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President's Letter

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Update on discussions with UBC

Two meetings between UBC and the BCMA regarding the contract for Clinical Faculty have been held, the last one in July. We expect another meeting in October. As we have advised previously, there are several issues arising out of the [new contract proposed by UBC](#) on their website which we are hopeful will be resolved in the BCMA discussions. We are pleased that the BCMA has agreed to help the UCFA to develop fair and sustainable working conditions for Physicians who are or become Clinical Faculty and teach within the UBC Medical School.

We look forward to resolution of the discussions between UBC and BCMA by the end of October and in the meantime, *the UCFA recommends that current and prospective clinical faculty DO NOT SIGN a contract with UBC until we hear from the BCMA.*

Further background information can be obtained on the [UCFA website](#).

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.

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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