



Rural Continuing Medical Education Community Program

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RCME Community Implementation

The RCME team has officially implemented **76 of the 101** 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 email rcme@rccbc.ca

Multi-Community Education Planning

Is your community of physicians interested in or currently connected with neighboring communities to discuss, plan, and organize multi-community education?

Connect with Heather Gummow hgummow@rccbc.ca to learn more about the funding and resources available to support multi-community RCME groups.

Sustainable Pediatric Rural Care (SPRuCe)

Sustainable Pediatric Rural Care (SPRuCe) is a new network developed by pediatricians Dr. Kirsten Miller and Dr. Jenny Retallack with the support of the Rural Coordination Centre of BC.

The goal of the network is to connect community pediatric providers (pediatricians, family physicians, residents, and nurse practitioners) who have an interest in supporting and sustaining excellence in pediatric care in rural and remote communities across British Columbia.

SPRuCe will kick off with a virtual CME accredited education series.

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:30pm – 9:00pm

[Full Program](#)

[Register here](#)

Please contact SPRUCE@rccbc.ca for more information

Advanced Skills & Training Program

REAP's Advanced Skills & Training Program provides funding for skill enhancement training to rural physicians in BC. Flexible training opportunities may be up to 60 days per year.

The program is open to physicians who have been practicing in an RSA Community for at least nine months of the past year. Physicians who are returning to practice after a leave are also eligible, provided they have a formal commitment to practice in an RSA Community.

To learn more, please visit:

<https://rccbc.ca/practitioner-support/rural-physicians/reap-programs/advanced-skills-and-training-program/>

or email

REAPPhysicians@familymed.ubc.ca

Community Corner

Gabriola Island – Vancouver Island

Gabriola Island hosted the CARE course in September, face masks and face shields were worn by all during this two-day educational event. The CARE course brought together the local physicians, NP, and paramedics in a positive learning environment focused on comprehensive rural emergency care including airway management, trauma care, cardiac care, emergency obstetrics, pediatrics, and neonatal care.

The event gave the team time to connect and strengthen working relationships while learning and developing life-saving skills. As a remote community with no hospital having a well-trained team in place to manage emergencies in a rural setting is vital to the health and wellness of the community.

Angela Pounds, Chapter Coordinator- Gabriola Island
Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice



Enderby – Interior

Enderby is a community in the interior of BC and has a primary health care centre run by the Health Authority. It provides various services which includes Laboratory services, Public health Service, paediatric speech therapist, senior mental health team and community/wound care nurses. The clinic has 2 family physicians and a nurse practitioner.

The new RCME community program funding has enabled us to organise weekly case presentation and discussion sessions of mutual interest. Moving forward we plan to expand our present weekly meetings to include sessions with our local specialist groups to discuss key topics via virtual or in person meetings. We are also planning to organise physician wellness programs to help with the stress the COVID pandemic has created.

Dr. Michael Abayomi, Dr. Patrick Mafulu, and Kathryn McLachlan, NP

Prince Rupert – Northern

The initial decision to invest in technology for the Prince Rupert physician group has allowed the doctors to remain active in their regular rounds and CME program as well as to be able to access various training and learning opportunities during the pandemic. The most recent course (ALARM) was prioritized for the community and with the RCME funding we were able to bring that training to Prince Rupert and extend the invite to Physicians and Midwives in Haida Gwaii and Terrace. There was a component of self learning that was made possible with the acquired technology for the physicians. ALARM was piloted for in person training during covid and was made possible during the pandemic with a large space, social distancing, mandatory masks, and attention to safety.

We are extremely proud and grateful that the RCME program has allowed us to access the funds and connect us to Terrace and Haida Gwaii for this training opportunity. We are currently looking at options and have HOUSE on our radar!

Michelle Pele, Practice Support, Northern Health