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Editorial

New Maternity Benefits in Canada

André B. Lalonde, MD, FRCSC, FSOGC, FACS, MSc, Executive Vice-President

The Federal Government has announced that it has extended the maternity and parental benefits from 6 months to a full year and has made these benefits more relevant to the needs of modern working parents. For mothers who are requiring medical extension, the maximum benefit can be

increased to 65 weeks in situations where a birth mother has received a combination of maternity, parental and sickness benefits.

Who is eligible?

1. Maternity benefits up to 50 weeks are available to biological mothers.
2. Parental benefits up to 35 weeks are available to biological and adoptive parents.
3. Sickness benefits up to 15 weeks are available to people whose illness prevent them from working or women can take a combination of these 3 benefits to a maximum of 50 weeks for an extended maximum of 65 weeks for biological mothers who require medical extension.

Date of effect

The new parental rules came into effect April 18, 2002.

Preventive withdrawal

A prevention initiative is also now streamlined with the Government of Canada. Mothers who work in a place that can be dangerous for her health or that of her newborn can now take advantage of maternity and parental benefits.



At a time where the Canadian population is decreasing, both Federal/Provincial and Territorial Governments have put together programmes to encourage young families to have children. As an employer, I know how difficult it is when someone is leaving their place of work for an extended period of time but I believe that we all have to work together to ensure proper maternity benefits for our employees and our patients. ♀

The 16th Quebec CME Programme
in collaboration with the AOGG

September 25-27, 2003
at the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu
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Linda Desjardins, CGA, Director of Finance

The year 2002 has certainly been one of challenges and so will 2003. I wish to thank the staff from the IT and Finance divisions for their support and enthusiasm in facing all the changes that occurred during the year. Some of those changes caused a lot of headaches but they were all intended towards making a better future.

Our mandate is to develop and implement operational procedures and to support the finance system of the SOGC. We also assume the financial responsibilities of the FPSRH. We are introducing the latest version of IMIS and working towards online registration for the summer. We are also trying to build a better infrastructure which will allow us to do more analysis and to be proactive rather than reactive. I would like to take the opportunity to present you the people without whom all of this couldn't be achieved:

Marc-André Lalonde – A recent addition to our team. Marc-André joins us after working for 2 different accounting firms and for the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC). He has a college diploma from La Cité collégiale and is working towards getting his bachelor's degree with the goal of obtaining his CGA. Marc-André will be responsible for the FPSRH finance department as well as working with Debra Knecht for the SOGC accounting. He has a solid accounting background and will be an asset to our division.

Pierre Gagnon came on board just a year ago. He has been a great asset to the SOGC with his background of IT environments. He took on the heavy task of organizing and managing the SOGC network as well as other special projects. Thanks to Pierre, our network situation has come a long way and is getting better. He is a hard worker, dedicated, knowledgeable and he loves networking. Pierre is a father of four and enjoys fishing.

Debra Leduc has been with the SOGC since January 2000 as the organization's Webmaster. We are in the middle of improving our website along with upgrading IMIS and going online with registrations...so she's quite a busy lady. She also helps Pierre provide technical and database support for users. She is definitely a problem-solver, very determined (will not give up until a solution is found), dedicated, and enjoys helping people. Debra is a valuable team player and looks forward to challenges.

Debra Knecht is the Assistant to the CFO and has been with us for over two years. She has worked in accounting for many years and has a credited accounting college course. Dedicated to the SOGC and to her work, she is highly determined to solve problems and get to the bottom of things. She is very meticulous at what she does, so don't try to slip one by her because she won't fail to notice it. She has been invaluable in the many transitions the accounting team has undergone in the last few years. She is a mother of two and loves to do painting and crafts. 🐾



From left to right (sitting): Debra Leduc and Debra Knecht; (standing) Marc-André Lalonde, Linda Desjardins and Pierre Gagnon

New Telephone System

In order to serve you better, the SOGC has recently acquired an automated telephone system. The following is a list of all staff extension numbers, provided to facilitate your contacts with the National Office. After all, we are here for you!

