

## Agenda Item# 11

### **Annual General Meeting – Member Motion Recognizing family medicine as a specialty**

**Mover:** Dr. Colin Newman

**Second:** Dr. Roop Conyers

#### **Rationale:**

With the recent crisis in primary care, there is increasing awareness of the critical role served by family physicians in both the health of our patients and communities as well as the efficacy of the health care system at large. Family physicians provide the vast majority of primary care in Canada across a variety of clinical domains (<https://www.cfpc.ca/CFPC/media/Resources/Health-Policy/Value-and-Volume-of-Family-Physician-Services.pdf>) and recent polls indicate overwhelming and increasing satisfaction with the care provided by family physicians (<https://nanos.co/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-2767-CFPC-Survey-Populated-report-Final.pdf>). The recent Physician Services Agreement in Prince Edward Island is the first in Canada to formally recognize Family Medicine as a specialty (<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/new-five-year-deal-with-physicians-will-lead-to-better-access-to-care-for-islanders-and-give>). While recent advances in remuneration have elevated the profile of Family Medicine within the province, a formal recognition as a unique medical specialty will further bolster the profile of the profession and demonstrate to the DNS membership that the value of Family Medicine is recognized at an organizational level.

The following motion will be presented:

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Doctors Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting asks the Board of Directors to support Doctors Nova Scotia in formally recognizing Family Medicine as a specialty.*