



**To: Pediatricians of Ontario**

We hope all of you had a healthy, enjoyable summer with your family. Everyone should be back into the swing of things for September.

I wanted to take this opportunity to update the membership of all the hard work your executives have done over the summer and all of the projects we have been working on for you, the proud Pediatricians of Ontario.

**The New PSOMA/PAO Website:**

*We are working on the launch of the new PSOMA/PAO website. There will be sections/content available to all pediatricians and the general public i.e. parents/families. There will be also content/services available only to our premium members. Some of the proposed services/content would include the following:*

- Listing of upcoming pediatric CME's
- PPO
- Job board listings
- Celebration of Ontario pediatricians
- Community research opportunities for pediatricians and/or families
- How to optimize pediatric billing scenarios
- Pediatric advocacy projects
- Contests to win Apple products plus much, much more!

**CanREACH.on:**

*We are moving forward with securing funding for this project. We are submitting proposals to many services: government; pharmacies; private sector.*

We are creating a list of potential faculty members. For more information, please contact: [angie.roberts@canreachon.com](mailto:angie.roberts@canreachon.com).

**Practical Pediatrics Ontario 2017:**

The PPO organizing committee members are very excited to present our lineup this year of current, relevant, practical pediatric speakers/topics.

There will be 2 pediatrics marijuana presentations. Some of the topics being covered will be Asthma Update, Practical Rheumatology, Pediatric Anxiety/Depression, Pediatric Infectious Disease update, Role of Pediatric Developmental Screening tools, plus more!

Registration will be opening soon. Contact Robyn at [pedsontario@gmail.com](mailto:pedsontario@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Yes, there will be many door prizes again with the newest Apple products.

**RRC, Relativity Review Committee:  
RELATIVITY/CANDI**

*All of you should have received a survey from the RRC through the OMA Thought Lounge. This survey wants to know what your office overhead is, what services you provide that may not be billable among other evidence facts the RRC wants to collect to present to the NC, Negotiations Committee.*

We PSOMA executives had a long, thorough, frank discussion about the Relativity/CANDI as it pertains to the Pediatric Section.

I have included the two letters we wrote to the RRC. The [first letter](#) is a critique of the content and essence of the survey. The [second letter](#) is the Pediatrics Section thoughts on Relativity/CANDI

as it relates to the upcoming negotiations, also sent to the RRC.

It is abundantly clear that the RRC is deeply flawed with its composition. The RRC survey is deeply flawed because it only asks about FFS pediatricians, and Relativity/CANDI is deeply flawed as a framework for the OMA NC/RRC to use moving forward because of its inherent bias towards the Pediatric Section.

The current RRC has 8 members, 3 of which are diagnostic radiologists and another is a dermatologist. There is a psychiatrist, 2 family doctors and 1 representative from the surgical section.

The Pediatrics Section respectfully asks the RRC: *how does a committee that has 7 members who don't do call represent Relativity?!*

The Pediatrics Section respectfully asks the RRC: *how do 3 radiologists get on a committee that represents Relativity/Committee?!*

The Pediatrics Section has lost complete faith in the RRC not only because of the deeply flawed composition but also because they have absolutely no idea what/who encapsulates the Pediatrics Section.

The RRC has no idea whatsoever that almost half of our section are paid through AFP which includes shadow billings and flow through payments. The RRC therefore doesn't recognize that AFP pediatricians do not pay overhead expenses i.e. staff salaries, rent, office supplies, etc. Because if the RRC did recognize these facts, it wouldn't have released its deeply flawed members survey.

Once again. The overhead paying FFS pediatricians will be lumped in with the AFP pediatricians who pay no overhead. This fundamental flaw will be perpetuated in CANDI/Relativity because of its deeply flawed data collection methodology.

The PSOMA executives had tremendous fears about the RRC and in using Relativity/CANDI as a framework for the OMA NC to move forward.

The RRC members have no clue about anything related to the Pediatrics Section and in turn the PSOMA have completely lost faith in the RRC and completely lost faith in the IMA using Relativity/CANDI as a framework in the upcoming negotiations.

Therefore, the PSOMA executives did not support the RRC survey. For those of you who filled out the survey, I'm sure the OMA will thank you.

There is now an extension of the deadline in the filling out of this survey. To repeat, the PSOMA executives unanimously do not support the RRC survey!!

The PSOMA executives continue to proudly represent ALL pediatricians of Ontario and will continue to fight for our members at the negotiations table to be fairly represented, properly remunerated, and RESPE

Respectfully

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