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59th Annual Clinical Meeting
Charlottetown, PEI - June 25-30

16th Quebec CME (offered in French)
Fairmont Manoir Richelieu
Pointe-au-Pic, QC - September 25-27

22nd Ontario CME
Marriott Eaton Centre
Toronto, ON - December 4-6

COURSES

SCOPE - 2003

Vancouver, BC - October 24-25
University of BC, Centre of
Excellence for Surgical Education

Toronto, ON - November 14-15
Mount Sinai Hospital
Surgical Skills Centre

ALARM - 2003

Grande Prairie, AB - May 30-31

Charlottetown, PEI - June 23-24

Woodstock, NB - September 12-13

Ottawa, ON - October 24-25

Victoria, BC - November 21-22

Toronto, ON - December 7-8

Working with the Aboriginal Midwives

*Kathleen McGovern,
Research & Policy Analyst*

Last December, the vision of Carol Couchie, RM, Chair of the Aboriginal Health Issues Committee, was realized when over 30 Aboriginal Midwives and students from across Canada met as a group for the first time. There were Inuit, Metis and First Nations midwives present. The meeting took place in the Six Nations of the Grand Cree Community outside of Brantford. SOGC partnered with the National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) to bring this meeting about. The First Nations and Inuit Health Programs



*(left to right) Carol Couchie,
RM and Katsi Cook, RM.*

Branch of Health Canada provided SOGC with funding support.

At the meeting, the midwives discussed the need for an ongoing association, in order to restore and expand this ancient profession within Aboriginal communities. Dr. Jan Christilaw also provided a workshop on

emergency skills.

In January of this year, representatives from this gathering made a group presentation that was well received at NAHO's first annual Health Conference. SOGC is continuing to collaborate with NAHO, Health Canada, and other stakeholders to support Aboriginal Midwives.

Call for Abstracts

The Canadian Association of Midwives invites you to join us for our 3rd Annual Meeting in Montreal ~ Quebec, October 1, 2, & 3, 2003

We are looking for a dynamic faculty who are willing to share their research, their expertise and their views. The 2 ½ day conference will be offered in both official languages and concurrent translation services will be provided. The invited faculty will address the art of midwifery as well as ethics, informed choice, the meaning of risk and the application of clinical research in midwifery practice.

We are inviting both oral and poster presen-

tations in either French or English. In order to save on CAM's translation costs, please submit your abstract in both official languages if you have the ability to do so. If your abstract is accepted, it will be published in our conference syllabus. Your abstract should be limited to 250 words and must be received by the Conference Planning Committee of the Canadian Association of Midwives no later than May 31st, 2003.

Please submit an electronic version via e-mail attention: Patty McNiven mcnivenp@mcmaster.ca

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Good News! The ACM Programme meets the accreditation criteria of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been accredited up to 38.25 MainPro-MI credits. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has assigned 41 Cognate credits to this programme.

ACM Updates

NEW On-site Registration Schedule:

The Registration Desk will be open at the Delta Prince Edward at the following times:

Tuesday, June 24	15:30 – 19:00
Wednesday, June 25	07:00 – 17:00
Thursday, June 26	07:00 – 18:00
Friday, June 27	07:00 – 17:00
Saturday, June 28	07:00 – 12:30
Sunday, June 29	07:00 – 17:00
Monday, June 30	07:00 – 12:30

Scientific Programme Updates

SOGC has added additional sessions to its Scientific Programme:

Thursday, June 26

- 07:15 – 08:30 Breakfast Symposium (BS 1) “Urogenital Health: Old Problem, New Solutions”

Friday, June 27

- 11:00 – 12:30 International Symposium (IS 3) “A New Contraceptive Option: A Focus on the Transdermal Contraceptive System”
- 13:30 – 15:00 International Symposium (IS 4) “Primary Dysmenorrhea”

Sunday, June 29

- 07:00 – 08:30 Champagne Breakfast and International Symposium (IS 9) “The Current State of ART Treatment in Canada”
- 13:30 – 17:00 Sub-Specialty Meetings **don't forget to register early!**
- SS 1 – Canadian Society of Urogynaecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery (CSURPS)

