



JSC and RCCbc programs, projects and initiatives

Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues programs

Name	Descriptor	Team
Rural Retention Program	Retention payments paid to physicians working in eligible RSA communities.	Physician Compensation Office, Ministry of Health
Recruitment Incentive Fund	Funding for physicians recruited to fill vacancies.	Physician Compensation Office, Ministry of Health
Recruitment Contingency Fund	Additional funding to assist communities, health authorities, or physician groups where the difficulty in filling a vacancy is, or is expected to be, especially severe.	Physician Compensation Office, Ministry of Health
Isolation Allowance Fund	Additional funding to assist RSA communities with recruiting expenses where the difficulty in filling a vacancy is, or is expected to be, especially severe.	Physician Compensation Office, Ministry of Health
Northern and Isolation Travel Assistance Outreach Program (NITAOP)	NITAOP provides funding for approved physicians who visit eligible rural and isolated communities to provide medical services.	Health Authorities in association with the Ministry of Health
Rural Continuing Medical Education (RCME) - <i>Individual</i>	Allocates enhanced CME funds for individual rural physicians	Physician Compensation Office, Ministry of Health
Rural Emergency Enhancement Fund (REEF)	Funding for eligible rural emergency departments to support fee-for-service physicians who collaboratively plan for and provide public access to ED services on a regular, scheduled basis.	Physician Compensation Office, Ministry of Health
Supervisors of Provisionally Licensed Physicians	Funding for eligible supervising physicians who spend a significant amount of time assessing the knowledge, competencies, and clinical skills of rural physicians who have provisional licenses.	Physician Compensation Office, Ministry of Health
Program evaluation (REAP)	Assessment and analysis of program data and participant feedback that is collected and presented to the JSC	RCCbc Research, Evaluation, and Quality Improvement (REQI)
Rural GP Locum Program	The Rural GP Locum Program (RGPLP) enables rural general practitioners in designated	Locums for Rural BC

	communities in BC to secure subsidized relief from clinical practice for continuing medical education, vacation, or health reasons.	
Rural GPA Locum Program	The Rural GP Anesthesia Locum Program (RGPALP) enables rural general practitioners providing core anesthesia services (GPAs) in designated communities in BC to secure subsidized relief from clinical practice for continuing medical education, vacation, or health reasons.	Locums for Rural BC
Rural Specialist Locum Program	The Rural Specialist Locum Program (RSLP) enables rural specialists in designated communities in BC to secure subsidized relief from clinical practice for continuing medical education, vacation, or health reasons.	Locums for Rural BC
Funding to attend SRPC Rural and Remote Medical Course (conference)	A bursary to support travel and accommodation expenses for BC rural physicians traveling to attend the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada Rural and Remote Medical Course	JSC Executive Staff
Funding to attend Rural Locum Forum	Funding provided to rural physicians to facilitate attending the annual Rural Locum Forum in exchange for a Return of Service	JSC Executive Staff

Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues one-time funded projects

Name	Descriptor	Team
The CARE Course	A two day course delivered in-community that uses an interprofessional team-based approach to teach emergent care	Drs. Jel Coward and Rebecca Lindley; Elisa Chow, Kassia Skolski
NEEP	This program provides rural family physicians with a unique opportunity for comprehensive skills enhancement in Emergency Medicine. Includes a three-month, full time, remunerated fellowship	Dr. Kevin McMeel, Leslie Carty, Adrienne Peltonen
NITAOP Evaluation	Evaluation of the NITAOP	Dr. Ian Schokking, Adrienne Peltonen
Evaluation of First Nations Access to Rural Programs	Evaluation of First Nation Communities and their access/eligibility to Rural Programs	Dr Terri Aldred
Rural Doctors UBC Chair in Rural Health	The JSC endowed a Chair in rural health within the UBC Department of Family Practice. The Chair seeks to create rural research opportunities, and improve rural medical education and health service delivery through UBC channels	Dr. Dave Snadden, Bree Orser
UBC Dean's Advisory Committee	This committee advises the Dean of UBC Faculty of Medicine about the activities and strategies of	Drs. Ray Markham, Dave Snadden, and Bob

