

ADVOCACY UPDATE



CAS continues to disseminate the recommendations put forward in the positions statement: **Strategies to Address the Surgical Backlog and Health Human Resource Issues in Anesthesia.** At the provincial level, representatives from CAS and BCAS will meet with members of BC's Health Sector Workforce and Beneficiary Services in the summer to discuss developments and practical strategies. CAS also made new in-roads at the federal level, planning a summer meeting with representatives from Health Workforce Canada. We have also submitted a request to meet with all three political parties.

CAS President, Dr Lucie Filteau, continues to be in regular contact with Health Canada's medication and equipment shortage branches. She and Dr Conor Mc Donnell, Chair of the CAS Quality and Patient Safety Committee, have established a strong relationship with key contacts there, enabling CAS to be aware of and help mitigate shortages. CAS will continue to provide front line information about the importance of various medications/devices which helps to inform Health Canada about the level of response required (e.g. importation of foreign supply for Canadian shortages that are deemed critical and impactful to patient care). CAS also continues to disseminate safety bulletins to our members to keep them informed of supply disruptions. If you're attending the upcoming CAS Annual Meeting in Victoria, you can learn more about healthcare supply chain logistics by attending the President's Symposium on Sunday June 9.



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