- SS 2 – Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM)
- SS 3 – Society of Canadian Colposcopists (SCC)
- SS 4 – Pediatric and Adolescent Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- SS 5 – Endoscopy
- SS 6 – Nursing
- SS 7 – Society of Investigators in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (SIOGC) *NEW

Monday, June 30

- 07:00 – 08:30 International Symposium (IS10) “Oral Contraceptives & DVTE Controversy: Have we learned anything from the past? The Diane 35 Experience”

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In Conjunction with the ACM – AWHONN's Fetal Heart Monitoring Principles and Practices Workshop

Today's labor and delivery nurses need to keep their fetal heart monitoring (FHM) skills up to date. This workshop can provide you with those necessary skills.

Purpose: To promote integration of knowledge and skills essential to nursing assessment, promotion, and evaluation of fetal safety during labor.

Participants will receive a copy of Fetal Heart Monitoring Principles and Practices, approximately two weeks prior to the workshop. Each participant is expected to read the manual in preparation for the workshop.

Objectives: At the conclusion of this workshop, the participant should be able to:

- Demonstrate the decision-making process necessary for the proper selection and verification of FHM techniques;
- Analyze fetal heart rate patterns and their implications for fetal well-being;
- Correlate indicated clinical interventions with related maternal-fetal physiology;
- Describe the role and responsibility of the professional nurse in the use of FHM in intrapartum care;
- Simulate the psychomotor skills used in FHM, and

- Communicate verbal and written data to verify accountability.

Expected Level of Learner:

The FHMPP workshop is designed for registered nurses with a minimum of six months clinical nursing experience using fetal heart monitoring technology in an intrapartum setting.

Location: Inns on the Great George, Confederation Room, 58 Great George St.
Dates: June 25-26 from 08:00 – 16:00 ♪

SIOGC/SOGC Sub-Specialty Workshop

Sunday, June 29th, 2003, 13:30 – 16:00

Professionalism & The Appropriate Use Of Research Findings In My Clinical Practice: Challenges & Solutions?

Organizers: Drs. Helen Mc Namara & Ken Milne; Workshop Moderator: Dr. William Fraser, Chair, SIOGC Committee

- **Session 1:** Framing the Issues in Research Translation: Myths and Realities? - Dr. Helen Mc Namara
- **Session 2:** Professionalism & Practice Guidelines: Past, Present and Future? - Dr. Ken Milne

- **Session 3:** Randomized Controlled Clinical Trials: Why do we need them? - Dr. Mary Hannah
- **Session 4:** Interactive Session: Development of Basic Tool-Kit For Research Consumers: What Do We Really Need To Know? - Panel: Dr. Mc Namara, Dr. Milne and Dr. Hannah

To register for this workshop, check SS7 on the ACM registration form, available at www.sogc.org. ♪

SOGC Annual Business Meeting

Monday, June 30, 2003
Delta Prince Edward Hotel
7:00 am - 8:00 am

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May 16: Don't miss the deadline...

- For Social, leisure or spousal activities
- For the early bird registration

To register, please complete the form that was sent with the Preliminary programme or visit the SOGC Website at www.sogc.org/conferences/acm/index_e.shtml before May 16.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel rooms are still available (at time of print) at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites.

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

- 200 Trans Canada Highway (5-10 minutes by car from the Delta Prince Edward)
- Standard room: \$119 single/double occupancy
- Express suites: \$139 single/double occupancy
- Reservations: (902) 892-1201

(For alternate hotels, see page 8...)



Passport System

New this year, we have implemented a passport system during the exhibit days to offer you not only the chance to visit all the exhibit booths to learn of the latest pharmaceutical innovations, products and services but also to win prizes.

How does it work?

- An exhibitor's passport will be given to you in your registration package.
- To be eligible for the draw, you have to visit all the exhibiting companies from June 26 to 27 (in the foyer, the Prince room, mezzanine level).
- Each exhibiting company will stamp

your passport after your visit.

- All passports need to be completed and dropped in the box near the registration desk before 18:00 on Friday, June 27.

