

RURAL PRECEPTOR SUPPORT

Focus Area: PE Settings & Populations

What are the key issues under this topic?

1. Support for clinical preceptors in rural communities
 - a. Human resources (MDs, RNs, RT)
 - b. Preceptor support
2. Rural clinical practical education
3. Funding
4. Capacity for learners
5. Student and rural community needs – are we effective?
6. Instructors and students to the remote areas
7. Creating CLU – collaborative learning units

What did we learn from our discussions?

1. Ask the community what they need; leave community with something they want and need
GIVE BACK
2. Collaborative – health region, clinical site managers, educator, community leaders, town council, university, schools
3. Tap industry for funds – for “toys” video learning, on-line learning, simulation using video for remote sites
4. Have a vision and find support, get people together
5. Innovation
6. Communicate (on going)

What should happen next?

- Communicate interprofessionally
- What are the opportunities for funding?
- Support for agencies in rural communities
- National preceptor development programs
- More presence from Health Authorities at these meetings
- National networks for preceptors (share online manuals etc)