Are you a paediatric trainee interested in

- Public health?
- Rare conditions?
- Rare complications of common conditions?

The Canadian Paediatric Surveillance Program (CPSP) is inviting paediatric trainees to apply for a competition enabling the winner to conduct a one-time survey through the CPSP (with an in-kind value of $3,000).

CPSP one-time surveys are a valuable epidemiological and public health tool, as they can capture a signal, answer a specific emerging public health question, and collect meaningful national medical/health policy data in near-real time. This knowledge can be used to lead to a change in legislation or inform an improvement in medical management. Past CPSP one-time surveys have motivated the public ban on baby walkers, inspired further investment in the prevention of vitamin D deficiency rickets, and advanced the discussion on detergent pod safety. One-time surveys are sent to all CPSP participants, including approximately 2,800 paediatricians and paediatric subspecialists practicing across Canada. For more information about the CPSP, visit cpsp.cps.ca.

**Criteria for applying**

Applicant must:

- Be a paediatric trainee (resident or fellow)
- Be a member of the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS)
- Have identified a minimum of one faculty mentor to oversee the project
- Be able to analyze and publish results in a timely fashion

**Deadline**

The application deadline is **Monday, September 11 2023**. Applications or any questions should be submitted to cpsp@cps.ca.

**Application process and timelines**

The applicant must contact the CPSP office in advance of the submission deadline to discuss the survey topic and survey team.

Submit a 1–2 page application (single-spaced, minimum 10-point font size), outlining the following:

- **Topic of interest**: Include background information, current Canadian context, and the epidemiology of the condition. (Please note that rare disorders, emerging conditions and new child and youth health threats align with the current mission of the CPSP).

**Deliverables**

- Publish a 600–750-word CPSP Highlights article on survey findings in *Paediatrics & Child Health*
- Author a 300–500-word summary article in the *CPSP Results*
- Submit an abstract for a poster presentation at the *CPS Annual Conference* as well as other national and international conferences
- Submit manuscripts to peer-reviewed journals
• **Project objective:** The project objective should be clear, measurable and feasible, appropriate for the format and recognizing the limitations of a one-time public health survey.

• **Intended public health and/or clinical impact:** Specific activities should be outlined that will inform/improve public health or clinical knowledge, policy, and/or practice based on results.

• **Knowledge translation plan:** KT activities should include, but not be limited to, plans to submit results to national and international meetings and target publications.

• **Survey team:** The qualifications of the trainee and sponsoring supervisor(s) should be outlined, highlighting knowledge and experience with respect to both the topic and survey / surveillance methods.

• **Draft survey tool:** A draft survey tool should be submitted with the application. One-time surveys should pursue no more than one, clear and succinct objective, should be no longer than 10-12 questions and require no more than 3 minutes for the participants to complete.

The CPSP Steering Committee will review all applications in October 2023 and judge them according to specific criteria. The winning applicant will be notified no later than late November 2023.

The winning trainee will be expected to present a finalized survey to the CPSP Scientific Steering Committee.

Please note that review by an institutional Research Ethics Board is **not** prior to submitting the application.