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Message from the NLMA President:

COVID-19 is in our province, and in the week that has passed, everyone has become much more concerned about the profound effects of the global pandemic. When I watch coverage of the climbing death toll in Italy and the scourge of this disease in New York, I worry.

I worry about my family, myself, my community and my colleagues, and I'm sure you do too.

In the weeks that come, as Coronavirus spreads throughout our communities, we as physicians need to be prepared to work differently and to support one another. In its 2008 policy "[Caring in crisis: The Ethical Obligations of Physicians and Society in a Pandemic](#)", the CMA outlines our obligation to care for patients. We should, in return, be protected from illness and infection. In the coming weeks, some of us will work in unfamiliar clinical areas and some will work in high risk situations.

As physicians we will step up, and that is one thing about which I do not worry.

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