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Featured Educational Opportunities:

New Online CE Module - Optimizing the Management of Atrial Fibrillation and Other Complex Cardiovascular Diseases

We are pleased to announce a new Mainpro accredited online CE module for primary care providers in Ontario!

The [Heart and Stroke Foundation](#) (HSF) and the [Centre for Effective Practice](#) (CEP) in partnership with [mdBriefCase](#) developed this module to assist providers with important issues around managing complex cardiovascular diseases. This module will focus on optimizing the management of patients with Atrial Fibrillation and other complex cardiovascular diseases with the goal to improve patient satisfaction with their care and, potentially, improve cardiovascular health outcomes through better understanding and self-management.

The online CE Module includes interactive case studies and incorporates videos, diagrams, tools and resources to re-enforce participant's learning. The program can be accessed 24 hours/day, 7 days/week at

http://advancingin.com/apps/programviewer/default.aspx?program_id=772

Objectives of this module is to help participants:

- Identify challenges in the chronic care of patients with atrial fibrillation (AF) and other complex cardiovascular diseases (e.g., coronary artery disease)
- Understand the prevalence and importance of psychosocial factors on patient compliance and outcomes
- Overcome patient and provider barriers to initiation and long term pharmacotherapy in AF and complex cardiovascular diseases
- Implement strategies to optimize outcomes in patients with complex cardiovascular disease through effective communication, facilitating transitions of care, patient education, self-management skills and motivational interviewing

CME Made Easy - NEW Online Learning Centre Offers Over 11,000 Educational Events

The [OTN Learning Centre](#) offers you improved and easy access to CME. Last year, over 400,000 of Ontario's healthcare professionals participated in Rounds, other events and seminars through the Ontario Telemedicine Network. Now it's easier to find events that suit you.

For more about this valuable learning tool, go to [OTN.ca](#).

Primary Care Today Conference - University of Toronto CME Program

May 10 – 12, Mississauga

The University of Toronto CME Program features 5 dynamic keynotes and 20 diverse sessions delivered by top physicians in their field. Two lecture streams will be run concurrently, allowing delegates to participate in **15 hours of Mainpro-M1** activity per stream.

For registration, please visit <http://www.mycmeupdates.ca/pct/home.html>

New Educational Tool:

Opioid Manager - Switching Opioids Form is designed to guide the provider in switching from one opioid to another using the table of morphine equivalent suggested by the guideline. A copy of the completed form may be given to the patient and should be sent to the pharmacist.

<http://www.cpso.on.ca/uploadedFiles/members/resources/Opioid-Manager-Switching-Opioids.pdf>

CEP Welcomes New Staff Members:

CEP is pleased to announce new addition to its team:

Caroline Higgins

Caroline comes to the CEP team with a wealth of experience in project support. Her interest in health research was sparked while she worked as a research assistant for the Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario's Specialty NP Project: The Integration of Specialty Nurse Practitioners into the Ontario Healthcare System. In this role she supported the investigators in the areas of tool development, data collection, analysis, and literature searches. Caroline holds a Master's of Information Studies from the University of Toronto.

Katie Hunter

Katie has joined CEP after several years of experience in health research. Her previous experience has included clinical trials, guideline development and knowledge translation & exchange initiatives. Most recently, Katie was the Atlantic Canada Regional Coordinator for the CAN-ADAPTT project - a smoking cessation clinical practice guideline development and dissemination initiative based at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). Katie holds a Master's of Science in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

