

May 1, 2020

The Honourable Christine Elliott
Ontario Minister of Health
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Via email: christine.elliott@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Elliott:

Re: Ontario Pandemic Pay for Frontline Workers

We are writing on behalf of the leadership of Ontario's six Faculties of Medicine regarding the Government of Ontario's recent announcement of pandemic pay for Ontario's frontline workers fighting COVID-19. We applaud the government's announcement to provide this enhanced compensation and would like to respectfully request that you also include resident physicians in this program.

Resident physicians are vital members of frontline health care teams, treating and caring for COVID-19 patients and providing essential care in hospitals and the community. Ontario's resident physicians have stepped up to provide expert care to Ontarians, are working long hours under difficult conditions to support Ontario's health care system during COVID-19. Many residents have delayed their training to be redeployed throughout the healthcare system where they are needed most.

We encourage you to consider the important contributions resident physicians make to the patients of Ontario during this pandemic by confirming that they are eligible for COVID-19 pandemic pay.

Sincerely,



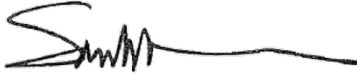
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