

Montréal, August 12th, 2018

To the attention of our members

Object : Withdrawal of Saudi Clinical Monitors

Dear colleagues,

Following the diplomatic situation between Canada and Saudi Arabia, it has been announced that Saudi medical residents as well as post-doctoral students (fellows) will be asked to return to their home country. It is estimated that around 250 Saudi medical students will leave our hospitals in the coming months.

We understand the impact of the sudden departure of such an important number of individuals who contribute to the proper functioning of our health care establishments, particularly in the McGill University network. The Fédération Médicale Étudiante du Québec hopes the medical education in these establishments to remain of high quality. Following the recent announcement of this news, the FMEQ will stay up-to-date with any further development in this issue.

We acknowledge first and foremost that the lives of 250 medical residents have been shaken. We offer our support and encouragement to these colleagues, teachers and friends. We would like to acknowledge the care they provide to our Quebecer population and their contribution to the medical education of our students.

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