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Dear Colleague,

It is with some sadness that I am writing to let you know that NOSM in consultation with the Physician Clinical Teachers Association and Public Health Agency of Canada Guidelines (COVID-19 Conference Guidelines) is cancelling Northern Constellations 2020.

NOSM is committed to high quality medical education and professional development as well as supporting the health needs of Northern Ontario. A large meeting of health care providers the size of Northern Constellations is a high risk for increasing the transmission of COVID-19. While this decision has been a difficult one, it is the right decision to decrease the risk of a significant number of clinicians requiring isolation or quarantine which would further impact the provision of health care in Northern Ontario.

I want to take this time to thank Dr. James Goertzen, Dr. Sarah McIsaac, Anita Arella, Joey McColeman and members of the Planning Committees, staff and faculty who have worked tirelessly to develop another exceptional program.

We are planning a Virtual Mini Northern Constellations educational program on the afternoon of May 8th which will feature Dr. Ken Milne sharing his expertise on providing care during COVID-19 to our patients, colleagues and ourselves. In addition, we are pursuing a date and venue for Northern Constellations, 2021. Updates will be available on our website at www.nosm.ca/cepd. Please note that all charter deposits, hotel room bookings and registration fees will be refunded.

Take care of yourselves, your patients and family.

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