

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador

PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OF CANADA FOLIC ACID AWARENESS MATERIALS

Notice to College Members

February 22, 2019

The Public Health Agency of Canada requests that the College distribute their information about folic acid to College members.

Attached below is a message from the Public Health Agency of Canada regarding folic acid awareness materials.

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Last year the Public Health Agency of Canada sent you an email announcing the release of our updated folic acid awareness materials. The purpose of the materials is to increase awareness and uptake of folic acid among women of reproductive age, and to increase knowledge and influence practice of health care providers.

The poster and factsheet continue to be available in print and can be ordered online at:

 Poster – Folic Acid: Are You Getting Enough? Order: <u>http://www.hc-publication-sc.hc-sc.gc.ca/paccb-dgapcc/cmcd-</u> <u>dcmc/webpubs.nsf/Web1/170219?OpenDocument&lang=eng</u> View online: <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-</u> living/folic-acid-are-you-getting-enough-poster.html

 Factsheet – Folic Acid: Are You Getting Enough? Order: <u>http://www.hc-publication-sc.hc-sc.gc.ca/paccb-dgapcc/cmcd-</u> dcmc/webpubs.nsf/Web1/170321?OpenDocument&lang=eng

View online: <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-</u> living/folic-acid-are-you-getting-enough-factsheet.html

Also available is a folic acid video that can be used in your social media feed or can be displayed on closed circuit televisions within your organization: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gD6FLdcHfM</u>

An infographic targeted to health care providers is available online and can be shared among your colleagues to help raise their awareness on folic acid data and recommendations: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/folic-acid-are-they-getting-enough-infographic.html

We hope that you find the resources useful and please contact Lynn Menard if you have questions <u>lynn.menard2@canada.ca</u>.

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