Two prizes to be won:

- **1st prize:** \$2,000 travel voucher for anywhere in North America (within a year)
- **2nd prize:** complimentary registration for the ACM 2004 in Edmonton!

The winners are to be announced during the President's Opening Reception on Friday, June 27 after 18:00.

Don't miss your chance to learn about the latest pharmaceutical innovations and to win prizes!

The SOGC gratefully acknowledges the ACM 2003 Sponsors and Exhibitors (confirmed at time of print)

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The 16th Quebec CME Programme

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September 25-27, 2003

at the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu
Pointe-au-Pic, Québec

Scientific Programme

The scientific programme is being developed with the specific goal to meet the needs of specialists, family physicians, nurses and midwives who offer health-care services to women. The topics to be presented are being chosen from members' needs assessments, completed at previous SOGC CME meetings.

Details of the scientific programme will be outlined in the Preliminary Programme which will be sent to you at the beginning of June. You will also be able to obtain this information in June by visiting the SOGC website at: www.sogc.org/conferences/quebec/index_e.shtml

Hotel Reservations at Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu

- Fairmont Room with a view of the nearby gardens: \$160 single or double occupancy
- Deluxe Fairmont Room with a view of the St-Lawrence River: \$180 single or double occupancy
- Deadline for room reservations: August 19, 2003
- Reservations: (418) 665-3703 or 1-800-441-1414
- Group code: OBSTE

Social activities:

For the first time, the planning committee is organizing a social event that will take place on the Friday, September 26th following the traditional Golf Tournament. Additional information on this special event will be published in the Preliminary Programme. Be sure to check your mail in early June for the programme and mark your calendars!

- Mentor Medical Systems (Canada) Inc.
- Microsulis (Canada) Inc.
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- Novogen (Canada) Ltd
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- Philips Medical Systems Canada
- Schering Canada Inc.
- Somagen Diagnostics Inc.
- Talott / Nasco
- Ultramed Inc.
- Vichy Laboratoires

Members' Corner



The SOGC extends its condolences to Mr. Marc Thibodeau of Rogers Communications and his wife Robyn, on the occasion of the death of his father-in-law, Joseph Pollack and his mother-in-law, Rose Pollack. Our thoughts are with you.

Obstetrician/Gynaecologist

The South Shore District Health Authority is seeking the services of a third Consulting Obstetrician/Gynaecologist, with remuneration as per the alternate funding arrangement for regional Obstetrics/Gynaecology specialists in Nova Scotia, which allows for the stabilization of physician income for 3 specialists. Proficiency in Colposcopy is essential. Applicants must be Canadian residents and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons (FRCSC).

The South Shore District Health Authority operates 3 hospitals in Lunenburg and Queens Counties: South Shore Regional Hospital in Bridgewater, Fishermen's Memorial Hospital in Lunenburg and Queens General Hospital in Liverpool. The South Shore Regional Hospital is the

District referral center of the South Shore, with a multi-specialty group of medical staff including 65 General Practitioners serving a population of 65,000.

The practice is located on the beautiful South Shore of Nova Scotia, Canada, and is 90 kilometres southwest of Halifax, the provincial capital. The South Shore is a special place to live and work with beautiful scenery, ocean beaches, fishing, golf courses and fine restaurants.

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The Meliá Caribe Tropical is the newest resort of Punta Cana, with two hotels Meliá Caribe & Meliá Tropical, offering a total of 1,044 rooms. The complex spans 500,000 m² on the shore of the eastern tip of the Dominican Republic, with only 145,000 m² built. Surrounded by palm trees and lush vegetation, the resort is ideal for families, golfers, weddings, as well as meetings and conventions. The Meliá Caribe Tropical is located right on Bávaro beach, one of the most beautiful beaches of the island, 500 m of which are exclusively reserved for the hotels' guests: about 40 km of white, fine sand, uncountable palm trees and crystal clear water. Punta Cana International Airport is 20 minutes away, Higuey 40 km, La Romana 90 km, and the capital, Santo Domingo, is 195 km away from the hotel.

