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Building Capacity,
Collaboration,
and Communication



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Dear RHSRNbc members,

I hope this newsletter finds you well during our beautiful season of autumn! In the month of June, we held our Rural Emergency Services Research Symposium in collaboration with the BC Emergency Medicine Network and the Rural Coordination Centre of BC. Some project updates on our GIS tool is we have expanded its scope by continuing to map additional catchments with plans to include more service profiles. Our long term goal with this project will be to develop a spatial data infrastructure that rural health service researchers can utilize. Project updates and information are found down below!

We are featuring RCCbc's Rural Global Health Partnership Initiative in this newsletter. The application deadline for this is April 30, 2019. If you have any questions

Funding Opportunities

Rural Global Health Partnership

Deadline: April 30, 2019

A new program providing funding to support partnerships between rural BC physicians or medical trainees committed to rural service, and lower resource communities in BC, Canada, and in developing countries. The goals of this initiative are to enhance capacity for

about the awards or applications feel free to contact me by email.

We are in the midst of improving our website by building and making more accessible KT or research-related resources for our members. We would like your input as to how we can go about better doing that! Click [here](#) to participate in our survey!

Happy reading!

Warm regards,
Evonne Tran, RHSRNbc Coordinator

Meet the New RHSRNbc Coordinator!



My name is Evonne and I am excited to be introducing myself as the new RHSRNbc Coordinator! My educational background is in Global Health and Nutrition where I am looking to develop my career in health communications. I intend to explore in more depth knowledge translation and how to effectively disseminate information to facilitate collaboration between communities and institutions through visual design. With my background and experiences in global health, my plans for the Network include further developing our supportive infrastructure by drafting a communication plan to promote our activities and plan the types of resources you would like to see more of. Feel free to reach out if you need assistance with research, funding and even networking opportunities. I look forward to connecting with you!

generalism in rural BC; to foster reciprocal learning in diverse health systems/community contexts and more!

Rural Health Podcast Series

[Rural Health Leadership Radio™](#)
by Dr. Bill Auxier

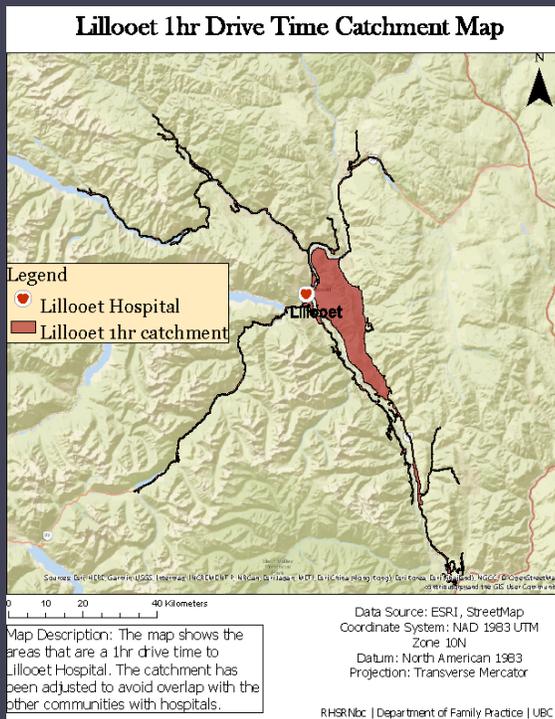
[Let's Talk By Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health](#)
by The Centre for Rural and remote Mental Health

[Rural Matters](#)
by Michelle Rathman

RHSRNbc Featured on Thrivehire

ThriveHire is a platform connected to career opportunities related to global health. In browsing volunteer, internship opportunities and more, you will be able to find the most up-to-date opportunities in one place. Check out the RHSRNbc's profile [here!](#)

Project Updates: GIS Catchment



We have been developing a tool on GIS that contains catchments for researchers to apply spatial analysis in capturing patient flow patterns with respect to available health services and linking it to health outcomes. Currently, we have created 1 hour drive time catchment maps for 63 communities in rural BC, using the Network Analyst extension on Arc GIS. Some of our next steps in developing this tool is expanding the scope of this project by increasing the number of catchments by including more rural communities in BC and to include key services of interests such as emergency, maternity, anesthetic, palliative care services and more. For more information on our GIS project, [click here!](#)

If you would like more information on this GIS-tool, contact us. More info will be available on our website soon!

Upcoming Events

BC Rural Health Conference

May 24-26, 2019 | Nanaimo, BC | [More information here](#)

Join other rural physicians and allied health professionals across BC for an interactive, accredited CME/CD. This event will offer hands-on skills workshops, interactive group sessions and inter-professional learning opportunities!

Quality Forum

Tuesday, February 26-28, 2019 | Hyatt Regency Vancouver | [More information here](#)

“The Quality Forum is our annual three-day conference. The first day hosts full-day sessions that “dive deep” into timely topics, as well as our evening Health Talks event. The following two days feature the Quality Forum’s main

Recent Publications

[Nurses who work in rural and remote communities in Canada: a national survey](#)

[Exploring Fetal Fibronectin testing as a predictor of labour onset.](#)

[High acuity rural transport: findings from a qualitative investigation.](#)

Featured Members

From looking for opportunities in rural to networking, we want to feature our members here! Include what you want to share such whether that may be your research interests, educational background, or outreach to others.

Send us an email if you would like to be featured!

programming: plenary speakers, presentations and workshops on topics related to improving quality across the continuum of care."

Design Thinking: A Human-Centred Approach to Health Care Improvement

January 31, 2019 | Coast Capri Kelowna, BC | [More information here](#)

"We will curate recent knowledge around innovation and design thinking, and provide the opportunity to apply the design thinking methodology to a real-life health care challenge. Join us for an interactive session that will do things differently!"



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