



Dear PARA Member,
This email contains information on the following:

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1. 2008/2009 **PARA** Executive

PARA is pleased to announce your executive for the 2008/2009 academic term:
President:

- Dr. Brock Debenham, Radiation Oncology, PGY 2, University of Calgary

Vice President External Affairs:

- Dr. Adil Ladak, Plastic Surgery, PGY 4 Research Year, University of Alberta

Vice President Internal Affairs:

- Dr. Michelle V. Carle, Ophthalmology, PGY 2, University of Alberta

Vice President Operations and Finance:

- Currently unfilled***

Edmonton and Northern Alberta Representative:

- Dr. Melanie Colpitts, Pediatrics, PGY 2, University of Alberta

Calgary and Southern Alberta Representative:

- Dr. Olga Tourin, Internal Medicine, PGY 3, University of Calgary

*** Please contact the **PARA** office if you are interested in volunteering to be PARA's VP Operations and Finance.

2. Lounge Improvements in Calgary

PARA is pleased to announce new improvements to the Calgary Foothills Hospital Resident Lounge! The Calgary Health Region has graciously provided two new computer stations and PARA has complimented the addition through purchasing two new workstation chairs along with a new chaise lounger. Check it out and let us know what you think!

3. 81st Annual North/South Doctor's Golf Tournament – Edmonton golfers only, the Calgary spots have been filled

On [Monday, July 28/08](#), the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) and the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) will be co-hosting the [81st Annual North/South Doctor's Golf Tournament](#). All proceeds from the event will go toward medical student bursaries. In order to encourage representation from the next generation of Alberta physicians, the CPSA would like to sponsor four medical

residents from both Edmonton and Calgary to play in the tournament. This Texas Scramble tournament will take place at the Red Deer Golf & Country Club with breakfast/registration. The CPSA will cover the tournament cost of \$250 per player – covering green fees, power carts, use of practice range and facilities, full breakfast, steak BBQ, gratuities and a chance to win some great prizes. Stroke Play and Texas Scramble format will be used. Please note that players will be required to dress appropriately in golf attire and be prepared to adhere to club rules. Golfers would be expected to make their own way to/from Red Deer. Please **RSVP by June 16th** to para-ab@shawbiz.ca and reserve your spot.

1. Canadian Association of Internes and Residents – conference announcement

The 2008 CAIR Resident Conference & Competition will take place, September 26-27, 2008 in conjunction with the CAIR Annual General Meeting. Join us in Ottawa for a weekend of learning, fun and professional / personal exploration. See attached for more information.

2. Message from Capital Health - Tissue donation: an end-of-life care choice

Did your patient sign his/her donor card?

PARA Resident Physicians are encouraged to talk about the possibility of tissue donation (based on cardiac death) with patient families after the loss of a loved one by asking next-of-kin if their loved one had signed their donor card (back of the Alberta Health card). You may also ask the family if they had ever discussed, or would like information on tissue donation. This ensures that any final patient wishes are not forgotten, and may save or dramatically enhance the life of someone waiting for a tissue transplant.

For more information on how you can help or to contact your local tissue donation program, please see attached.

Regards,

Your **P**rofessional **A**ssociation of **R**esidents of **A**lberta