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CALENDARS!
March 1-5, 2004**

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS - 2003

1st European Endoscopic Surgery Week
Scottish Exhibition and Conference
Centre, Glasgow, Scotland, U.K.
June 16-18
Info: 44 (0) 1794 511331/2
E-mail: icms@indexcommunication.com
Web site: www.eesw.com

**Fetal & Neonatal Physiological
Society 30th Annual Meeting**
Banff Conference Centre
Banff, AB - July 4-8
Info: (519) 646-6106
Fax: (519) 646-6213
E-mail: bricharl@uwo.ca
Web site: www.lhriionhealth.ca/fnps03

**Canadian Association of Midwives
- 3rd Annual Meeting & Convention**
Montreal, QC - October 1-3
E-mail: admin@canadianmidwives.org
Web Site: www.canadianmidwives.org

FIGO World Congress
Santiago, Chili - November 2-7
Info: Secretariat c/o Events Interna-
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Correction: November 5-8
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Successful Residents – Canadian Hemophilia Society Scholarship

Denise Desautels, Coordinator, Junior Members & Special Projects

CHS has offered 4 scholarships to residents or fellows in obstetrics/gynaecology who have an interest in the issue of gynaecological and obstetrical management of women with von Willebrand Disease. The scholarship will cover travel (based on economy fare), 2 nights accommodation (May 7, 8) and the conference registration fee. The country was divided into four regions (1 each from the western provinces, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic). The scholarship recipients have been asked to report back to the national association about the con-

ference possibly through an article in the national SOGC newsletter.

Residents who have been selected to attend the conference are:

- Atlantic region - Dr. Michelle Suga, PGY 4, Memorial University
- Quebec region - Dr. Stephanie Klam, Fellow MFM, Université de Montréal
- Ontario region - Dr. Millie Behera, PGY 4, University of Western Ontario
- Western region - Dr. Tracy Pressey, PGY 4, University of Alberta

Congratulations to these junior members! 🐾

Interested in International Women's Health?

The McMaster-Organon International Health Elective Scholarship is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate medical students, midwifery and nursing students who are enrolled in a Canadian university. The scholarship is valued at \$2,500 and will be awarded to TWO students who plan to complete an elective in international women's health within a developing country. The deadline for applications is September 1, 2003 and the elective must commence before July 1, 2004. For an application, please contact: jchamber@mcmaster.ca or marydharvey@yahoo.com.

Call for Nominations!

The SOGC Junior Member Committee requests nominations for the Vice-Chair Position.

This position involves a two year commitment during which time one takes the role of Chair of this pro-active and exciting committee focused on resident issues in obstetrics and gynaecology across Canada.

Nominations are to be forwarded to

Denise Desautels (d-desautels@sogc.com).

Any resident may be nominated across the country but must be present at the SOGC ACM in PEI this year as a resident representative for his/her respective university.

For more information please contact Jean-Pierre Gennaoui (Chair) or Sony Singh (Vice Chair) via Denise Desautels. 🐾

A full schedule for the residents at the Annual Clinical Meeting

Denise Desautels, Coordinator, Junior Members & Special Projects

June 25th and the ACM are fast approaching. We have a number of sessions/events planned for the Junior Members. The meeting will again kick off with the International Women's Health Symposium. Look for posters and presentations by some of our Junior Members. A new feature at this year's meeting will be a workshop/seminar on Stress Management for residents. The workshop is offered on Saturday June 28th from 11:00-13:00, appropriately followed by an afternoon of leisure activities. Sunday June 29th will be a full day for the residents with the poster/abstract sessions, the Junior Member Committee meeting, Student Symposium, and of course Resident Fun Night. "Stump the Professor" is scheduled for Monday June 30th. Come out and support your colleagues in "stumping the professor".

