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Dear Dr. Lemire

It is with great pleasure, and appreciation to my colleagues, that I can hereby forward to you the resolution passed by the attendees of the ad hoc eMR Working Group meeting held November 3rd 2011 at the annual Family Medicine Forum of the CFPC in Montréal.

The broad support shown by members of the CFPC at the meeting of the necessity for clinicians to seek the leadership and guidance of the College to help them establish the standards for the clinical information and process content of the eMRs to be used in Canada has been echoed here to day by attendees at the Annual McGill Refresher Course for Family Physicians. In the weeks to come Dr. Alex Singer, my co-convenor, and I hope to engage with you and others at the College to advance this timely initiative.

Numerous attendees of the eMR WG meeting and other family physicians at large have requested to become involved and to let others know of the initiative. To that end we have created <http://emrwg.org/>. The role that the College has already played to help empower family physicians to speak out and contribute to this critical process is impressive. With the help of the College we look forward to Canadian eMRs that truly "support good data; improved practice; and appropriate interoperability that supports the exchange of clinical content between systems in support of clinicians for patient care."

Yours truly



John B. Hughes