

SPRUCe

SUSTAINING PEDIATRICS IN RURAL
AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

UBC MEDICINE CAREER NIGHT APRIL 4, 2023

At SPRUCe's request, rural pediatrics will be included in the UBC Medicine Career Night presentations on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

Two rural pediatricians have volunteered to speak at the virtual session. Drs. Vanessa Percy (Duncan) and Laura Swaney (Cranbrook) will share their experiences with year one to year three UBC medical students, touching on their career paths, what they enjoy about their clinical work and important aspects to consider when contemplating a career in rural pediatrics. Thank you to Vanessa and Laura for promoting rural pediatric practice to these learners who are early in their medical careers!



Dr. Vanessa Percy



Dr. Laura Swaney

SAVE THE DATE HOUSE-PEDS COURSE NOVEMBER 5, 2023

SPRUCe has coordinated the UBC CPD Hands On Ultrasound Education (HOUSE) course to follow the BC Pediatrics Society meeting Sunday, November 5, 2023 in Vancouver. This course is specifically for rural Pediatricians and is full day session of hands on learning. The cost of the course is being finalized as opportunities for rural funding are being explored. Please email SPRUCe@rccbc.ca if you are a Pediatrician from an RSA community interested in participating.



HOUSE
HANDS-ON ULTRASOUND EDUCATION

[CLICK HERE TO PARTICIPATE](#)



**Are you a pediatric resident who has completed a rural pediatrics elective?
Consider writing about your experience for a future SPRUCe newsletter.
Resident content and perspectives are always welcome and
we would love to hear about and share the tale of your rural elective!**

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INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES (IMGS) IN PEDIATRICS

SPRUCe collaborated with the UBC Pediatrics Residency training program to facilitate a session with the IMG Pediatric residents on January 31, 2023. Two recent IMG graduates, Drs. Luisa Flohr and James Toft, discussed their experiences with the IMG matching process, their transition into clinical practice (in Sechelt and Prince George, respectively), and provided pearls for the trainees to consider while still in their training. Drs. Flohr and Toft are keen to support the IMG trainees in pediatrics and welcomed the group to meet again or to reach out on an individual basis for guidance or mentorship. We appreciate Luisa and James's contributions to the experiences of these residents, many of whom will practice in rural BC communities after they complete their residency training.



Dr. James Toft



Dr. Luisa Flohr

CEREBRAL PALSY EARLY DIAGNOSIS - SURVEY

Rural clinician voices are needed! Did you complete the cerebral palsy survey advertised in our past newsletter? If not, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code below and support Dr. Ram Mishaal's team in their work to facilitate the early diagnosis of children with cerebral palsy in British Columbia.



UBC CPD RURAL ROUNDS TOPICS FOR SPRING 2023

Mar 30 (Thu) | 0800-0900 |

Rural Rounds: Rural ER Care
for Youth Mental Health
Patients in Crisis

May 11 (Thu) | 0800-0900 |

Rural Rounds: Procedural
Pediatric Sedation in the
Rural Setting

April 14 (Fri) | 0800-0900 |

BC Virtual Health Grand
Rounds: Virtual Pediatric
Examinations

Jun 1 (Thu) | 0800-0900 |

Rural Rounds: Unplanned
Birth at Rural Sites –
Preparing for Deliveries

INVITATION TO THE BC RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE 2023



The Rural Coordination Centre of BC invites you to the BC Rural Health Conference on June 2–4 in scenic Whistler at the Westin Resort and Spa. This rural medicine conference provides unique opportunities for rural physicians, residents, nurses, allied health professionals, and medical students to learn and connect.

See the full [conference program](#) and [register now](#) to secure your spot.

The early bird discount is in effect until April 24.

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PEDIATRIC RESIDENT RURAL LOCUM AND OUTREACH INFORMATION SESSION

Could you see yourself doing outreach clinics?
Have you ever thought of doing rural locums?
Are you considering working in a rural community long-term?

On March 29th, SPRUCe is hosting a virtual session to the R3 and R4 Pediatric residents to hear about opportunities to engage in rural pediatrics. We will discuss rural pediatric locum opportunities, the logistics of setting these up, and how to stay engaged as locum opportunities arise. Additionally, we will highlight evolving rural pediatric outreach clinic opportunities and how to participate.

Wednesday, March 29, 7:30-8:30 PM
via Zoom

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

BRINGING BC'S RURAL PEDIATRICIANS TOGETHER

SPRUCe is bringing the rural pediatricians from RSA communities of BC together for a one hour virtual discussion.

In Spring 2021, we brought together many of the rural Pediatricians to introduce the network and set priorities. Over the past 2 years SPRUCe has looked at opportunities to connect locum pediatricians to rural communities, created rurally focused CME session, and engaged with the residents to promote and support rural opportunities. We would like to bring this group together again by learning about your current priorities will help direct the work of the network. We are offering two different meeting times for your convenience. Please only choose one time to attend.

Friday, June 9, 12:00-1:00 pm
Wednesday, June 14, 7:30-8:30 pm

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

PEDIATRIC MAP IN BC COMMUNITIES



SPRUCe's interactive has been updated. This map allows clinicians to easily identify a community provider close to their patient's home. Pediatricians in small or remote communities are identified, as are pediatricians who provide outreach service to rural, remote communities. We have added a number of new community providers and outreach clinics as we work to continually update the map. Pediatricians who wish to have their names added to the map, or who identify information which needs to be changed can email spruce@rccbc.ca.

[VIEW INTERACTIVE MAP](#)

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