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SOGC'S International Women's Health Symposium (IWHS) June 25, 2003, Charlottetown, PEI Symposium Programme

Keynote Addresses:

- "Canada's Contribution to Saving Mothers and Newborns' Lives", Minister Susan Whelan, Ministry of International Cooperation, CIDA (TBC)
- "Kiboga Save the Mothers Project: Met Need for Essential Obstetrical Care," Pius Okong, MD
- "Maternal Mortality Reduction Initiatives: Lessons Learned in the Last 10 Years," Allan Rosenfield, MD

- Plenary – SOGC's IWH Programme: Growing and Expanding! A.B. Lalonde, MD, EVP, SOGC

Clinical Issues Related to International Obstetrics and Gynaecology

- "Clinical Issues Related to Reducing Maternal Mortality in India"; Faculty: Sanjay Gupte, MD
- "Improving Collaboration between Midwives and Obstetricians: Canadian Nurses' Association's Experience in Kosovo"; Faculty: C. Ellis
- "Unsafe Abortions in Developing Countries: Issues for Ob/Gyns" ; Faculty : Allan Rosenfield, MD (TBC)
- "Vesico-vaginal Fistula – Hope in Nigeria"; Bing Guthrie, MD

See you in Charlottetown! 🐾



Duchesnay Inc., the definition of philanthropic-minded

Robyn Harris, Executive Director

When an organization is just starting out, there are obviously many obstacles and the first for the Foundation was how to ensure that funding was available to achieve the goal of providing research grants. That obstacle was quickly overcome because Duchesnay was there to assist. Since the beginning, Duchesnay has led the way as a founding supporter of the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health. It is this company's belief in the work of the Foundation that has helped the Foun-



From left to right: Robert J. Gauthier, MD - Foundation President; Éric Gervais - Executive Vice President of Duchesnay Inc.; Carole Boyer - Director - Administration Corporate Affairs of Duchesnay Inc.

ation grow. Duchesnay has donated more than \$200,000 during the past few years. This support helps the Foundation to continue to offer grants through the Duchesnay Fund for a better use of drugs during pregnancy and lactation as well as ensures the longevity of the Foundation. Duchesnay is no ordinary company, it is a role model for all. It is with heartfelt appreciation that the Foundation acknowledges this visionary company.



Did someone say lobster?

Don't forget to register for the Foundation's fourth annual fundraising dinner. Sign up today. It is so easy: simply include the number of tickets you would like for the dinner when registering for the ACM in Charlottetown. You will have a wonderful evening, while you help to support women's health research. Please mark Friday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. on your calendar for an evening filled with great food, lively music, and lots of laughter.

Alternate Hotels in Charlottetown

- Elmwood Heritage Inn** ★★★★★
 - 121 North River Road, Charlottetown
 - Tel: 902-368-3310
 - www.elmwoodinn.pe.ca
 - Bed and Breakfast units with private bath
- Rodd Royalty Inn** ★★★★★
 - discounted rate of \$115, state SOGC when reserving
 - Intersection of Highway #1 & #2, Charlottetown
 - Tel: 902-894-8566
 - www.rodd-hotels.ca
- Comfort Inn Charlottetown** ★★★★★
 - 112 Trans Canada Highway, Charlottetown
 - Tel: 902-566-4424
 - www.peisland.com/comfortinn

- Banbridge Inn** ★★★★★
 - 105 Trans Canada Highway, Charlottetown
 - Tel: 902-368-2223
 - www.banbridgeinn.com
- Hotels/Cottages within a 30-min. drive:**
- Brackley Beach North Winds** ★★★★★
 - (60 rooms available, \$90 - \$200)
 - Brackley Beach (20 min. north of Charlottetown)
 - Tel: 902-672-2245
 - www.peisland.com/northwinds
- Dalvay by the Sea Cottages** ★★★★★
 - Dalvay (20 min. north of Charlottetown on the beach)
 - Tel: 902-672-2048
 - www.dalvaybythesea.com

- Shaw's Hotel and Cottages** ★★★★★
 - Brackley Beach (20 min. north of Charlottetown)
 - Tel: 902-672-2022
 - www.shawshotel.ca
- Stanley Bridge Resort** ★★★★★
 - Stanley Bridge (35 min. west of Charlottetown)
 - Tel: 902-886-2882
 - www.stanleybridgeresort.com
- Sundance Cottages** ★★★★★
 - Cavendish (30 min. north of Charlottetown)
 - Tel: 902-963-2149
 - www.sundancecottages.ca

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