Advisory to cardiovascular perfusion programs
Re: revision to national competency profile

The Committee on Conjoint Accreditation (CCA) has accepted a new competency profile from the Canadian Society of Clinical Perfusion (CSCP) for use in the accreditation of cardiovascular perfusion programs.

Accreditation surveys
The CSCP National Entry-Level Competency Profile for Clinical Perfusionists, dated September 2015 (“September 2015 competency profile”) will be used for accreditation surveys effective January 1, 2017.

The September 2015 competency profile will replace the previous version, dated November 2009.

The CSCP is finalizing the September 2015 competency profile, both French and English versions. The finalized versions will be forwarded to programs by the CSCP as soon as they are available.

Criterion 1.3
Validation of critical criterion 1.3 – Cross-reference of curriculum to the competency profile
Programs scheduled for their regular survey in 2017 and later must cross-reference their program to all competencies in the September 2015 competency profile as part of the evidence submitted with their program self-assessment report (see 2014 Requirements for accreditation handbook, critical criterion 1.3).

Criterion 1.5
Validation of critical criterion 1.5 – Attainment of competencies – Student records
During their scheduled accreditation visit, programs are expected to provide verifiable data confirming the students’ attainment of competencies in the CSCP competency profile. See the 2014 Requirements for accreditation handbook, criterion 1.5, for the type of evidence to be submitted.

For students entering the program in 2016 or later, the September 2015 competency profile must be used to assess critical criterion 1.5.

Reporting requirement
There is no reporting requirement specific to the use of the September 2015 competency profile.

Communication with CMA Accreditation
Please feel free to contact us if you have questions about this change in the competency profile for cardiovascular perfusion.