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Date: April 26, 2007  
To: Ontario Family Medicine Programs  
From: PGM:COFM  
Re: Guidelines Regarding Residents Applying for PGY3 Training in FM

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The purpose of this guideline is to clarify 1) the timing in which residents should apply for PGY3 FM training and 2) their ability to practice in the period in which they complete their PGY2 and wait for their PGY3 training to commence.

**Timing of Applications to PGY3 Training**

Residents interested in pursuing additional FM training beyond the two year training program should apply for PGY3 positions in the second year of their FM program. If offered a position, this would enable them to commence their PGY3 training following completion of their program (i.e., if they finish their FM program in December 2007, they would apply for a July 2008 start date).

**Practising in the Time Between Completion of PGY2 Training and Start of PGY3 Training**

Residents who are already matched into PGY3 positions but cannot begin their PGY3 program because they are off cycle, are permitted to practice while they wait to commence their PGY3 program, provided they hold an independent practice certificate of registration.

Individuals who have completed their FM training program and have not secured a PGY3 training position, would be considered Re-Entry candidates after a suitable time in clinical practice.

This guideline was approved by PGM:COFM at its April 19, 2007 meeting.