical Association have created policy papers and position papers on this subject;

WHEREAS other organizations such as FMEQ and the Quebec Medical Association have formally endorsed this paper and its associated curriculum;

WHEREAS the adoption of such a paper would allow for members, National Officers, and the CFMS Executive to champion this issue more effectively with official CFMS support;

WHEREAS the adoption of this paper would enable Canadian medical students to advocate for the incorporation of education surrounding organ and tissue donation in their training;

WHEREAS education pertaining to organ tissue and donation is in the best interests of future physicians and the patients they serve;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CFMS formally adopt the attached, edited policy document entitled, “Organ and Tissue Donation in Canadian Undergraduate Medical Education”.

Financial Cost: $0

Level of Effort: 0 hours

Line Item: N/A

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