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Dear Paramedic,

The EMS Chiefs of Canada are committed to foster growth and development of paramedicine in Canada. In the interest of advancing and aligning EMS leadership in Canada, our *White Paper*, *The Future of EMS in Canada - Defining the Road Ahead*, details the below noted strategies for the future. The EMSCC recognizes that Education is a key component to promote this growth.

Specifically;

- A Clear Core Identity
- Stable Funding
- Systematic Improvement
- Personnel Development
- Leadership Support and
- Mobilized Health Care

One of the missing pieces was an EMS textbook written for Canadian paramedics. The first Canadian edition of *Caroline's Emergency Care in the Streets* is the long-awaited textbook that meets this need. The author group who wrote and reviewed this textbook includes many well-respected leaders in Canadian EMS education and medical direction. The textbook is the ideal compliment to the National Occupational Competency Profiles and will help paramedic educators in Canada deliver truly Canadian-based content for the first time.

We thank Russell and Rob for their expertise, hard work and dedication to this project. We also thank Jones and Bartlett for supporting paramedicine in Canada and publishing this landmark textbook. This textbook will be a cornerstone in the growth and development of our profession for many years.

On behalf of the EMS Chiefs of Canada, I thank you for your commitment to advancing and aligning EMS in Canada.

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