

PAHS rural hospital initiative

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Purpose:

To build teaching capacity in PAHS rural hospital sites, so that students have a positive learning experience.

Plan:

Who: Canadian rural doctors who are experienced clinical teachers in the rural setting

Where: they volunteer in Nepal for 1 month per year for 5 years in PAHS rural teaching hospitals. Each Canadian returns to the same Nepali hospital each time.

How: Participants have no license to practice; their role is entirely educational, in support of PAHS and the students. When possible and when there is interest, Canadians also teach/mentor local doctors.

Orientation: a manual, monthly teleconference meetings, PAHS faculty

Tasks while in Nepal:

1. Orientation by PAHS faculty
2. Helping students find good clinical learning experiences
3. Discussion, reassurance of hospital staff regarding the students' presence
4. Case discussion
5. Helping students prepare for their virtual classroom sessions
6. Evaluation of students
7. Mentorship, support, sharing a common career as rural doctors.
8. Debrief with PAHS faculty
9. Written report and recommendations

History

- Began in 2015; interrupted for 18 months by a major earthquake
- To date: 20+ participants; majority are SRPC members