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1. **PARA - Know Your Contract:**

Resident Transfers – Are you considering transferring into another program? Things to consider:

- Be sure to review the transfer policy! The transfer policy is available through the PGME office.
- Current pay levels will not be reduced per Article 23.
- Transferring from FM to RC programs Residents will always be appointed to the lowest training level until the PGME office receives an assessment of training from the Royal College. Residents are responsible for acquiring the assessment and providing a copy to the PGME office.
- Residents transferring from RC to FM programs are required to complete six months in FM before credit for previous training will be determined.
- It is important to understand the implication to pay levels when requesting transfer; residents may be red circled for the duration of their training – transferring from RC to FM, a resident will be held at their current pay level for the duration of their training if their current pay level is >PGY2.

For more contract tips, see the *Know your Contract* page on the PARA website at <http://www.para-ab.ca/residents/know-your-contract>.

2. **PARA 2009-2010 New Executive Board of Directors**

PARA is pleased to announce your executive for the 2009/2010 academic term:

President:

- Dr. Michelle Carle, Ophthalmology PGY4 University of Alberta

Vice President Internal Affairs (VPIA):

- Dr. Henry Conter, Internal Medicine PGY2 University of Alberta

Vice President External Affairs (VPEA):

- Dr. Jillian Schwartz, Family Medicine PGY1 University of Calgary

Vice President Operational Finances (VPOF):

- Dr. Kenman Gan, Ophthalmology PGY4 University of Alberta

Edmonton & Northern Area Rep (ENAR):

- Dr. Elsa Fiedrich, Pediatrics PGY3 University of Alberta

Calgary & Southern Area Rep (CSAR):

- Dr. Olga Tourin, Internal Medicine PGY4 University of Calgary

Past President:

- Dr. Brock Debenham, Radiation Oncology PGY3 University of Alberta

3. News from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), in collaboration with the provinces and territories, is updating the Counseling Guidelines for HIV Testing, and developing a policy framework to support HIV testing and counseling in Canada. Your input will help ensure the diverse circumstances and perspectives of Canadians are reflected. Please read the full News Brief at www.para-ab.ca.

4. Upcoming Events – Socials

- PARAtreat on Thursday, June 11th from 1900 – 2100 Hrs
 - Calgary @ Vicious Circle Patio (1011 – 1st Street SW)
 - Edmonton @ Courtyard by Marriot (1 Thorton Court NW next to MacDonald Hotel)
- Yoga Night on Friday June 12th
 - Calgary @ Yoga Shala (1509/1511 – 19 Street NW) @ 1830 Hrs
 - Edmonton @ The Yoga Loft (2nd Floor, 10309 Whyte Avenue) @ 1930 Hrs

For more information, see the PARA Calendar at <http://www.para-ab.ca/calendar.aspx>.

5. PARA Resident of the Month – May 2009

Dr. Andrei Metelitsa
Dermatology PGY 4
University of Alberta

“Andrei was born in Moscow, Russia and moved to Canada at the age of 14. After three years of a biology major, he pursued Med School at the University of Alberta and is currently a PGY-4 in Dermatology and serving as Chief Resident.

Happily married, he loves to travel with his wife Sormeh, with whom he recently visited Costa Rica and China. He also regularly works out, plays tennis, and downhill skis. On special occasions, he can be convinced to enjoy shot of good vodka.

As a chief dermatology resident, Andrei has spent numerous hours reorganizing our academic half days, teaching medical students, presenting basic science lectures during our academic half day, and redesigning our department website. He coordinates monthly journal clubs, updates weekly clinic and on-call schedules, and has organized several social events and our annual retreat. He often volunteers to do extra clinics or take additional on-call days for other residents. These activities are in addition to his volunteer work on several boards and his extensive research and publications.”

Correction: Dr. Sean Oviatt was the Resident of the Month for April.

Regards from,
Your **P**rofessional **A**ssociation of **R**esidents of **A**lberta