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Re: Welcome from Faculty Development

Welcome to the College of Medicine! We are very pleased to have you onboard and hope you will find your involvement in the College appropriately challenging and rewarding. We are here to support you in your role in the College of Medicine for your continuing professional development (CPD) which includes CME and faculty development. We can also assist in your career development here at the University of Saskatchewan. There are many resources and supports in the College of Medicine and the University. Please check our website for details.

We are happy to meet with you to discuss any questions or concerns you have and can help you develop a tailored professional learning plan to assist your transition to this new role. We offer regular Faculty Development programs which are described in the attached document.

Best wishes and we looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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You may have questions around teaching and learning, leadership, research skill development and more. Specific resources and courses, events and conference listings are available on our website. We also have a small resource centre on medical education at our office in St. Andrew’s College which you are welcome to come and visit. Our Faculty Development sessions/events are offered to support PGME and UGME teaching and you can check with your department which may also have an organized faculty development program.

Teaching Supports
You can access the CoM FD online teaching module anytime at: http://medicine.usask.ca/documents/faculty/Facultyorientationteaching.pdf
Also on our site are specific resources for clinical teachers.

Check out our online calendar for regular events and special series – Teaching and Learning Tuesdays (2nd Tuesday of each month), Webinar Wednesdays (3rd Wednesday of the month), Medical Education Grand Rounds (last Thursday of the month), Teaching Bootcamp series for new teachers and more. We also do adaptive scheduling for several other Teaching and Learning courses based on demand. A listing of these seminars and workshops is also available on our site.

Another U of S resource targeted to classroom teaching is http://teaching.usask.ca/ , which can be very helpful for those new faculty who are taking on a specific course. Workshops on classroom teaching offered through the university are described at http://teaching.usask.ca/teaching-support/courses-and-workshops.php#Upcoming . There is one that is particularly targeted to new faculty called Transforming Teaching (http://teaching.usask.ca/teaching-support/courses-workshops/transforming-teaching.php#CourseDescription). This site also offers help for you in developing a teaching dossier, which is important for promotion in the future.

The Gwenna Moss Teaching and Learning Centre offers support for teaching on campus; http://teaching.usask.ca/about/units/gwenna-moss-centre-for-teaching-and-learning.php. The GMTLC also offers information on medical education research grants, writing retreats, program evaluation, etc.

Continuing Medical Education offers regular programs throughout the year. A must for all faculty in SK is the online Indigenous Wellness program which is offered through CME. The next start date is Oct. 1, 2017.

Career Development – sessions on topics such as Teaching Dossiers are available through the Gwenna Moss Teaching and Learning Centre. The Provost’s office also offers an Orientation for New Faculty.
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Research Support
If you want to develop your research skills as a new faculty you can sign up for creo™ which is an online research skills development course. It is available by registering at [http://www.creohealtheducation.ca/](http://www.creohealtheducation.ca/) You can also connect with a research mentor by contacting your Department Head. More information is available at [http://research.usask.ca/for-researchers/index.php](http://research.usask.ca/for-researchers/index.php). If you are interested in research, you can consider creating a research mentorship support team with your Department Head which can include local and outside (regional or national or even international) mentors in your particular area of research interest. Research office supports can be accessed by contacting the College of Medicine Research office at [https://medicine.usask.ca/research.php#ResearchNews](https://medicine.usask.ca/research.php#ResearchNews). On this page is a research support form to assist you in any specific area you require related to research. The ethics review board is open to inquiries by contacting [http://research.usask.ca/for-researchers/ethics/](http://research.usask.ca/for-researchers/ethics/). Faculty Development runs an annual Medical Education Research and Scholarship Day. This year’s event is planned for June 8, 2018 TBC.

The Health Sciences Library has a number of resources available to support you as well. Consider “meeting” with a librarian. This can be done in person if you are in the Saskatoon area at any time or it can be done virtually. The library strives to provide services throughout the province and you can discuss the collection, resources for teaching including topics such as competency based medical education and the research supports the library offers are recommended. Also available is the Library Researcher series at [http://libguides.usask.ca/LibraryResearcherSeries](http://libguides.usask.ca/LibraryResearcherSeries) which includes topics such as using references organizers, exploring grey literature, etc. The College of Medicine also has a Research Facilitator who can support you.