	the Rural Doctors' UBC Chair in Rural Health. RCCbc administratively supports this committee	Woollard (alternate); Bree Orser
RRP Review and Evaluation	The JSC's Rural Retention Program is being reviewed and evaluated to assess what program elements are working well, and which ones might be improved	Dr. Ed Marquis, Doug Blackie, Anne Lesack
Sustainable (Vulnerable) Communities consultations	When requested, RCCbc meets with rural community members and other stakeholders to assess and co-develop strategies to address rural healthcare service delivery challenges.	Dr Ray Markham, Leslie Carty
PRA/IMG Support	Short and long term supports for PRA -BC candidates and IMGs	Dr. Ray Markham
Setting Up for Success Initiative	A series of supports and projects which develop infrastructure and resources for new-to-rural-practice physicians and PRA-BC candidates	Drs. Ray Markham, Dietrich Furstenburg and John Pawlovich; Elisa Chow
Real-time Virtual Support	Collaborative strategies that support real-time virtual support, including CODI – an app that connects rural healthcare providers with an intensivist in real time.	Dr. John Pawlovich
Rural Site Visits Project	RCCbc – on behalf of the JSC – seeks to connect with all RSA communities between 2017 and 2020 to hear directly from community members about their thoughts on BC health care	Dr. Stuart Johnston, Krystal Wong, Erika Belanger, Jordan Christmas, Anne Lesack
Rural Patient Transport	A group engaging with BC EHS, EPOS and PTN to discuss strategies to improve rural transport communications and deployment	Drs. Trina Larsen Soles, Jel Coward, and Nancy Humber; Paul Kendal
Rural Physician Research Support Projects grant	An initiative to foster rural research in BC community settings	Dr. Dave Snadden, Adrienne Peltonen, Janna Olynick, Jason Curran
Rural Global Health Partnership Initiative grant	An initiative to foster ethical and bilateral partnerships between rural BC physicians and medical learners, and low resource communities within BC, Canada, and globally	Dr. Videsh Kapoor, Adrienne Peltonen
Choices in Practice and Parenting	An initiative that provides education and supports for physician parents looking to balance the demands of practice and family	Drs Kirstie Overhill and Tracey Thorne; Kassia Skolski
Rural Physician Mentoring Program	Additional seats were provided for this formal, structured physician mentoring program designed specifically to address the needs of physicians who are new to rural practice	Dr. Bob Bluman, Dilys Leung, Jenna Lightbody
Rural Medicine Interest Longitudinal Mentorship	A rural mentorship program for medical students and residents	Dr. James Card
Rural Input into Ongoing Provincial QI	RCCbc provides rural representation at the BC Medical Quality Initiative table, which addresses approaches to maintaining and/or improving healthcare provider performance	Drs. Dan Horvat and Bob Woollard

Rural Continuing Medical Education (RCME) – <i>Community Program</i>	Funding to support in-community CME opportunities decided upon by the community of physicians to share with their interprofessional colleagues	Dr. Ian Schokking, Heather Gummow, Leslie Carty
Rural Surgical and Obstetrical Networks (RSON)	The Rural Surgical and Obstetrical Networks (RSON) initiative is working to provide sustainable local/regional surgery programs ‘closer to home’ in geographic areas served by GPs with Enhanced Surgical Skills or a solo General Surgeon by enhancing the existing care networks with their referral centres.	Dr. Nancy Humber, Kim Williams, Paul Kendal
Rural OB Network	A provincial interprofessional network of rural maternal healthcare providers seeking to retain OB and delivery services in rural settings	Drs. Jeanette Boyd and Heather Gottlieb, Lee Yeates (RM)
FPA Network	A provincial network of Family Practice Anesthetists (FPAs) seeking to support and retain anesthesia services in rural settings	Dr. Kirk McCarroll
ESS National Group	RCCbc representatives bring a BC perspective and experiences to the national Enhanced Surgical Skills Standing Committee which is housed with the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC)	Dr. Stu Iglesias, Paul Kendal
Rural Advantage in Primary and Community Care Networks	Providing resources and support to align with current provincial work on the development and implementation of a well-integrated system of primary and community care, initially supporting the development of Primary Care Networks	Drs Ray Markham, Alan Ruddiman and Granger Avery; Kim Williams, Anne Lesack

