

Rural Continuing Medical Education (RCME) Community Program

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Community Implementation

The RCME team has officially implemented 90 of the 104 eligible RSA communities into the new program.

Once implemented, communities are accessing new funding as well as being supported to create and develop locally driven models of community education.

To connect with the RCME Team RCME@RCCbc.ca

Rural Point of Care Ultrasound Survey



The Rural Coordination Centre of British Columbia (RCCbc) is conducting a survey on Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) use in rural BC. Inclusion of POCUS in health care has the potential to improve patient assessment and management in rural BC. For austere or remote environments without CT or diagnostic US, few things improve bedside care more than skilled POCUS use. Initially developed primarily for use within emergency departments, POCUS has expanded to nearly every field of medicine, including primary care.

As a rural physician, you are invited to complete this survey to better understand the current state of use of POCUS in BC, in which settings and for which indications. We seek to understand the attitudes about and barriers to using POCUS. The answers you and your colleagues provide will inform the development and improvement of medical education and practice supports for rural clinicians in BC using POCUS. The survey is also being conducted for research purposes and may be submitted for publication.

The survey will inform RCCbc's Rural POCUS Strategy, the goal of which is to promote and support safe point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) use throughout rural BC. Building on the RCCbc sponsored, Intelligent Network for Point-of-Care Ultrasound (IN POCUS) project, the Strategy will be developed by a working group of multidisciplinary, provincial POCUS leaders, creating a roadmap for addressing gaps in POCUS exposure in medical education and in CPD for practicing physicians.

The Strategy is being co-lead by Drs Virginia Robinson (Ferne, BC) and Tracy Morton (Haida Gwaii, BC), both of whom are Principal Investigators for this survey. As an incentive - and recognizing the burden of completing surveys - you can win one of for 4 draw prizes: an iPad, a 2-month trial of a GE VScan handheld ultrasound, a 2-month trial of a Philips Lumify and a grand prize: a Clarius C3 handheld ultrasound.

Click [here](#) to take the survey.

Please contact Tdeleeuw@rccbc.ca for more information

Rural Leadership Development Program

REAP is currently accepting applications for the Rural

Leadership Development Program. The purpose of this program is to increase opportunities for rural physicians to pursue leadership training and develop the skills and abilities to help bring system improvements that will benefit British Columbia's rural populations.

Rural physicians who are pursuing formalized leadership training may apply for up to \$15,000 to cover expenses. In addition to this, participants are offered a mentoring opportunity with a rural leader through UBC CPD's Rural Physician Mentoring Program. Physicians may apply if they have been practicing in an RSA Community for at least nine months of the past year and if they have letters of support from their health authority and community.

Applications are accepted twice/year - the next deadline is October 31, 2021.

For more information or to download an application form, please visit the [website](#).

For more information about REAP, please visit www.rccbc.ca/reap.



Community Corner

VCH - Sechelt

Sechelt Medical Conference

The Sechelt Hospital physician group had a successful local one day Vaccine-Passport Accredited Conference.

Local speakers covered topics ranging from the unexpected delivery in the ER, to glucose monitoring systems, to a review of acute knee pain. We were able to entice ENT, dermatology, orthopedic and rheumatology colleagues to present. Airways dolls were rented from the college of physicians and a central line station was available. The local college campus provided ample space for all to be comfortable. It was a delight to learn together in-person, and enjoy the food and music provided.

The access to funding was much appreciated, and so much easier than in years previous. A special thank you to Eva Jackson, Rural Programs' Liaison VCH/RCCbc, for her assistance.

- Dr. Sara Wadge, Sechelt

Rural physician grant opportunities

Rural Physician Research Grants

The [RCCbc Rural Physician Research Grant program](#) aims to empower rural physician researchers – or new aspiring researchers – to pursue innovative rural research and knowledge translation projects contributing to advancing rural health in BC. Through this project, rural physician researchers will be able to apply for research grants of up to \$10,000 per year to support research activities. To be eligible, applicants must be a BC physician with experience practicing rural medicine and with demonstrable extensive connections to rural communities. The research must be pertaining to health in rural BC.

To apply for this opportunity, please download the application forms from the [website](#) and submit it to apeltonen@rccbc.ca. The deadline for the next round of submissions is October 31, 2021.

Rural Global Health Partnership Initiative: For Health Equity at Home and Abroad

The [Rural Global Health Partnership Initiative](#) (RGHPI) is a program which provides funding to support partnerships between rural BC physicians or medical trainees committed to rural service, and underserved communities in BC, Canada, and internationally. The goals of this initiative are to enhance capacity for generalism in rural BC; to foster reciprocal learning in diverse health systems and community contexts; and to demonstrate how global health (local and international) community partnerships can heighten awareness, create innovative solutions to address healthcare challenges, and lead to improved health outcomes, especially for underserved, marginalized, and indigenous populations.

Through this initiative, rural BC physicians and medical trainees (residents and medical students) with a demonstrated interest in rural medicine and global health can apply for funding up to \$10,000 to support global health partnership projects.

To apply for this opportunity, please download the application forms from the [website](#) and submit them to apeltonen@rccbc.ca. The application deadline is October 31, 2021.

For more information on RCME:

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