

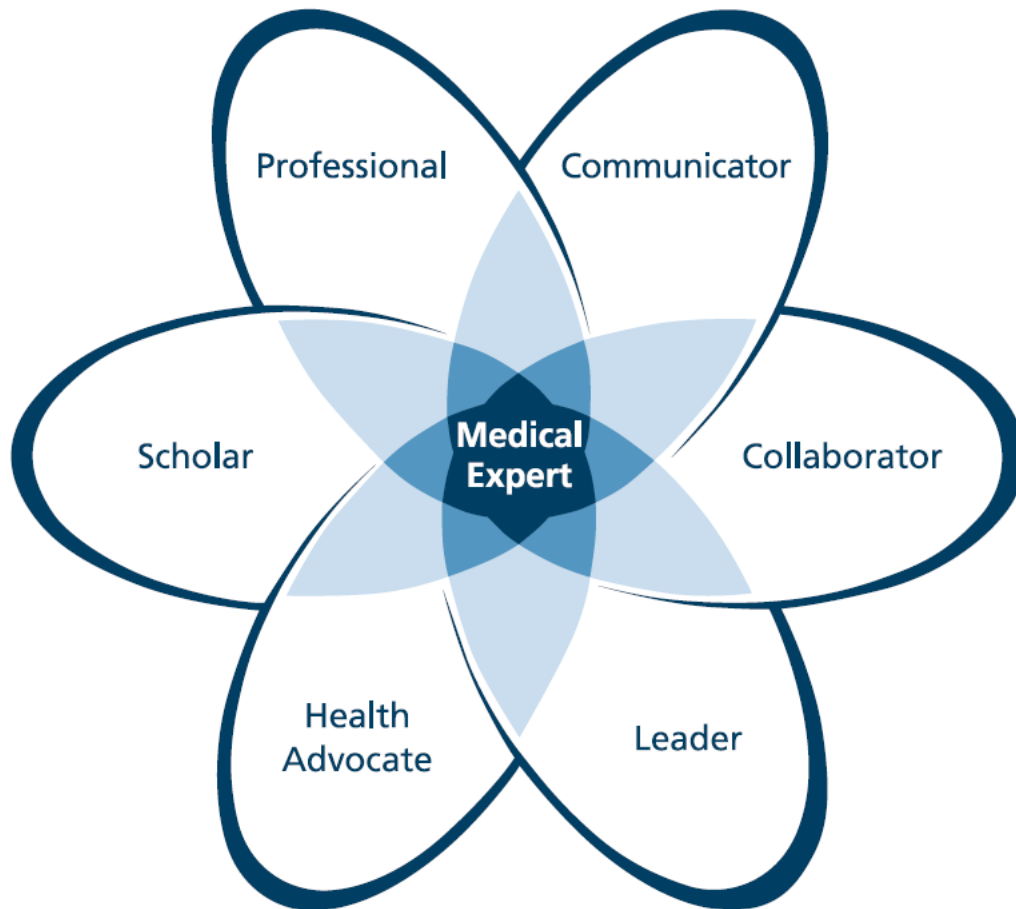
CanMEDS Framework

CanMEDS is a physician competency framework that identifies and describes the abilities physicians require to effectively meet the health care needs of the people they serve. As the foundation for all Royal College educational standards for specialty education in Canada, the goal of CanMEDS is to improve patient care by enhancing physician training.

ONLINE SPEAKER RESOURCES

- **MEDICAL EXPERT:** As Medical Experts, physicians integrate all of the CanMEDS Roles, applying medical knowledge, clinical skills, and professional values in their provision of high-quality and safe patient-centred care. Medical Expert is the central physician Role in the CanMEDS Framework and defines the physician's clinical scope of practice.
- **COMMUNICATOR:** As Communicators, physicians form relationships with patients and their families* that facilitate the gathering and sharing of essential information for effective health care.
- **COLLABORATOR:** As Collaborators, physicians work effectively with other health care professionals to provide safe, high-quality, patient-centred care.
- **LEADER:** As Leaders, physicians engage with others to contribute to a vision of a high-quality health care system and take responsibility for the delivery of excellent patient care through their activities as clinicians, administrators, scholars, or teachers.
- **HEALTH ADVOCATE:** As Health Advocates, physicians contribute their expertise and influence as they work with communities or patient populations to improve health. They work with those they serve to determine and understand needs, speak on behalf of others when required, and support the mobilization of resources to effect change.
- **SCHOLAR:** As Scholars, physicians demonstrate a lifelong commitment to excellence in practice through continuous learning and by teaching others, evaluating evidence, and contributing to scholarship.
- **PROFESSIONAL:** As Professionals, physicians are committed to the health and well-being of individual patients and society through ethical practice, high personal standards of behaviour, accountability to the profession and society, physician-led regulation, and maintenance of personal health.

CanMEDS articulates a comprehensive definition of the abilities needed for all domains of medical practice. These abilities are grouped thematically under seven roles: Medical Expert, Communicator, Collaborator, Leader, Health Advocate, Scholar and Professional. A competent physician seamlessly integrates the competencies of all seven CanMEDS Roles. The CanMEDS diagram below shows the seven CanMEDS Roles and their interconnections.



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For more information on CanMEDS Framework and Roles [click here](#).

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