



## CFMS President's Blog

Dear Fellow Medical Student,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Victor Do, a 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student at the University of Alberta and I have the pleasure of serving as your 2019-2020 CFMS President. I am very excited to have the opportunity to represent, connect and support over 8300 medical students from across Canada at 15 Canadian Medical schools.

To our new students; Welcome! We are so happy to have you as part of the CFMS Family. I hope you will find the CFMS to be an organization that is welcoming and supportive throughout the coming years. To our returning students, welcome back! It will be another exciting year full of exciting patient encounters, learning how to pronounce complex diagnoses and hopefully a strong dose of fun as well!

I know all of you are already full-swing into classes, clinical electives, exams and residency applications. The CFMS has a number of resources to support each of you in your different career stages. Please sign-up for a CFMS account if you have not already to maximize your member benefits.

On September 20-22<sup>nd</sup> we held our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting and I am excited to get our term started. I am honoured to be working with our diverse 14-member board comprised of dedicated students from across the country who I know will work tirelessly to make progress on issues that matter to you. Please take a moment to meet them!

It will be a busy and very exciting year for the CFMS! I look forward to continuing to advance core issues that matter to all students. I will continue prioritizing student wellbeing and creating health promoting learning and working environments. We all deserve a more positive, inclusive medical culture. The CFMS must be a leader in promoting equity, diversity and inclusion in medicine and we will be launching new initiatives this year in support of this vision. We will continue advocating for increasing the number of residency positions and ensuring extensive supports are available for students who are going through the residency match process. We will focus on student leadership development and ensuring we are at the forefront of ever advancing technology and innovation in medicine.

Thank you to everyone who has applied for positions through our Fall Nominations Committee process. Our roundtables will be hard at work evaluating all of the excellent applications and we hope to have our teams in full operation in the coming weeks!

I am very excited for the upcoming year. Medical students inspire me everyday and as a collective our organization has unlimited potential to continue growing and making a difference for current and future medical trainees, our patients and society. We are *Tomorrow's Physicians, Leading for Health Today!* I am honoured to be able to serve as your President and I look forward to meeting and working with you this year. The Future of Medicine is CFMS. The Future of Medicine is YOU.

If you ever have questions, ideas, concerns or just want to chat you can always reach out to me at [president@cfms.org](mailto:president@cfms.org)

Sincerely,

Victor Do  
CFMS President, 2019-2020