



Section Newsletter

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UBC Clinical Faculty Contract

In December we wrote to you suggesting that you do not sign the UBC Clinical Faculty contract until the Faculty of Medicine clarified the status of Clinical Faculty who did not sign the contract, but continued to teach. Letters from UBC have stated that the contract is a companion document to a clinical faculty appointment, but the meaning of this remains unclear.

We are still awaiting a response from the Faculty of Medicine regarding these issues and would suggest that Clinical Faculty wait to sign the contract these issues are clarified.

Contact your BCMA Board representative

The BCMA Board representatives have been requesting input from BCMA members for items for discussion at BCMA Board meetings. As far as we are aware, the UBC Clinical Faculty Contract, which was developed following discussions between the BCMA and UBC has not been approved by the BCMA Board.

The Section of Clinical Faculty Board and the BCMA Representatives on the UBC BCMA Clinical Teaching Sub-Committee have requested that the BCMA send the contract out to a referendum of its members. We still believe this is the correct action for the BCMA Board to take. Even if the UBC Clinical Faculty Contract does not meet the letter of an "agreement" within Section 15.1 of the BCMA Constitution (which may be open to challenge), the BCMA constitution in section 15.2 states that the BCMA Board "may submit any other matter it thinks appropriate to referendum in accordance with Bylaw 15."

The next BCMA Board meeting will be held on the weekend of February 7th and 8th 2009. We would ask our members to contact their representatives on the BCMA Board to request that a resolution to send the UBC Clinical Faculty contract out to referendum be discussed at this meeting. You can find your board representative and their contact information on the [BCMA website](#) in the members section.

Linking of hospital privileges to academic requirements

We continue to hear from Clinical Faculty, particularly in the non-traditional teaching institutions that hospital privileges will, in the future, be linked to academic requirements. This is contrary to a motion passed at the General Council of the Canadian Medical Association in 2008. We have requested clarification from the Faculty of Medicine regarding their proposals to Health Authorities in this regard and are keeping the BCMA Board apprised of our concerns regarding this issue.

We would ask members to contact us if their privileges have recently been linked in to teaching or research activities or if they are aware of changes in Hospital rules or bylaws which may result in this.

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