



Statement by Trauma Association of Canada regarding new DRCPSC Trauma General Surgery credential

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) has developed an Area of Focused Competence (AFC) credential in Trauma General Surgery. This credential can be obtained via successful completion of training in an accredited training program or via the Practice-Eligibility Route (PER). Successful completion results in the applicant being conferred the status of a Diplomate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (DRCPSC) in Trauma General Surgery. The Trauma Association of Canada is the National Specialty Society that is recognized by the RCPSC for Trauma General Surgery, and indeed a TAC representative sits on the AFC Trauma General Surgery Subcommittee.

The creation of this new credential in trauma surgery that is accessible to actively practicing trauma surgeons is a step forward in the recognition of the expertise and advanced training of these surgeons and sets a new standard of excellence in this field.

In alignment with our Vision and Mission, the Trauma Association of Canada recognizes the DRCPSC Trauma General Surgery credential, recommends it for all trauma surgeons practicing in Canada, and further recommends that such a credential should be considered mandatory for those in trauma system leadership positions in Canada.

Approved by the Trauma Association of Canada Board of Directors

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