MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The Division of Continuing Medical Education (CME) provides lifelong learning and interdisciplinary programming for Saskatchewan health-care professionals. Their work advances our strategic education goals by expanding learning opportunities that meet Saskatchewan's evolving health needs and respond to emerging technologies. Perhaps most importantly, CME connects professions across our province by providing opportunities to learn together.

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Over the past year, the CME team delivered 93 learning opportunities to 3,797 participants across the province. Through initiatives such as the Coaching and Mentorship Program for Saskatchewan Physicians, physician wellness programming, the International Medical Graduates (IMG) program and the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment, CME continues to support physician development and retention.

The division also continues to build on innovative approaches to learning such as artificial intelligence tools and gamification along with a new online resource website. The weekly webinar series, featuring our Saskatchewan experts, continues to grow and remains a valuable platform for knowledge sharing. In addition, CME remains committed to continuous improvement and research through publications, presentations, and research projects that help advance medical education.

2025/26 also marked the introduction of the CME Teaching Excellence Award as part of the college's Staff and Faculty Awards. This new award acknowledges and celebrates faculty members who demonstrate our College of Medicine values and make outstanding contributions to medical education.

Thank you to the team for another outstanding year. Your dedication to high-quality education enables continued learning and supports patient care across the province.

Sarah Forgie, MD, M.Ed., FRCPC, FAMMI
Dean and Professor Pediatrics, College of Medicine



MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM VICE DEAN OF EDUCATION

As we take a look back on the 2025-2026 academic year, I am incredibly proud of what the University of Saskatchewan Division of Continuing Medical Education (CME) has accomplished. Over the past year, the division has continued to serve as a vital cornerstone of lifelong learning for health-care professionals across Saskatchewan.

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Through critical specialized initiatives, including the AIMS-SK program for substance use disorders, the CanREACH-SK child mental health mini-fellowship, and the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA), alongside strong virtual platforms like our monthly CME Webinar Series, we have successfully expanded our educational reach.

The CME team's innovation was also proudly showcased on national and international stages this year, highlighting groundbreaking virtual CME models at both the 2026 Canadian Association of HIV Research (CAHR) Conference and the 2026 International Congress of Academic Medicine (ICAM).

None of these milestones would have been possible without an extraordinary collective effort. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Jim Barton and the CME leadership group for their visionary guidance, strategic oversight, and unwavering commitment to educational excellence.

Likewise, my appreciation goes out to the incredible faculty and staff who support CME programming. Your tireless dedication, hard work, and adaptability ensure that our healthcare providers remain equipped with the highest standards of knowledge to care for our communities.

Thank you for another remarkable year of growth, collaboration, and impact.

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Interim Vice-Dean, Education
College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan



MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

An annual report invites us to look back, and there is a great deal this year worth looking back on. Our team has grown from 14 people in 2018 to 38 today, and our operating budget has grown from $4.3 million in 2021–22 to just over $7 million. Forty-one percent of this year’s offerings were developed interprofessionally with colleagues across the health sciences, and more than 1,100 of our learners practise in rural and northern communities. Since 2011, SIPPA has brought 639 internationally trained family physicians into practice, and nearly three-quarters of those still practising in Saskatchewan are serving rural and northern communities.

I am proud of these results, but I want to be clear about where they came from. They did not come from looking backward. They came from a team that kept asking what Saskatchewan’s practitioners would need next, whether in substance use, children’s mental health, HIV prevention, post-COVID care or cultural safety, and then built it. CME did not get here by protecting what it had. It got here by staying ahead of the need

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That way of working matters more now than ever. The College of Medicine is entering the largest and most exciting period of expansion in its history. We are exploring growth into new communities, and our learners will be found in more places across this province than ever before. That growth reaches beyond undergraduate and postgraduate education. Every new site depends on practising clinicians who care for patients, teach our learners and anchor health care in their communities. Those clinicians are the people CME exists to serve.

As the College grows, CME must grow with it. We need to reach further, and our programming has to fit the realities of practice in a regional hospital, a northern clinic or a First Nations community as well as it does in Saskatoon or Regina. That means programs that stay current, formats that respect the time and distance our practitioners work across, and education built with the communities themselves. It also means continuing to support the physicians we recruit through SIPPA, the IMG Program and CoMPAS, so that they choose to stay.

My thanks go to our faculty, physician leads, partners and, above all, the CME team, whose work every day makes this possible. Thank you as well to Dean Forgie and Dr. White for their continued support. A good year deserves to be acknowledged. The work ahead deserves even more of our attention.

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