Present, Visible, Working for You: SGFP in 2026

A Report to Members | Section on General and Family Practice

A Note from the Chair

Dear SGFP Members,

This has been a busy year for your section, and a productive one. SGFP is showing up in more places and having more influence, guided by a clear vision: family physicians shaping and leading the health system. Behind that vision is our purpose: a sustainable profession, and practices where you find joy, well-being and financial success.

Over the past two years, Ontario has made a significant investment in primary care: the Primary Care Action Plan now totals $3.4 billion over four years. We are working hard to make sure that investment delivers for family physicians and your patients.

This report is a short look at that work. Some of it you will have felt directly in your practice: new billing supports, and faster answers to your questions. Much of it is building for the future: new relationships, stronger structures, and a voice for family medicine wherever decisions about your practice and your patients are made.

Thank you for everything you continue to do for your patients and communities.

Warm Regards,
Dr. Dave Barber, Chair, SGFP

Supporting Your Billing

- **Let's Talk Billing.** Nine sessions co-hosted with the OMA to answer your billing questions.
- **Updated billing guide.** Rebuilt so the answers you need are faster to find.
- **The arbitrated agreement.** Advocacy on implementation, and answers to hundreds of your questions.
- **Next negotiations.** Already under way, shaped by your experience of this round.

What it means for you: practical billing support, and a section listening to your practice.

Improving Your Digital Tools

- **Digital Health Roadmap.** Our plan for a digital health system that works for family physicians, now in action.
- **Primary Care Medical Record (PCMR).** Ongoing meetings with Ontario Health and Ministry of Health leaders, so family physicians from all perspectives help shape its design, implementation and governance.
- **FIT testing.** We flagged the risks of the new lab process early with the OCFP and other sections, secured phone calls for positive results, and worked with Ontario Health to close the gaps you reported.

What it means for you: digital tools that support your practice and give you time back, shaped by family physician priorities.

Raising Your Voice in the System

- **Setting the priorities.** Of more than 100 ideas submitted to the OMA's Priority & Leadership Group, six were shortlisted. Four came from SGFP, the result of targeted work by your physician leaders.
- **Primary care networks.** Advocacy with the OMA, Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health on PCN guidance, for a structure that helps our communities and practices thrive.
- **Specialist access.** Our paper makes the case for family physicians to help design the processes that connect you and your patients with consulting specialists.

What it means for you: your perspective is heard wherever decisions affect your patients.

Building Partnerships That Matter

- **Stronger together.** Strong partnerships with AFHTO, the OCFP, the OMA and OntarioMD, so family medicine speaks with one clear voice.
- **Across the system.** Building strong and respectful working relationships with our partners in government and across the primary care landscape.

What it means for you: family medicine heard in places it has not been before.

Staying Connected With You

- **Chair's Letter.** Forty-six letters so far this year, keeping you updated on what matters to your practice.
- **SGFP On-Call.** More than 100 sessions where members met one-on-one with SGFP leaders.
- **District outreach.** In-person meetings with physicians in ten communities in District 3, to hear your everyday challenges and successes.
- **Website and LinkedIn.** Catch up with SGFP any time on our website and LinkedIn.

What it means for you: more ways to reach your section, wherever you are.

Looking Ahead to 2027

Guided by the strategy your SGFP Board set, in 2027 we will keep working toward what family physicians deserve: fair compensation for the work you do, a growing and sustainable profession, and practices where the joy of family medicine comes back.

Much of this work is made possible by members who support SGFP through the constituency fee. If you are one of them, thank you.

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