

Welcome to The LEGs Connection! In an effort to achieve collaboration between LEGS, The LEG's Connection features extracts of various LEG updates, NOAMA updates, upcoming events, and include LEG Leads contact information.

NOAMA

NOAMA has transitioned from an organization supporting clinical teaching enhancements to an organization responsible for the expansion of an academic culture among the physicians in Northern Ontario. We look forward to continually supporting the membership, as we work with our partner organizations in significantly impacting health care in Northern Ontario.



Sault Ste Marie Academic Medical Association

Sault Ste Marie Academic Medical Association (SSMAMA) established in 2012 has grown to 110 members. The Board has developed programs and budgets for faculty development, leadership training, learner teaching, and scholarly activity.

To date SSMAMA has funded over \$350,000 in local research projects. Our members have also been selected for four different NOAMA \$50,000 clinical innovation projects. Over the last two years, due to the increased interest in research opportunities, the Board has been focusing efforts and funds to develop a local research office. SSMAMA partnered with Algoma University to create a collaboration agreement to hire and provide office space for a SSMAMA Research Director. Six months ago, SSMAMA was able to hire a Research Director who has been tasked with developing a strategic plan for physician research in Sault Ste. Marie, building partnerships and data sharing agreements with all healthcare organizations, assisting in existing research projects, hiring research assistants, reviewing and enhancing our research guidelines and application process, and promoting and educating research opportunities for novice researchers. Our membership has been excited to have a "go to" for all things research and to develop a strategy to provide physicians in Northern Ontario the support, both financial and administrative, to make research a priority.

Our LEG is also very active with faculty development. SSMAMA funds the annual Sault Conference in September. This conference is in its 8th year and organized by a core group of ED physicians. It has been very successful learning opportunity for Sault and area physicians and NOSM learners. Leadership development has been another focus with a program developed to assist physicians in covering costs to attend leadership conferences. The LEG is also funding a local Physician Leadership Institute course in house in November 2017.

SSMAMA membership continues to focus on teaching medical learners. Medical trainee days have doubled in Sault Ste. Marie in the last 10 years. SSMAMA organizes many faculty sessions that focus on program development, teaching strategies, learner opportunities, and updates to curriculum.

Please follow our website and blog at www.ssmama.ca to find out additional information and stay updated on opportunities for our membership.

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