

Welcome to the Program Video Script

Welcome to Touchstone Institute!

If you're here, you are an International Medical Graduate who has been successfully matched or attained a training position in Ontario. As an IMG transitioning to training, you're probably wondering what role Touchstone Institute plays in your journey.

A typical day starts with coffee in the lobby, before sessions begin. This can be a perfect opportunity to network with other individuals in the program, who are going through the same transition that you are. It can also be a great chance to interact with program faculty.

Over lunch, you also have the opportunity to meet with important industry organizations and associations that are relevant to your future training.

Being able to connect with peers, faculty and organizations alike, you can create a support network, which will help you navigate our program and your residency to come.

All sessions are led and developed by practicing physicians who are experts in their course subject matter.

Each instructor is an advocate in their health field; specifically chosen not only for their professional knowledge, but for their ability as leaders, to engage and inspire their students.

You will also gain access to our Online Learning System prior to the program, to browse additional research, lecture notes, and tip sheets for each session. The online learning system also contains dedicated modules that are easily completed from any mobile device or computer.

FACILITATOR: Are there any questions?

During some sessions, the instructor will engage you and your peers in a large group simulation where they will lead a simulated patient encounter.

Large groups give you a chance to observe professional and patient centered techniques that are applicable to the session's subject matter.

In addition, a large number of sessions utilize small group simulations, where you are able to put theory into practice by engaging in one-on-one patient encounters.

Small group simulations give you the ability to not only engage and improve upon your skills, but also allow for practicing physicians to oversee and evaluate your strengths and challenges. Simulated patients and your peers will also be involved in providing feedback on how similar interactions could be improved upon.

Many find this experience to be the most beneficial learning opportunity at Touchstone Institute as they are able to engage in challenging patient encounters in a formative setting prior to future training.

You'll also be given an opportunity to consult with a faculty physician who can provide individually catered advice.

This can range from program specific advice, to tips on successfully completing your residency, creating a healthy work life balance and trouble-shooting potential conflicts that may arise in a particular field of medicine.

Through competency based education, the sessions at Touchstone Institute focus on ensuring International Medical Graduates have the appropriate tools and supports to succeed in their transition to future training.

We look forward to being a part of your journey to practice in Ontario.

See you soon!