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GRANT FUNDING for SIM Programs

A Note from the Director, Dr. Aaron Johnston

Simulation has become an important and exciting part of medical education. Simulated clinical scenarios allow medical learners to practice important procedures, communication, cognitive and team skills in an environment that ensures safety for both learners and patients. Many of our rural sites have active simulation programs supported by Distributed Learning and Rural Initiatives grants for simulation infrastructure. This past year we collaborated with the Banff simulation group to chronicle their path in developing a robust rural simulation program and create a [road map](#) that others can use as they develop or expand their own local SIM programs.

This year **DLRI is again proud to announce support for rural SIM through our annual grant competition.** Our grants have funded SIM programs for sites who are just starting out in simulation, as well as for sites with active SIM programs. The goal of our grant is to encourage development of the rural SIM community. Whether it is a simulation of an avalanche victim in Banff or of a clinical initiation of opioid agonist therapy in Pincher Creek, your rural colleagues are using SIM to teach and learn about scenarios that are locally important. Cutting-edge teaching in rural Alberta; it's what you all do every day and why rural rotations at the Cumming School of Medicine are so valuable and important!

How to build a **SIM PROGRAM** from the Ground Level Up



What does it take to set up a dynamic rural SIM program? Born as a small initiative featuring code blue drills, ski patroller skills and general outreach, the Banff Simulation Program evolved into an interprofessional-led, collaborative simulation, facilitated and attended by multiple stakeholders in the area.

Distributed Learning and Rural Initiatives spoke with Natalie Palmer (RN, BN, MN), who has been working in the Banff Mineral Springs Hospital for 16 years. She discusses how integral the program has

been to Banff and the role of SIM in rural communities.

[Read more](#)

DLRI Connects **RURAL** Alberta to the Changing Landscape of Health Care



In an effort to reach out to the smaller Alberta communities where CSM medical students and doctors-in-training learn their skills, the CSM started a series called House Call. The event features physicians and researchers speaking about topics of interest in the community, raising awareness of the connection between research and advances in medicine and health care available to rural Albertans. This event also highlights opportunities for rural students to seek careers in medicine.

[Read more](#)

PODCAST: Is it Time for a RURAL Medical Service in Canada?

Author: RuralSparkPod, Season 1 Episode 11

Among bold new ideas to address the challenge around rural healthcare delivery is the call for a mobile medical service, with doctors ready to be deployed where and when they're needed. It's an idea that Dr. Ruth Wilson is passionate about, and she's working with like-minded trailblazers to help make it happen. Dr. Wilson was co-chair of a recent initiative called the Canadian Collaborative Taskforce: Advancing Rural Family Medicine. She's now part of a group working to implement the recommendations of this project, contained the Taskforce's Rural Road Map for Action.



[Listen here](#)

CME, PD, and Rhapsody AWARD Winners

CME & PD

- **Long Service Norm Schachar Award** - Dale Wright
- **New Teacher of the Year Award** - Alex Poole
- **CME Course Innovation Award** - Planning Committee for the Alberta Opioid Dependency Treatment Virtual Training Course (Co-chairs: Rob Tanguay & Tuxephoni Winsor)
- **Top Teacher Award** - Greg Kline

2019 RhPAP Rhapsody Awards

- **Rhapsody Community Award** - Sundre Health Professional Attraction & Retention Committee
- **Rhapsody Health-care Heroes Awards** - Mayerthorpe Healthcare Centre Nursing Team and Pincher Creek Respiratory Therapist Team (Tess Craig and Larissa Lewis)
- **Rhapsody Physician Award** - Dr. Deon Erasmus, Provost



Save the DATE

Distributed Learning and Rural Initiatives hosts several events and conferences to support learning in our community. Keep your eye out for invites arriving soon!



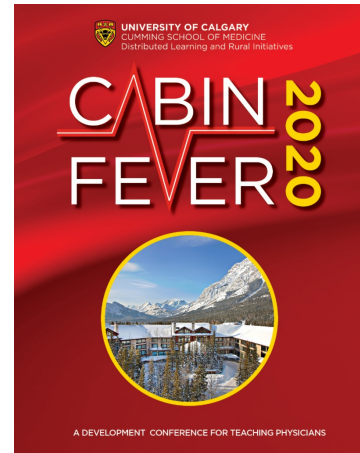
**Southern AB
Preceptor Summit**
(Formerly Faculty
Development South)
September 27-28, 2019
Drumheller, AB

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November 16, 2019
Yellowknife, NWT

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Cabin Fever
February 7-9, 2020
Kananaskis, AB

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