

Polaris **North America region**



Spring has sprung in North America and we are quite excited to be free of the Polar Vortex!

A HUGE welcome to the WONCA family to all of the senior medical students who matched to and have accepted a family medicine training position commencing July 2019! We sincerely hope all of these fresh new faces love family medicine, strive to improve primary care and find a professional home with WONCA.

We are pleased to announce that Polaris will be hosting our annual preconference entitled "Health Equity Across Borders" in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 9, 2019. The preconference will formally run in conjunction with the American Academy of Family Physicians Global Health Summit. At the same time WONCA Rural will have their conference Oct 11-15. I strongly encourage everyone to come and join us for 3 exceptional learning and networking experiences! Registration for the Preconference and Global Health workshop can be found on the AAFP website, while WONCA rural registration is easily found via the WONCA website.

Polaris is thrilled that communication around here is getting easier; our new website is set to launch this spring! The website will be dynamic and ever changing to reflect the activities of WONCA, Polaris, and other YDM's, but at the same time it will be home to standard information that does not change. Our goal is to be more visible in our region and really be a resource for young doctors.

This quarter, in honour of all of our newly minted trainees in family medicine, Polaris would like to challenge each and every one of you to reach out and connect with a medical student! Talk about the options career options available in family practice, talk about the challenges of family practice, tell them why you love family practice and answer their questions. You never know the kind of impact paying it forward to the next generation of family physicians can make!

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