RCCbc ongoing initiatives and projects

Name	Descriptor	Team
Indigenous Physician Network	A developing network that seeks to connect Indigenous physicians and medical learners throughout BC for education, mentoring, and networking purposes	Dr. Terri Aldred, Kassia Skolski
Rural Locum Forum	This annual event gathers together BC’s rural locums and physicians interested in locuming for accredited learning, discussions about BC rural health services, and networking.	Dr. Pamela Kryskow, Elisa Chow, Sharon Mah
BC Rural Health Conference	This annual conference offers accredited learning (sessional and hands-on workshops) about rural medicine and emergency medicine. The event offers excellent networking opportunities.	Dr. Brenda Huff, Elisa Chow, Sharon Mah
BC Rural Locum Discussion Listserv	An email listserv that allows BC rural locums and those interested in locuming to discuss issues, post work opportunities, and share helpful information/studies/data.	

BC Rural Health Awards	An awards program that recognizes rural physicians, interprofessional health teams, and rural communities for their rural health contributions	RCCbc Awards Committee, Sharon Mah
<i>BC Rural Update</i> (eNews)	A monthly eNewsletter featuring news, educational opportunities, and rurally-relevant programs/projects/initiatives	Sharon Mah
Rural Residents Network	RCCbc is starting to gather interest in and build infrastructure for a network of residents and early practice rural physicians	Drs. James Card, Kyle Ng and Carl Whiteside; Sharon Mah
Emergency Medicine	The EM group is contributing a rural perspective at several emergency medicine tables, including UBC CPD's Clinical Coaching for Excellence Program, and BC Emergency Medicine Network's Point of Care Clinical Summary resources	Drs. Danette Dawkin, John Soles, and Dave Whitaker
Rural Health Services Research Network of BC	A network that connects and supports BC rural researchers across the province in developing a project from concept to presentation.	Dr. Stefan Grzybowski, and Evonne Tran
Physician Resiliency	RCCbc, in collaboration with Doctors of BC and UBC CPD, advocate for and support several initiatives that address resiliency issues (mentoring, coaching, burnout, balancing work and practice)	Dr. Kirstie Overhill, Kassia Skolski, Sharon Mah
Interprofessional Teams	This sector supports and promotes interprofessional team-based delivery of care where appropriate	

UBC Rural Continuing Professional Development (RCPD)

Name	Descriptor	
Clinical Coaching for Excellence, RSON	This program supports family physicians, enhanced surgical skills physicians and nurses in rural BC to optimize their clinical practice through personalized and context-specific coaching	Drs. Kirstie Overhill, Kirk McCarroll and Vikki Haines; Emily Broadman
Coaching and Mentorship Program	Alongside the New to Rural Practice Mentorship and Clinical Coaching for Excellence programs, CAMP meets the unique needs of rural physicians and communities as they work towards personal and practice improvement goals	Dr. Bob Bluman, Jenna Lightbody, Emily Broadman
HOUSE (Hands On Ultrasound Education)	Modular point-of-care ultrasound course that travels to rural communities	Dr. Tandi Wilkinson, Nicole Moon
ESCAPE (Enhanced Simulation for Critical Care and Perioperative Emergencies)	A one-day, high fidelity simulation program, designed and delivered by family practice anesthesiologists, that focuses on building team dynamics to optimize crisis resource management in the rural perioperative setting	Drs. Kirk McCarroll and Bruce McKnight; Nicole Moon

Rural BC Airway Mannequin Loan Program	A flexible and close-to-home provincial airway mannequin rental service, complete with scenarios	Dilys Leung
Rural Videoconference Rounds	The Rural Rounds series aims to provide relevant, up to date and rurally specific CME in your community	Dr. Dana Hubler and Hadas Haft
Specialist Online Journal Clubs	An online journal club is like a traditional journal club, with the added advantage to you of being able to participate at any time, from anywhere	