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President's Letter

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**BCMA/UCFA
discussions with
UBC expected to
begin**

In June the BCMA President Dr. MacDiarmid met with the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Gavin Stuart and agreed to discussions between UBC and BCMA regarding the Clinical Faculty Contract. Following this meeting, the BCMA President circulated a [letter by email](#) to physicians stating that there was no deadline for clinical faculty to sign the [latest Appointment letter proposed by UBC](#). The Dean subsequently sent a [letter to Clinical Faculty](#) confirming this. The BCMA has had a meeting with the UBC legal representative and representatives of the Faculty of Medicine to begin discussions regarding the Clinical Faculty Contract. The BCMA is hopeful that the outstanding matters can be resolved by October.

The UCFA recommends that current and prospective clinical faculty DO NOT SIGN a contract with UBC until we hear from the BCMA.

**How to respond if
you are approached
by UBC**

The UCFA encourages physicians to teach Medical Students and Residents while awaiting in good faith the outcome of the BCMA and UBC discussion. In the absence of an agreed contract for Clinical Faculty it is important that requests for teaching be documented and a record kept of teaching performed as the UCFA expects that, while CF continue to teach, UBC will provide reimbursement for CF retrospectively.

The UCFA recommends that current and prospective clinical faculty ensure that they document all teaching requests and teaching they provide .

A [sample letter](#) in response to a request for teaching can be found on the UCFA website, along with the [invoice forms](#) which can be used to record teaching done. Please [contact the UCFA](#) if you have concerns about this so that we may assist you.

**On the verge of a
new partnership
between practicing
physicians and
UBC?**

The UCFA remains committed to supporting the expansion of the Medical School to reverse the dangerous shortage of Physicians in BC. We value an ongoing respectful partnership between UBC and practicing physicians which supports a sustainable environment for teaching. Many physicians believe they have an obligation to teach the next generation of doctors but the University also has an obligation to ensure this is done well by providing the necessary conditions and support for physicians to teach well.

**Importance of
getting an
appointment letter
before teaching**

UBC policy and the recent accreditation require that teachers have an appointment prior to beginning teaching, and in the past, this has been a condition of remuneration.

UCFA recommends that you ensure you have a [Clinical Faculty Appointment](#) before you begin teaching.

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