

2023 BC Rural Health Awards Award Criteria

Rural BC Community Award Criteria

This award is given to one Rural Subsidiary Community in British Columbia to recognize its work to support local rural healthcare service delivery.

Innovation

Has the nominated community:

- developed or adapted a solution locally to address healthcare issue(s)?
- developed or adapted a solution to address one or more local social determinants of health that directly impact local patient/community health outcomes and/or access to care?

Collaboration

Has the nominated community:

- used a collaborative and/or team-based approach to addressing local healthcare issue(s)?
- engaged broadly with local, regional and/or provincial agencies, organizations, healthcare providers and/or patients? (Please attach a list of people/organizations engaged.)

Primary Care

Have local rural healthcare providers and/or administrators:

- focused on establishing, strengthening or maintaining primary healthcare services in the community?
- facilitated team-based healthcare service delivery? (Please attach a list of the different providers, including allied health professionals, who provide primary care supports in the community.)

Rural Generalism

Have local rural healthcare providers and/or administrators:

- stepped in to provide secondary and/or tertiary healthcare services as needed to mitigate transport risks and other wholistic rural healthcare¹ considerations?
- engaged with rural, regional and urban specialists to provide local delivery of specialist services/telehealth visits to allow for 'closer-to-home' care when appropriate?

¹ Holistic rural healthcare considerations include things, like costs incurred by a patient seeking care for travel and accommodation in regional/urban centre, missed employment day(s), allocation of child and/or elder care to another adult, etc.

Award of Excellence in Rural Medicine: Lifetime Achievement Criteria

This award is given to one rural British Columbia physician to recognize an extraordinary body of work and service provided over the span of a career. All nominees must have practiced in one more rural British Columbia communities for a minimum of 15 years.

Innovation and Transformation

Has the physician:

- developed or adapted a solution or engaged in research or teaching that transformed healthcare service delivery at a local, provincial, national and/or international level?
- developed or adapted a solution or engaged in research or teaching that transformed healthcare systems and/or policy provincially, nationally and/or internationally?

Primary Care

Has the physician:

- focused on establishing, strengthening, or maintaining primary healthcare services provincially, nationally and/or internationally?
- facilitated or enabled systems or methodologies that enhance team-based rural healthcare service delivery at provincial, national and/or international levels?

Rural Generalism and Collaboration

Has the physician:

- embodied, supported, and promoted a generalist approach to rural healthcare service delivery, as well as rural health system innovation and policy development?
- formed and/or led a(n) (interdisciplinary) team of colleagues, relevant stakeholders and supportive organizations to engage in activities to innovate rural healthcare practice and/or transform healthcare systems?
- engaged broadly with agencies, organizations, healthcare providers and/or patients to enable service delivery and/or healthcare system transformation?
(Please attach a list of people/organizations engaged.)