

# RURAL CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (RCME) COMMUNITY PROGRAM

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## RCME COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION

The RCME team has officially implemented 94 of the 104 eligible RSA communities into the new program.

Once implemented, communities are accessing new funding as well as being supported to create and develop locally-driven models of community education.

To connect with the RCME Team, email [RCME@RCCbc.ca](mailto:RCME@RCCbc.ca).

## SHAR MCCRORY – NORTHERN HEALTH RCME LIAISON

We are very pleased to announce that Shar McCrory has accepted the position of RCME Liaison with Northern Health/RCCbc.

Shar has been with Northern Health since 2016, most recently as Practice Support Coach for Smithers, Houston, and Dease Lake. Shar is located in Smithers and in her spare time, enjoys spending time with her family, walking her dogs, and traveling to warm destinations. She is also community-minded, has an interest in public education, and volunteers with local community groups.

Shar started her new role on February 7 and can be reached at [Shar.McCrory@northernhealth.ca](mailto:Shar.McCrory@northernhealth.ca) or 250-643-1359.



## NICOLE BAKER – VANCOUVER ISLAND RURAL PROGRAMS' LIAISON

We are pleased to announce that Nicole Baker has accepted the position of Rural Programs' Liaison, Island Health/RCCbc.

Nicole has been with Island Health since 2017, most recently as the Coordinator, Medical Staff Governance. Nicole is located in Victoria and in her spare time, enjoys music, playing Dungeons and Dragons, and spending time with her teenage son.

Nicole started her new role on February 14 and can be reached at [nicole.baker@islandhealth.ca](mailto:nicole.baker@islandhealth.ca) or 250-618-1463.



## RCME/RCPD COMMUNITY CONCIERGE SERVICE FOR RURAL PHYSICIANS

Does your rural community have fewer than 7 physicians and/or 1-2 isolated specialists?  
Is your community interested in developing a community-based learning plan?

The RCME Community Program has teamed up with the UBC Rural Continuing Professional Development (RCPD) team, and a group of physician mentors that will guide eligible communities to develop and execute community learning plans and education strategies.

For more information, please contact the RCME Community Program at [rcme@rccbc.ca](mailto:rcme@rccbc.ca) or reach out to your regional [RCME Liaison](#) to find out more.

The Network: Towards Unity for Health (TUFH) 2022 Canada conference will be hosted August 16th – 19th, 2022, in Vancouver. This event, which RCCbc, The Network: Towards Unity for Health, and the BC Patient Safety and Quality Council, is co-hosting in partnership with First Nations Health Authority, Métis Nation BC, and UBC Health, is an annual international, intersectoral, and intergenerational global health conference that assembles health partners, universities, community institutions, and thought leaders from around the world. The theme for TUFH 2022 is “Moving Forward Together: Unity for Health for All”.

If you, or someone you know, would like to present at TUFH 2022, the call for abstracts is now open. Submit your idea for an oral presentation, workshop, TUFH Talk, or TUFH Documentary by February 28, 2022.

## 2022 BC Rural Health Conference

May 13–15, 2022

Penticton, British Columbia

Registration: [Link here](#)

Join us—in person—for this highly-anticipated rural health event, with illuminating rural-relevant CME plenaries and breakout sessions, hands-on skills workshops, and wellness breaks to keep you moving. Plus, celebrate ‘togetherness’ with colleagues at fun-packed social events. COVID-safe protocols will be implemented. Virtual sessions will also be offered.

We encourage everyone to join us for this annual rural health conference.

Visit [the 2022 BC Rural Health Conference](#) for more information.

## Rural Leadership Development Program

The Rural Education Action Plan (REAP) is currently accepting applications for the Rural Leadership Development Program. The purpose of this program is to increase opportunities for rural physicians to pursue leadership training and develop the skills and abilities to help bring system improvements that will benefit British Columbia’s rural populations.

Rural physicians who are pursuing formalized leadership training may apply for up to \$15,000 to cover expenses. In addition to this, participants are offered a mentoring opportunity with a rural leader through UBC CPD’s Rural Physician Mentoring Program. Physicians may apply if they have been practicing in an RSA Community for at least nine months of the past year and if they have letters of support from their health authority and community. Applications are accepted twice/year – the next deadline is April 30, 2022.

For more information or to download an application form, please visit [Rural Leadership Development Program](#). For more information, please visit [REAP](#).



## THE RURAL VIRTUAL ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY RESEARCH PROJECT

A collaborative effort between the University of British Columbia’s Faculty of Medicine (UBC), Providence Health Care, and the Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc). Co-led by Drs. James Liu, Rob Moss, and John Pawlovich, the goal of this project are to advance equity in access to healthcare for rural BC citizens. This project will focus on healthcare providers and patients in rural communities with limited access to conventional echocardiogram examinations. The project design will include echocardiography education for rural providers along with point-of-care imaging and examination protocol. A cloud-based image sharing platform will be used to share the studies conducted in the community with a specialist in St. Pauls’ Hospital in Vancouver, BC, where a final report will be generated and the results transmitted back to the rural provider from where the echo study originated to inform and support patient care.

