

## New members of the Wait Time Alliance

### Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society (CAS)

The Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society (CAS) is a not-for-profit, voluntary organization, which exists for the benefit of its member anesthesiologists. "Seeing you through your most critical times — Canadian anesthesiologists: specialist physicians in peri-operative medicine, critical care and pain management" is the Society's positioning signature. The organization's mission statement is "The Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society is dedicated to the advancement of the medical practice of anesthesia through research, education and excellence in patient care."

### Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians

Physicians providing excellence in emergency care for Canadians

The Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (CAEP) is the national voice of Emergency Medicine, providing continuing medical education to and advocating on behalf of emergency physicians and their patients. In cooperation with other specialties and committees, CAEP plays a vital role in the development of national standards and clinical guidelines.

CAEP informs Canadian emergency physicians of developments in the clinical practice of emergency medicine and addresses political & societal changes, which affect the delivery of emergency health care.

### Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG)

The Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) was founded in 1962 to promote the study of the digestive tract in health and disease. The Association is built on broad principles and includes individuals of different disciplines (physicians, surgeons, paediatricians, radiologists, basic scientists). Today, the Association is comprised of over 1,000 members. CAG members are actively involved in research, education and patient care in all areas of digestive health and disease, contributing to the economic and social health of all Canadians.

### Canadian Psychiatric Association (CPA)

The Canadian Psychiatric Association (CPA) is the national voice for Canada's 4,100 psychiatrists and more than 600 psychiatric residents. Founded in 1951, the CPA is dedicated to promoting an environment that fosters excellence in the provision of clinical care, education and research.

#### CPA values

- accessible and comprehensive care
- knowledge transfer through research, professional development, evidence-based practice, and public education
- the highest standards of professional ethics and collegial support
- policies that promote mental health across the lifespan
- respect for cultural diversity

### Canadian Society of Plastic Surgery (CSPS)

Wait times for plastic surgery are increasing in Canada. The causes are multi-factorial and include, but are not limited to, population aging and growth, diminishing health care resources and declining plastic surgery manpower. The members of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgery (CSPS) have identified wait times as a priority area of focus. Accordingly, a committee, chaired by Dr. Leif Sigurdson (Halifax) was formed in the spring of 2006 to develop procedure-specific wait time benchmarks in plastic surgery.

The CSPS was founded in 1947 and, as the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada National Specialty Society in Plastic Surgery, represents nearly 90% of Canadian plastic surgeons. Participation in the Wait Times project is seen by the CSPS as essential to providing the highest standard of all types of care in a timely fashion to all Canadians.