

CFMS NATIONAL OFFICER OF REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH (NORSH) TERMS OF REFERENCE



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Background

The Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) is the representative voice of Canadian medical students to the national medical organizations, to the federal government, to the public, and to other external bodies. The CFMS represents over 8000 medical students at 15 Canadian medical schools from coast to coast. It is the mission of the CFMS to represent, support, and connect its members. The CFMS aims to communicate within its membership, as well as from its membership, to the world at large. As an ever-expanding organization, the CFMS continually strives to meet the consistent and changing needs of Canadian medical students.

Introduction

The CFMS recognizes the importance of supporting and advocating for reproductive and sexual health for all Canadians, including maternal health and safe access to abortion, LGBT2SQI+ health, and HIV/AIDS. In alignment with these values, the National Officer of Reproductive and Sexual Health (NORSH) has a mandate to lead the projects and initiatives in the area of reproductive and sexual health as well as liaise with external global health-related organizations in order to benefit and create opportunities for Canadian medical students at large.

Term

1. The position of NORSH is a one-year position. The NORSH is recruited through the Spring Nominations Committee process granting a transition period until they assume office immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the same year.

Accountability

2. This position reports to the Director of Global Health (Dir. GH).
3. Positions/committees that report to this position:
 - 3.1. CFMS Reproductive and Sexual Health Committee
 - 3.2. Task forces, working groups and sub-committees within the CFMS Reproductive and Sexual Health framework.

Responsibilities

4. Connect: The NORSH will
 - 4.1. serve as chair of the CFMS Reproductive and Sexual Health committee.
 - 4.2. liaise directly with the Dir. GH on an ongoing basis to advance the strategic direction of the GH Portfolio.

5. Support: The NORSH will
 - 5.1. support the Local Officers of Reproductive and Sexual Health (LORSHs) in leading and implementing projects and initiatives that promote knowledge in and awareness of reproductive and sexual health.
 - 5.2. understand and document RSH projects occurring at CFMS member schools.
 - 5.3. disseminate opportunities or resources with regard to RSH to LORSHs.
 - 5.4. actively seek and maintain new RSH external partnerships in collaboration with the National Officer of Partnerships (NOP).
 - 5.5. disseminate information about International Federation of Medical Student Associations (IFMSA) Standing Committee on Reproductive Health including HIV/AIDS (SCORA) exchanges in collaboration with National Exchange Officers (NEOs) and local exchange officers (LEOs).
 - 5.6. work alongside the Dir. GH to develop and coordinate the CFMS RSH portfolio.
 - 5.7. ensure adequate transition with the incoming NORSH upon completion of their term.
 - 5.8. attend bi-monthly Global Health National Officer teleconferences.

6. Represent: The NORSH will
 - 6.1. represent the CFMS to the IFMSA SCORA.
 - 6.2. serve on other external committees as delegated by the Dir. GH.
 - 6.3. serve as a spokesperson for the CFMS on matters related to RSH as delegated by the Dir. GH.

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