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Building Capacity, Collaboration & Communication

Dear RHSRNbc members,

What a busy month it's been! The Rural Generalist Summit and the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada's Rural and Remote Medicine Course was held last week in Montreal.

Both events were a huge success with over 800 attendees from rural communities and practices across the country. The Network assisted with the planning of the Rural Generalist Summit and exhibited at the conference while Dr. Stefan Grzybowski, RHSRNbc Director, delivered several presentations and workshops, including a very engaging workshop on developing a research question. Overall, both the summit and conference were wonderful events, highlighting both the innovation and remarkable leadership in our rural medical communities.

Items on RHSRNbc's agenda for the next month include the organization of a rural health services symposium in Vancouver, bringing researchers across BC and Australian colleagues together. We are also in the process of finalizing our new website - stay tuned for our big reveal in May.

There are some great events happening in May, including the Rural Emergency Continuum of Care (RECC) Conference in Penticton - I really encourage you to check them out and get involved.

Happy reading!

Warm regards,
Emily Ryan, Network Coordinator

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Upcoming Abstract Submission Deadlines

Patient's Voice 2015

Nov 12-14, 2015 |

Vancouver, BC

Abstract Submission

Deadline: April 30th, 2015

Submit your abstract [here](#)

Primary Healthcare

Partnership Forum 2015

June 29-20, 2015 | Memorial

University

More information [here](#)

Rural Maternity Care In the News

Our very own Dr. Jude Kornelsen was on CTV's Canada AM Tuesday morning to discuss the changing state of maternity care in rural Canada, what it says about the overall viability of our rural health care system and the possible solutions. The video can be found [here](#) and accompanying article [here](#).

Dr. Stefan Grzybowski was also quote in a multi-page spread in the Globe and Mail's article "A Ward Worth Saving: Rural obstetrics units are closing and communities are fighting back." Read the full article [here](#).



Upcoming Events

Island Health's Five Days in May

May 2015 | [More information here](#)

Island Health presents their Five Days in May on May 1, 8, 20, 22, 29. Check out their website for many great events and opportunities!

RECC: Rural Emergency Continuum of Care

May 22-23, 2015 | Penticton BC | [More information here](#)

Rural health practitioners, administrators, and health educators are all invited to learn about rural emergency medicine, physician support initiatives, and wilderness medicine. Registration is now open!

Canadian Association for Health Services and Research Policy Conference

May 25-28, 2015 | Montreal QC | [More information here](#)

This year's conference 'Learning from Each Other: Across Disciplines, Jurisdictions, and Generations' will be held in Montreal. The organization aims to bridge the gap between research evidence and knowledge translation. The event looks very interesting - registration is open.

PriFor - Primary Healthcare Forum 2015

June 29-30, 2015 | St. John's NL | [More information here](#)

This year's focus is on Patient Oriented Research that Matters - check out this website for [more information](#).

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Funding Opportunities

Vancouver Foundation Grants

Check out Vancouver Foundation's [website](#) for information on their many grants!

RHSRNbc Travel Bursary Competition

RHSRNbc offers four bursaries to **RHSRNbc members** who have been invited to present their rural health services research at a conference. Find the application [on our website](#).

In the News

A disaster for [women's health](#) - Nova Scotia

Rick Hanson's Daughter, Emma VandenBrink, shares her [son's stillbirth story](#)

Out of the man cave and into the shed - an [innovative](#) approach to men's health

[Mentorship](#) and

Recent Publications

[The quantum theory of rural practice](#)

[Nurse-led diabetes management in remote locations](#)

[From the T-dot to the Rock: my journey in rural family medicine](#)

[A rural, community-based suicide awareness and intervention program](#)

[Attitudes and characteristics of health professionals working in Aboriginal health](#)

[Commentary - Preventing rural workforce by design](#)

medicine - tips to be a marvelous mentor

How Canada is scaling up [pediatric nursing](#) to save little lives in Ghana

Rural health care cited as [top election issue](#) in Alberta

[Nova Scotia and BC](#) behind other provinces in surgical wait times

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