



The
Foundation
for Medical
Practice Education

Practice Based Learning Programs

Practice Based Small Group (PBSG) Learning Program

The **Practice Based Small Group (PBSG)** Learning Program was established in 1992, to help family physicians develop a supportive network in which group members could discuss problem cases, to facilitate change in knowledge, attitudes, and skills. The Program is a part of The Foundation for Medical Practice Education (FMPE), a non-profit organization dedicated to continuing professional development for the family physician.

The Foundation's Mission

Our mission is to provide practising physicians with the means to maintain and enhance their professional knowledge and competence, and to integrate that knowledge into their practice through the development, dissemination, and evaluation of educational approaches, with materials and support that are learner-centred and practice-based, using evidence-based educational principles.

What is the PBSG Learning Program and How Does it Work?

Since its inception, the Practice Based Small Group Learning Program has successfully recruited over 8,000 members nationally and internationally, and has trained over 850 peer facilitators to lead the group process. Practice Based Small Groups are self-directed learning groups of family physicians. Groups meet, typically for 90 minutes once a month, to discuss the educational module content and the challenges of integrating this knowledge into day-to-day practice.

Practice Based Learning Modules

The Foundation for Medical Practice Education publishes 14 educational modules per year for its members, and has a library of over 70 current topics that are available in both English and French. These modules are printed packages which include family practice cases, an evidence-based summary of key information, and relevant patient information sheets (handouts) or chart aids which physicians will find useful in practice. The modules are developed by practising family physicians and reviewed by specialists in the field.

Study Credits

This program is accredited for MAINPRO-C credits by The College of Family Physicians of Canada. PBSG members are eligible for these credits, based on one credit per hour of participation in the small group setting. ***MAINPRO-C study credits and educational modules will be issued only to paid PBSG members.***

These credits qualify for the American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 credits and the American Academy of Family Physicians Prescribed credits.

View a [sample module](http://www.fmpe.org) on our website: www.fmpe.org

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF A PBSG

TO JOIN AN EXISTING GROUP: Please contact the FMPE office to enrol and ask if you qualify for a pro-rated membership fee. FMPE will provide assistance in locating a facilitator in your area. Complete the attached membership registration form and forward it to the office along with your membership fees.

TO FORM A NEW GROUP: The recommended group size is seven members (range from five to nine). Determine a mutually agreeable time and place to meet. Groups typically meet for 90 minutes once a month. Many groups meet more frequently. Some groups stop for the summer. Each group *must be* led by an FMPE-trained facilitator. The group *must be* registered and have paid in full before the facilitator can be trained. Registration forms are submitted as a group to the FMPE office. Cheques or credit card information must accompany the registration forms.

TO BECOME A FACILITATOR: Contact the FMPE office for information on upcoming facilitator training workshops.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORMS MAY BE SENT BY: Mail, Fax, Phone or Website

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Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8S 4L8

Fax: (905) 540-4988

Phone: 1-800-661-3249 or (905) 525-9140, ext. 22219

Website: www.fmpe.org **E-mail:** fmpe@mcmaster.ca

PBSG MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

The following are just a few of the important benefits of belonging to this Program:

- **PBSG SESSIONS** that offer an informal and supportive learning environment to discuss actual practice cases and challenges with peers
- **EDUCATIONAL MODULES** that are developed by family physicians for family physicians, and extensively researched by qualified staff; **MODULE TOPICS** that cover a wide array of practice issues, including acute care medicine; **PRACTICAL INFORMATION (including practice aids and patient handouts)** that can be readily used in clinical practice
- A user-friendly **WEBSITE (www.fmpe.org)** which enables downloading of appendices and pamphlets from the modules
- An informative quarterly **NEWSLETTER** that includes discussion of issues relevant to clinical practice
- An **EXCEPTIONAL VALUE** for maintaining your professional educational competence

Other FMPE programs accredited by The College of Family Physicians of Canada:

- **Practice Based Individual Learning (PBIL) Program**
- **Practice Based Ad hoc Small Group Learning Program**



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PBSG MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete both sides of this form.

PRACTICE BASED SMALL GROUP (PBSG) LEARNING PROGRAM

Amount Due:

Within Canada: **CDN\$295.00**
U.S. and Mexico*: **CDN\$310.00**
Outside North America*: **CDN\$325.00**
**includes shipping costs*

Please choose one of the following:

New member Renewing member

Indicate the start date of your group:

January September

Facilitator Name: _____

Date of first attendance at a group meeting: _____

Please call us if you are joining a group already in session, to see if you qualify for a pro-rated membership fee.

I do not wish to register at this time. Please send me an information package on your other programs.

Contact Information

Please indicate your language preference: English French

Designation: MD MD—Emergency only NP/RN(EC) RN Other _____

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Name: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: home work

City: _____

Province/State: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____

Country: _____

Work Phone: (general) (_____) _____
(private) (_____) _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Fax: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Alternate Mailing Address (optional): home work

City: _____

Province/State: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____

Country: _____

Fax: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Payment Information

Cheque enclosed (payable in Canadian funds only
to The Foundation for Medical Practice Education)

Visa MasterCard Amount: _____

Card #: _____

Exp.: _____ Signature: _____

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Please contact your provincial chapter of the Canadian Medical Association for information on eligibility for reimbursement.

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