

Application for sponsorship to
Canadian Physicians for Life's
2007 Medical Students Forum

Friday, Nov. 30 – Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007
Four Points at Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel
Mississauga, Ontario

*(Please answer all questions and send completed application by **October 23, 2007** to Canadian Physicians for Life at info@physiciansforlife.ca or FAX to 613-728-5433)*

Important Note:

Students/residents wanting to attend the Friday sessions must obtain permission from their schools/employers to miss classes/work on that day (see question 9).

1. Name:

2. Gender: (accommodation is shared, 2 or 3 persons per room, so we need to know who to accommodate together)

3. Mailing Address:

4. Phone:

5. Email address:

6. Medical School:

7. Place of Residency (if applicable):

8. Grad Year:

9. Have you obtained the necessary permission from your school or employer to be absent on Friday?

Yes _____ Not Yet _____

10. Canadian Physicians for Life is hosting the Saturday daytime sessions, the Saturday evening working supper/panel discussion, and the Sunday morning sessions. The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition is hosting the Friday daytime sessions and the Friday evening banquet. Which of the following sessions will you be able to attend?

- a) Friday daytime sessions, 9 am - 5:30 pm (includes lunch; hosted by EPC) Yes/No
(if you can only attend part of the Friday sessions, indicate approximate arrival time): _____
- b) Friday evening dinner banquet, 7 pm (hosted by EPC) Yes/No
- c) Saturday daytime sessions, 8 am - 5 pm (includes breakfast and lunch; hosted by CPL) Yes/No
- d) Saturday evening working supper/panel discussion, 7 pm - 10 pm (hosted by CPL) Yes/No
- e) Sunday morning sessions, 8 am - noon (includes breakfast; hosted by CPL) Yes/No

11. Please list any dietary restrictions you have.

12. For which nights will you need hotel accommodation?

Thursday (yes/no) _____

Friday (yes/no) _____

Saturday (yes/no) _____

13. If there are other students applying for sponsorship with whom you'd like to share a room, please list their names: (otherwise, we will assign room mates, 2 or 3 persons per room)

14. How did you hear about the 2007 Medical Students Forum?

(For the following questions, 15-18, please take as much space as you need.)

15. Have you ever attended a medical conference before (other than a CPL Medical Students Forum)? If so, what did you find most valuable about the experience?

16. Have you ever attended one of Canadian Physicians for Life's Medical Students Forums in the past? If so, what did you gain from it? If not, what are you hoping to gain from attending CPL's Medical Students Forum this year?

17. You only need to answer **one** of the following two questions:

- a) Give an example of a situation where you had to debate a life issue (e.g. abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, etc.) with someone who did not share your pro-life views. How did you approach the situation and what was the outcome?

OR

- b) On May 9 of this year, the National Abortion Federation (which represents abortion providers in Canada and the US) sent a letter to the Canadian Medical Association demanding that the CMA alter its abortion policy to force doctors to make abortion referrals regardless of their religious or moral beliefs (currently, CMA supports a doctor's freedom of conscience and does not require a doctor to make an abortion referral if doing so would violate the doctor's moral or religious beliefs). Here is an excerpt from the NAF's letter:

The Canadian Medical Association's (CMA) policy of allowing physicians to refuse to refer patients for abortion services is a violation of CMA's own Code of Ethics, which requires physicians to first consider the well-being of the patient; to practice medicine in a manner that treats the patient with dignity; to disclose and resolve conflicts of interest in the best interest of patients; not to discriminate against any patient on grounds such as gender or medical conditions; and to provide patients with information they need to make informed decisions about their medical care. Your policy treats women unfairly and impedes women's access to critical health care guaranteed through the Canada Health Act.

As you know, abortion is a safe, legal, and insured service under the Canada Health Act and should be treated the same as all other medical procedures. In fact, all provinces and territories have recognized that abortion is a medically necessary procedure. A physician's religious and moral beliefs should not jeopardize a patient's access to needed care.

If doctors do not wish to refer and inform patients about their comprehensive medical options, including abortion care, then they should not participate in the public system....

The National Abortion Federation calls on the Canadian Medical Association to change your policy to come into compliance with your own ethical standards. By not doing so, you abdicate your moral authority to set policies regarding health care in Canada.

If a representative of the CMA asked for your advice on how to defend CMA's policy to the National Abortion Federation, how would you respond to the CMA?

18. Additional comments:

If you have any questions, please contact:

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