

Section of Family Medicine
Bulletin



December 15, 2023

Dear members,

I know how busy everyone is, especially at this time of year, but want to let you know about the Family Medicine & Rural Generalist Town Hall scheduled for December 20, from 6-8 p.m.

As I discussed in recent bulletins, the **AMA Strike Team** was created in response to the <u>MoU</u> signed in late October between the AMA and AH. Physician leaders from SFM, SRM and PCNs have been leading Strike Team efforts, and meeting weekly since October 30. We've packed a lot of intense work into a short time frame. We are hosting a virtual town hall on December 20 to share the work so far, the details of what we've proposed to AH, and what we anticipate as we move forward.

During the town hall, members can expect an update on three streams of work:

- 1. A proposal for the immediate stabilization of family medicine/rural generalism.
- 2. A proposed new payment model for longitudinal family medicine/rural generalism.
- 3. Based on recent survey results, proposals designed to address reducing administrative burden in community practice.

You can register for the town hall here.

I hope you will be able to attend. It is critical to the work of the SFM that our members have opportunities to review the work being done on their behalf.

I will be there as part of the Strike Team panel and am looking forward to the discussion. If you can't make it, the presentation portion of the town hall will be recorded and posted on the <u>AMA's Strike Team web page</u> (member-only) after the event.

There is a lot going on right now and I welcome your thoughts. You can always reach me and the SFM Executive at <u>FamilyMedicine@albertadoctors.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bates

Dr. Sarah Bates, Acting President Section of Family Medicine On behalf of your <u>SFM Executive</u>