

News and Events for Residents and Faculty of College of Medicine

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## **PGME Connect**

*Facilitating conversations among the PGME community - December 2023*

# **PGME ACCREDITATION**

The accreditation of the PGME office and the programs has concluded.

Recommendations have been received for the institution and individual programs. The recommendations reflect candid discussions, a robust review of the documents and site visits. The final decisions will be available in May 2024 after the conjoint meeting of the national colleges. Please feel free to share the recommendations with the constituents in your programs with the understanding that these might change at the final deliberations of the conjoint accreditation committee in May 2024.

We will get the preliminary reports in 4-8 weeks for correction of factual errors.

I know a lot of work has gone into getting ready for the site-survey visit. Thank you to all of you for your hard work and efforts to enhance the quality of residency education.

Congratulations on the successful outcomes and looking forward to addressing AFIs. The AFIs identified will guide the work in a focused manner, in addition to overall attention to continuous quality improvement.

Thank again for your work, commitment and dedication to enhance residency education.

Anurag Saxena

Associate Dean, PGME



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## PGME Celebration Night

In October, the PGME Office had the pleasure of hosting the PGME Celebration Night at Prairieland Park. We were delighted to hold our annual event,

acknowledging and celebrating the hard work and dedication of our residents, program directors, and program administrators.





We were honoured to have many speakers present to bring greetings, remarks, and thanks to the PGME celebration, including Knowledge Holder Mr. Harvey Thunderchild, MLA Marvin Friesen, the University of Saskatchewan Deputy Provost Dr. Patti McDougall, SHA CEO Andrew Will, Dean Preston Smith and Vice Dean of Education Dr. Kent Stobart. Thank you for all for the kind words and opening remarks.







One of the many highlights of the evening was the keynote session titled **'Meeting the Healthcare needs of our Rural Population in Saskatchewan'**, featuring guest speaker Dr. Geoff Zerr. Dr. Zerr, a graduate from the Regina Family Medicine Program, showcased his expertise in providing clinical, emergency, and obstetrical care to the northeast of the province. Additionally, he leads the charge in promoting rural family medicine as the head of the Saskatchewan Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship, making his insights a valuable contribution to our event.

Thank you to the dynamic emcees, Zoher Rafid-Hamed and Nima Hamidi-

Toussi, whose charismatic presence and seamless hosting elevated our celebration night.

Finally, thank you to all of the Resident and faculty performers, your talent is truly amazing!

**Thank you to everyone who took the time to come out and celebrate  
PGME, see you in 2024!**





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