



## Polaris update

### North America region

I hope everyone is having a great year, can you believe we are already halfway through 2018?!

Primary care is alive and well in our region- we were so happy to welcome 1462 new residents in Canada and 3535 new residents in the USA, to family medicine programs.

The summer months have found the Polaris executive hard at work getting ready for the upcoming conference season. We are currently undertaking a literature review on the value of exchanges in medical education to help support the FM360 program. Eventually we would like to have standard pre and post departure questionnaires for exchange participants to allow for better academic evaluation of the experience.

Balint 2.0 was so successful we are hoping to establish a Polaris regional Balint group within the next year. Look for announcements in the next six months to get involved.

We are all very excited to join the WONCA community in Seoul. The YDM preconference will be a highlight and our annual business meeting will happen that week as well.

Yours in Primary Care,

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