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Ontario leads way for tuition fees

Most first-year medical students in Ontario are paying substantially higher tuition fees this fall than last year. According to data from the Asso-

ciation of Canadian Medical Colleges, the University of Western Ontario was the only school in the province to maintain fees at 1998 levels. Tuition

fee increases at the other 4 Ontario medical schools ranged from 26% at McMaster University to 51% at the University of Ottawa. McMaster still has the highest tuition fees in the country, with both first- and second-year students paying \$12 600.

For many schools outside Ontario, tuition fees have increased only slightly, if at all. In 2 of the Quebec schools, fees actually dropped slightly for first-year students. The University of Manitoba, at 16%, had the largest increase outside Ontario.

Returning students at some universities also faced tuition fee increases, albeit of a lesser magnitude. Increases ranged from 5% at Dalhousie University to 29% at the University of Ottawa.

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Tuition fees for first-year medical students in Canada

University	1998 Tuition fees (\$)	1999 Tuition fees (\$)
Memorial	6250	6250
Dalhousie	6350 (9300 non-Maritime residents)	6670 (9760 non-Maritime residents)
Laval	2780 (4780 non-Quebec residents)	2502 (non-Quebec residents, N/A)
Sherbrooke	2780 (5280 non-Quebec residents)	2730 (5130 non-Quebec residents)
Montréal	2452 (3824 non-Quebec residents)	2452 (3824 non-Quebec residents)
McGill	2794 (5307 non-Quebec residents)	3559 (7335 non-Quebec residents)
Ottawa	5245	7941
Queen's	6159	9200
Toronto	7800	11 000
McMaster	10 500	12 600
Western Ontario	10 000	10 000
Manitoba	6780	7880
Saskatchewan	5704	5704
Alberta	4682	4995
Calgary	5836	6192
British Columbia	3937	3937

N/A = not available

Source: Association of Canadian Medical Colleges

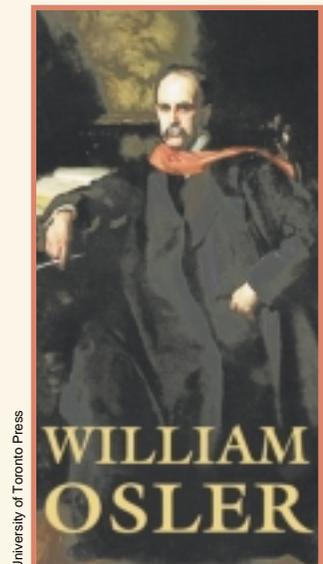
National organ-donor plan in works

Canada should establish a national organ-donation goal, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health says. This country, with a current donors-per-million-population (DPMP) rate of 14, lags far behind the world leader, Spain, which has a DPMP of 31. The committee also wants Canada to have a coordinated and comprehensive donation and transplantation strategy, which would be directed by a newly created council. It also agreed that it will not be easy to convince more

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Interview with Osler biographer goes online

CMAJ's first online audio interview features Professor Michael Bliss, author of the first full-length biography of Sir William Osler in 70 years. Bliss, who wrote *William Osler: A Life in Medicine* (University of Toronto Press), was interviewed by Dr. Ken Flegel, an associate editor at CMAJ and the editor in charge of the journal's tribute to Osler that appeared in the Oct. 5, 1999, issue. Visitors to the eCMAJ section of CMA Online (www.cma.ca/cmaj) can either listen to the complete conversation or select specific questions and answers.



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