

Workshop

Methodological Issues of Rurality and Rural Health

Workshop on meanings of 'rurality' and definitions of 'rural'. Researchers will present how these are applied in different contexts in health & health service research, using specific examples. There is a small fee of \$20.00 to cover the cost of the luncheon.

Historic Feast Dinner Theatre

Join us Saturday evening at the Halifax Historic Feast Dinner Theatre for: All in the MacFamily, a sentimental tribute to one of North America's favourite families, possibly modelled after the MacBunkers of Cape Breton Island. This show features a wide variety of music including great Maritime tunes. Price (\$39.95) includes: entertainment plus choice of 5 entrees, salad, dessert, tea/coffee, taxes and tip. Indicate your interest by checking the corresponding box on the conference registration form.

REGISTRATION FEES

(includes Friday banquet and Friday and Saturday luncheons)

Before Sept. 15, 2	.002 After	Sept. 15, 2002	2
Regular \$275		\$325	
Student\$100		\$120	

Hotel Reservations

Delta Halifax* (Single \$129/Double \$149 +tax) 1990 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS B3J 1P2 Tel: (902) 492-6471 or 1-800-268-1133 Web address: www.deltahotels.com

Holiday Inn Select* (Single \$95 + tax) 1980 Robie Street, Halifax, NS B3H 3G5 Tel: (902) 423-1161 or 1-888-810-7288

The Lord Nelson (standard \$119 + tax)
1515 South Park Street , Halifax, NS B3J 2L2
Tel: 1-800-565-2020 or 902-423-6331
Fax: 902-491-6113

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Abstracts, a maximum of 300 words, should be written in 12 point font, and be single-spaced.

Please submit abstracts by web to www.usask.ca/medicine/agmedicine/index2.html

If necessary the forms may be sent to the chairperson of the scientific committee, preferably by e-mail (bruce.minore@lakeheadu.ca) or fax: (807) 343-2104.

Submissions from students who are engaged in rural and remote health research are actively encouraged.

All abstracts are due by APRIL 30TH, 2002

Notification of acceptance will be sent by end of June.

Conference details, preliminary program, registration form and abstract submission form are available at: www.usask.ca/medicine/aqmedicine/index2.html

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conference. The mission of the Canadian Rural Health Research Society (formerly the Rural Health Research Consortium) is to foster mutually supportive and multi-disciplinary opportunities for effective and vibrant scientific exchange aimed at improving the health of people living in rural and remote Canada.

THEMES

Population Health

Explores the determinants of health with a rural and remote context, including:

- health status of rural residents
- · concerns of youth, women, and older adults
- people living with impairments
- issues of isolation and poverty
- violence, injuries, substance use

Community Health

Concerns sustainability, wellbeing and quality of life of rural and remote communities, such as:

- culturally diverse populations
- · community resilience and/or competence
- · building partnerships and capacity
- health promotion and community participation
- · community health policy development

Physical and Work Environments

Addresses topics that arise from environmental and occupational aspects of rural/remote life:

- · environmental contaminants and health
- resource-reliant communities
- food and water management practices affecting Canadians as a whole
- occupational health and safety issues

Aboriginal Health

Explores health issues of rural and remote Aboriginal Canadians, including:

- building effective research partnerships
- environments and health
- · traditional healing and medicines
- · access to culturally appropriate care
- preparing Aboriginal health care providers
- · continuity of care for Aboriginal clients
- · health risk factors and clinical care issues

Methodological Issues in Rural and Remote Health Research

Focuses on the challenges of conducting rural and remote health research, including:

- · defining 'rural' for health research
- sampling for sparse/diverse populations
- analytical approaches to small numbers for research and policy development
- · building research capacity in communities

Abstracts due b y April 30, 2002

Bio-medical Research

Includes topics related to the biological wellbeing of rural Canadians:

- uniquely rural genetic determinants
- · environmental antigens, toxins and pathogens
- mechanisms and etiology of diseases and injuries common in rural areas

Clinical Research

Studies the diagnosis and treatment of Canadians residing in rural/remote communities

- efficacy/effectiveness of treatment regimens
- factors that affect functioning, disability and disease prognosis
- clinical studies involving rural Canadians

Health Care Organization, Policy and Health Resource Allocation

Examines the state of health care organization and delivery in rural and remote areas such as:

- specific care needs
- · models for organization and delivery
- health resource requirements
- · geographic considerations
- recruitment and retention of professionals
- rural specific education for professional and paraprofessional health care workers
- · information technology/telehealth



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