



Welcome and thank you for joining us for the **6th BC Rural Health Research Exchange (BCRHRx)**, supported by the [Rural Coordination Centre of BC \(RCCbc\)](#) and the Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues (JSC). The BCRHRx is a virtual half-day event, comprised of rurally focused health research presentations intended to answer the question: *“What sort of rural research is happening in B.C.?”*

This year, the BCRHRx features 20 presentations from across B.C. and beyond, touching on topics including virtual care services, rural transport, health care policy and much more. The unique format will see each presenter speak to their research for 10 minutes, followed by five minutes of Q&A facilitated by our moderators. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. sharp (all times PT) with a welcome from the Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc), followed by a keynote address. The rapid-fire presentations begin at 9:10 a.m. and run until 1:35 p.m. Once again, the proceedings – including the rapid-fire presentations – will be confined to one Zoom room/link.

[BCRHRx Zoom Room](#)

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Schedule overview:

8:30 am	2025 BCRHRx WELCOME	Jason Curran – Director, Research and Strategic Initiatives, Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc)
8:40 am	KEYNOTE: ‘We’re racially profiled as drunk Indians’ – experiences of Indigenous rural British Columbians accessing health care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Terri Aldred, MD, CCFP, BHSc, GCIPH – Department of Family Medicine UBC, Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc), First Nation Health Authority (FNHA), Carrier Sekani Family Services Erika Pritchard, BSc – Senior Project Coordinator, Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc) <p>This recently published work examines the experiences of anti-Indigenous racism derived from the data collected across rural British Columbia (BC) through the RCCbc’s Rural Site Visits Project – with an aim to demonstrate how and where people are being treated inequitably in the healthcare system and to highlight racism and its negative impact on patient care. The study team employed an action-oriented methodology and incorporated Indigenous methods into the analysis. The work demonstrates that anti-Indigenous racism exists and adversely impacts the care Indigenous peoples receive throughout rural BC.</p>	
9:10 am – 1:35 pm	RURAL HEALTH RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS	Moderated by: Dr. Frank Scheuermeyer, MD, M.HSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical Associate Professor & Director, Research, UBC Department of Emergency Medicine Emergency Physician, St. Paul’s Hospital, Vancouver

		<p>Dr. David Snadden, MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Emeritus of Family Practice, Department of Family Medicine, UBC Northern Medical Program• Family Physician
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Important notes:

Rapid presentations: Research presentations will be 10-minutes in length with five minutes for Q&A. The short presentation intervals may be challenging for both presenters and audience members, but the intention is to showcase as many rural health research projects as possible in a short time frame.

Webinar format: For those unfamiliar with the ‘webinar’ format in Zoom, when you – as a general audience member – log in via the provided links, you will not have access to your microphone and camera. Audience members will be able to pose questions to the presenters via the ‘chat box’ and/or the ‘Q&A’ options at the bottom of your Zoom window. Only presenters (aka panelists) will have access to their microphones and cameras as required (presenters will enter the Zoom Rooms via unique web links). Moderators will facilitate the Q&A portion of the presentations.

Partners:

About the Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc): Led by rural physicians, the RCCbc is a network that works to improve the health of people and their communities in rural BC. Funded primarily by the [Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues](#), our network partners include healthcare providers, healthcare administrators, community members, policymakers, educators, researchers, and non-profit and business leaders. We serve all rural, remote, and Indigenous communities in BC covered by the [Rural Practice Subsidiary Agreement](#).

About the Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues (JSC): The JSC was established under the Rural Subsidiary Agreement in 2001. It is comprised of representatives from Doctors of BC, the Ministry of Health, and the health authorities. The JSC advises the BC government and Doctors of BC on matters pertaining to rural medical practice. The goal of the JSC is to enhance the availability and stability of physician services in rural and remote areas of British Columbia by addressing some of the unique and difficult circumstances faced by physicians.

Thank you to the many partners who have helped guide and support the 2025 BCRHRx.

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	Presenter	Affiliation	Presentation title
08:30	BCRHRx Welcome		
08:40	Dr. Terri Aldred & Erika Pritchard	RCCbc	Keynote Address: 'We're racially profiled as drunk Indians' – experiences of Indigenous rural British Columbians accessing health care
09:10	Dr. Videsh Kapoor, Alison Hamilton & Kora Scott	UBC	Rural Global Health Partnership Initiative: Profiling rural and remote substance use innovations for generalist practices
09:30	Anne Lesack, Amy Sawchuk & Lee Yeates	RCCbc	Supporting rural and remote maternity care through enhanced MaBAL services
09:45	Dr. Mike Figurski	vistacan.ca	OpenEMR's code base and community
10:00	Dr. Zohaib Nadeem	University of Queensland Faculty of Medicine	Regional disparities of medical specialities in rural British Columbia
10:15	Arshbir Aulakh	UBC Southern Medical Program	Rural-urban disparities in head and neck cancer: A systematic review and meta-analysis of overall survival, time to diagnosis, and stage at diagnosis
10:30	Dr. Jenna Treissman	UBC Pediatrics Residency Program	Examining the role of virtual health in supporting children hospitalized with severe acute respiratory illness in 2022-2023, CHARLiE and the READAPT-Kids study cohort
10:45	Laura Beamish	UBC CPD	Innovative use of point-of-care ultrasound improves health care on Haida Gwaii
11:00	Break		
11:05	Gabrielle Atkinson	UBCO	What do provincial primary health care policies say about rural, remote and Indigenous health equity? A policy scan of three Canadian provinces
11:20	Jérôme Lamontagne & Karim Alaouie	Living Lab Charlevoix	From research to performance: The launch of "Urgence Rurale 360" as a case study in arts-based knowledge translation
11:35	Ievgeniia Rozhenko & Tanya Glafenhein	UBC CPD	Rural physicians' motivation to participate in peer coaching
11:50	Dr. Jennifer Kask	UBC, VIHA	The Birth Related Cardiovascular Health (BiRCH) Clinic
12:05	Kayla Fang, Gilly Lau & Paulo Tchen	UBC	Bridging the rural pharmacy gap through virtual education and partnership: Piloting a rural pharmacy elective
12:20	Emily Payne	UBCO	Exploring partnerships in virtual health innovations among rural and remote communities across Canada and Australia: A qualitative study
12:35	Dr. Katherine Bell	UBC	Intimate partner violence experienced by Canadian physicians
12:50	Jessica Chisholm & Dr. Stefan Grzybowski	RHSRNbc	Building Community Resilience to Heat and Smoke
13:05	Sarah Kelly & Dr. Stefan Grzybowski	RHSRNbc	Projecting the optimum number of clinic days needed to respond to the health needs of a rural catchment population
13:20	Sameena Somani	UBCO	Health services transportation in rural and remote communities: Results of three British Columbia case studies
13:35	Thank you for attending the 2025 BC Rural Health Research Exchange (BCRHRx).		