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UCFA Newsletter

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**Update on talks with
UBC**

The third meeting between UBC and the BCMA, which is acting at the request of the UCFA, is set for the end of October. It is reassuring that UBC is confident that the issues that have been outstanding for so long can be resolved by the end of October. We look forward to fair and sustainable working conditions for Physicians who are or are about to become Clinical Faculty and teach within the UBC Medical School.

While we are supportive of physicians continuing to teach during these discussions, *the UCFA recommends that current and prospective clinical faculty DO NOT SIGN a contract with UBC until there is a satisfactory agreement with the BCMA.*

Further background information can be obtained on the [UCFA website](#) along with a [sample letter](#) to respond to a request for teaching.

**Annual General
Meeting**

Traditionally the UCFA AGM has been held in the fall. However, the board has recommended that this be delayed until Thursday January 18th 2007.

**Alternative Funding
and Clinical
Teaching**

A number of groups are in the process of finalizing alternative funding arrangements with Health Authorities and the Ministry of Health. As these contracts are analyzed, it is evident that Clinical Teaching (teaching associated with patient care) is considered part of the expectation for physicians entering into these arrangements. While the UCFA supports the teaching of future physicians and specialists of BC, history suggests that this requirement should be adequately defined and understood before entering into a contract. An open-ended commitment to "Clinical Teaching", which is how some of these contracts appear to be worded, will result in frustration for physicians and as the need for teaching increases with the expansion of the Medical School, may result in a negative impact on patient care. If you are discussing alternative arrangements ensure "Clinical Teaching" is adequately defined and recognized to provide acceptable working conditions for patient care and teaching.

Please [contact the UCFA](#) if you would like assistance in doing this.

**Locum Physicians –
is there an
expectation to
teach?**

UCFA has heard from a number of physicians who perform locums for physicians who have a teaching commitment as part of their duties. These locum physicians are often expected to teach without a Clinical Faculty appointment and may not receive the remuneration due to them for their time. Please [contact the UCFA](#) if you would like more information regarding this.

UCFA recommends that you ensure you have a [Clinical Faculty Appointment](#) before you begin teaching and that you keep a record of the teaching done.

[Invoice forms](#) which can be used to record teaching can also be found on the UCFA website

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