

**Email Header:** Better care for your patients with hip and knee OA

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**Continuing Professional Development  
Needs Assessment Program  
CPD-NAP: in Osteoarthritis Management  
For Family Physicians in the South West LHIN**

A joint project of the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry at  
Western and the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

*Do you want better management strategies for your patients with OA and improved access to surgery for hip and knee OA?*

*If so, please click here to tell us your educational needs for osteoarthritis management:*

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*Key outcomes of this initiative include better outcomes for your patients with hip and knee OA, fewer inappropriate referrals and improved timing for referral to surgeons when your patients need surgery.*

The Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry and the South West Local Health Integration Network are working with family physicians and surgeons to develop continuing education modules that will meet family physicians' learning needs for the management of hip and knee OA. It is anticipated that physician-identified educational modules in this clinical area will also inform clinical decisions about the best time to request a consultation for hip or knee replacement surgery. From focus groups with family physicians and surgeons last year we have identified that decision-making regarding management options for hip and knee OA, including surgery, could be enhanced by targeted continuing education programming. Because we know how busy you are we are asking for your input using this efficient electronic method. If you wish to participate, please click on this link *within the next 2 weeks*:

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Sincerely,



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