



The first SRPC Residents' Page!

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Residents are becoming increasingly visible within the SRPC. The first SRPC Resident Committee (RC) (Box 1) represents over 350 resident members.

Our goals are two-fold:

- Support resident interest in rural practice
- Act as a body for recruitment into full-fledged SRPC members.

After establishing our goals we recruited members by giving presentations and providing information on the SRPC and the Committee.

FUTURE PLANS

The Committee decided to focus on 3 major initiatives:

1. Establish a *CJRM* Residents' Page to increase our communication with students, residents and physicians and to update SRPC members on resident activities and encourage involvement from others.
2. Update the Electives list, which contains names of rural SRPC preceptors for both med student and resident electives (www.srpc.ca). It's especially helpful for setting up electives outside your home province.
3. Mentor medical students. We support students interested in rural family medicine through Family Medicine Interest Group involvement and by providing advice on rural electives. (See Box 1 for RC members' email addresses.)

HOW CAN I BECOME MORE INVOLVED WITH THE SRPC?

The SRPC is an exciting organization with connections to vibrant physicians all across the country. Attend the 2005 Rural and Remote Medicine Conference in Montréal, Apr. 28–30, 2005. Check SRPC's Web site for the Resident Talks organized by the RC.

Promote a rural interest group at your home university. This can be done through the undergraduate Family Medicine Interest Group or through your residency program. All family medicine residents must do a rural elective, providing a terrific opportunity to get excited about rural medicine and the SRPC.

And finally, remember to submit those interesting stories that stem from your rural experiences to the *Rural News* (www.srpc.ca).

Box 1. Inaugural Committee Members

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