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News from the RHSRNbc Office

Dear RHSRNbc members,

We hope that this month's newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. Happy New Year! We look forward to working with you in 2021.

Following the BC government directives for COVID-19, the University of British Columbia remains operational, but access to campus is restricted. Kindly note that

the Rural Health Services Research Network is working remotely until further notice. The best way to reach us is via [email](#).

The RHSRNbc network successfully hosted our first virtual Symposium on 'Planning resilient communities and adapting rural health services in response to climate change and ecosystem disruption' on Nov 30th - Dec 1st, 2020. We were delighted with the participation turnout and the discussions that ensued. The planning committee of the symposium organized a working group meeting following the symposium to discuss further steps in the new year.

In this edition of our newsletter, we update on the network's activities, upcoming events, research, funding and volunteer opportunities, online resources, recent rural research publications and more.

Have a wonderful week and stay safe!

Activity Updates

- [RHSRNbc 2020 Symposium Proceedings](#)
- [RHSRNbc Symposium recordings and learning materials](#)
- [RHSRNbc publications on climate change, ecosystem disruption and enhancing rural resiliency](#)
- [BCRHRExchange RCCbc highlights and session recordings](#)

Surveys

Engagement survey

If you are interested in spotlighting rural health workers, community members working on community health initiatives, or if you want to feature a personal story, pictures or other opportunities, please fill out this [survey](#). We would love to feature it in the next newsletter.

Networking Opportunities

One of the many infrastructures at the SPOR network, Can-SOLVE CKD is the Canadian Nephrology Trials Network (CNTN). At CNTN, we are trying to engage community-based nephrologists or nephrology health care providers and trainees. We have a quarterly newsletter and our website has a listing of investigator-initiated trials and highlights our member's publications, as well as the promoting news and events in kidney research across Canada. If you know of anyone who might be interested, you could send them my contact information (amurdoch@cansolveckd.ca) or our [website address](#).

Awards

SRPC Awards Program - Jan 31, 2021

Student / Resident Leadership Award
Rural Leadership Award
Rural Specialist Merit Award
Rural Heart Award
Rural Mentorship Award
Rural Health Champion Award
Rural Community Impact Award

SRPC Awards Program - March 1st, 2021

Rural Service Award
Rural Long Service Award
Fellowship of Rural Remote Medicine of the SRPC
Lifetime Membership Award

More information [here](#)

Funding Opportunities

Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives Program

The Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives Program supports the mandate of the Department of Canadian Heritage by building on Canada's strength as a diverse and inclusive society. Read more about the funding [here](#).

Deadline: Jan 12, 2021

Collaboration for health research in Northern BC Seed Grant Program

The goal of the Seed Grant Program is to enable collaborators at PHSA, NH and UNBC to work in partnership and initiate new research projects that focus on improving the quality of health services and improving the health of the population in northern BC.

Deadline: February 19th, 2021

Anticipated Notice of Funding Decision | April 1, 2021

Rural physician research grants

The Rural Physician Research Support Project 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. For more information, click [here](#).

Deadline: April 30, 2021

Rural global health partnership initiative

The Rural Global Health Partnership Initiative (RGHPI) is a new program that supports partnerships between BC physicians or medical trainees committed to rural service, and lower resource communities in BC, Canada, and developing countries. Applicants may apply for grant categories up to \$5000 and \$10,000. To apply for this opportunity, please check [here](#).

Deadline: April 30, 2021

Rural Education Action Plan (REAP) Sponsorship for Conference Attendance

REAP sponsors UBC medical students and residents to attend national and provincial rurally-focused medical conferences each year, including RCCbc's Rural Health Conference and SRPC's Rural & Remote Medicine Conference. Eligibility and application are available through the website.

Deadline: Jan 31, 2021

Events

The Canadian Conference on Medical Education (Apr 17-20, 2021)



Theme - Making Waves: Exploring the Waters of Medical Education. More information & registration will be posted [here](#) in early 2021.

SRPC Rural & Remote Medicine Course (Apr 22-24, 2021)

More information coming soon [here](#).

RCCbc Virtual Rural Health Conference (May 29-30, 2021)



RHC 2021, which will occur in a virtual format due to pandemic restrictions, will feature plenary sessions with keynote speakers that are sure to inspire. The event will also feature hands-on skill-building workshops for rural health practitioners on suturing, airway, ultrasound and other rurally-relevant topics and techniques. For more information, click [here](#).

29th Annual Rural and Remote Medicine Course (April 22-24, 2021, Niagara Falls)

The Society of Rural Physicians of Canada has postponed their 29th Annual Rural and Remote Medicine course to April 22-24th, 2021 in Niagara Falls, ON. Read a statement from Peter Hutten-Czapski, Scientific Editor for the Canadian Journal for Rural Medicine [here](#). More information [here](#).

8th International Symposium: Safety & Health in Agricultural, Rural & Remote Populations (SHARP)

Save the Date: Oct 17-20, 2021.

More information [here](#).

Online Resources

RCCbc Real-Time Virtual Support Toolkit for Healthcare Providers

This toolkit is designed for physicians, nurses, and nurse practitioners in rural, remote, and First Nations communities to access different real-time virtual support pathways and collaboratively deliver care with partnered physicians.

Locums for Rural BC

Locums for Rural BC administers the Rural GP Locum Program, Rural GP Locum Program, and the Rural Specialist Locum Program. Check their website for more information and current locum openings.

UBC Rural Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

UBC Rural CPD provides opportunities for rural health providers to improve and broaden their scope of practice, with many courses offering flexible and tailored support in areas spanning from addiction medicine to surgery.

RCCbc Really Rural Surgery and Obstetrics Podcast

This educational medical podcast series is hosted by Dr. Bret Batchelor, an Enhanced Surgical Skills (ESS) family physician practicing in Revelstoke. The show analyzes recent surgical and obstetrical studies relating to rural practices.

Preventing COVID-19 Infection in the Workplace

This course is offered by UBC.

Social justice terminology

An online resource from the University of Colorado.

BC AHSN: COVID-19 Research Inventory

BC AHSN offers a repository of COVID-19 related research undertaken in BC

Free Mental Health Support for BC residents

UBCO collaborates with BCPA and province to offer psychological first-aid service

Recent Publications

Planning Resilient Communities and Adapting Rural Health Services in British Columbia: A response to climate change and ecosystem disruption



[BC local news article: Kimberley youth invited to speak at the Provincial Climate Change Research Symposium](#)

[Why are we so much more afraid of COVID-19 than of climate change? Early lessons from a health crisis for the communication of climate change](#)

[Indigenous communities are at the forefront of climate resilience](#)

[Canadian Attitudes on Healthcare and Telemedicine 2020 Report](#)

[Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine](#)

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[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[REACH BC](#)

REACH BC connects volunteers like you with health researchers across British Columbia.

[COVID-19 volunteering opportunities in Canada](#)

Resource connects Canadian students, academics, and technical staff and trainees from relevant programs to volunteer opportunities to address the impacts of COVID-19 across Canada.

[Volunteer BC COVID-10 Resource Page](#)

List of resources on how to safely volunteer in BC during the time of COVID-19.

[Volunteer Canada](#)

Includes a list of volunteer opportunities during COVID-19, and how to stay safe and volunteer.

[List of Volunteer Centres in BC](#)

List of organizations in BC that provide volunteer programs and citizen engagement opportunities.

[Volunteer Postings](#)

Current volunteer openings in BC.

[Employment Opportunities](#)

- GIS and Health Graduate position at Dalhousie University

More information [here](#)



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