



SESSION 228

Rural Road Map Implementation Committee (RRMIC): Progress and Consultation

Struck in February 2018, RRMIC's key mandate is to work collaboratively to implement the Rural Road Map for Action (RRM). The RRM provides a strategy with recommendations for how to improve equitable access to safe, quality health care closer to home for rural Canadians. Key initiatives seek to advance rural education to support family physicians ready to practice in rural Canada, facilitate national forum on competencies for use to enhance Indigenous Health, advocate for exploration of a national rural physician licence, work with key stakeholders to improve the transitions of care between rural and urban centres through development of standards and referral processes, ensuring inter-operability of distance technology among rural health care settings and advocate for the establishment of a rural health research infrastructure across all jurisdictions. Through small group and large group exercises, participants will be able to learn about emerging key initiatives on priority actions and provide input on how these initiatives impact their environments. Participants will provide feedback to RRMIC on further engagement and opportunities for RRM uptake.

1. Identify key initiatives on progress made across Canada related to the implementation of the Rural Road Map within the health and education systems.
2. Apply the Rural Road Map to various settings by identifying actions that can be undertaken in participants' individual roles.
3. Engage in interactive discussion on emerging initiatives such as rural patient transfers, Indigenous health competencies, and national rural medical licensure as they relate to key actions impacting on rural and remote settings.
4. Identify challenges and opportunities for collective support in the use of RRM and what can be achieved by 2020.