RESOLUTION 4: Adoption of the Position Paper

Global Surgery Education within Canadian Medical School Curricula

Whereas global surgery is necessary to address inequities and inequalities faced by low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and underserved areas in Canada; and

Whereas as a high-income country, Canada is in a privileged position to work to reduce the gap in necessary surgical, anesthetic, and obstetric care both within the country and within LMICs; and

Whereas there is growing interest and demand for global surgery education amongst medical students and residents which would help address the aforementioned inequities, however, such formal training and opportunities are lacking; and

Whereas there is a lack of funding, protected time, and institutional support for residents and in some instances, physicians, for participating in global surgery; therefore be it

Resolved that increasing access to global surgery education along with proper funding and protected time for medical students and residents will help train future Canadian physicians to in-turn empower the workforces of LMIC and underserved Canadian areas to reduce the inequities and inequalities of surgical access; be it further

Resolved that the Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) adopt the position paper titled, Global Surgery Education within Canadian Medical School Curricula.

Financial cost:
There is no associated financial cost to the adoption of this position paper.

Source of funding:
No source of funding is required because there is no associated financial cost.

Level of Effort of Volunteers/Staff:
The level of effort on the behalf of the CFMS and its representatives will involve future advocacy efforts to support the recommendations as advised in the position paper.

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