



# Emergency Department Echo (EDE) Point-of-Care Ultrasound Course for Rural Alberta Health Professionals

## Meet Eddie

EDE (pronounced “Eddie”) is the most highly rated introductory ultrasound course in North America. Since 2001, the EDE course has been taught to more than 15,000 physicians and allied health professionals. Its use has become the standard of care in large trauma centres, remote settings, and everything in between. It has even been used by Canadian Armed Forces combat units in Afghanistan.

## What is Involved

The complete course is a four-day, hands-on ultrasound workshop, taught over two weekend “boot camps”. During the first weekend, participants are taught the EDE course and provided an opportunity to practice what they have learned. The second weekend involves two more days of practice to complete the 50 scans and the testing required to become an independent practitioner. After the four days, EDE Participants receive Canadian Point of Care Ultrasound Society (CPoCUS) certification and 80 CFPC CERT+ credits or 37 Royal College Section 3 credits.

## Hands-on Learning

Before the first “boot camp”, participants will work through a series of online texts and videos that are strictly focused on what they need to know. This means that the entire course is dedicated to hands-on learning.

## More Than Just Physicians

In addition to physicians, the EDE course can also accommodate physician assistants, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, midwives, and other allied health professionals.

## Working with RhPAP

RhPAP is working with rural communities to provide the EDE course throughout Alberta. Communities are encouraged to partner regionally to allow a maximum number of health professionals to attend the course. RhPAP contributes one half of the funding and the health-care practitioner contributes the other half.

“EDE turns a low-risk patient into a no-risk patient.”

— Dr. Ray Wiss, EDE founder

## Ultrasound Can Make a Difference

For rural physicians, ultrasound is a skill that can greatly improve patient care. At the end of the EDE course participants will be able to:

- Detect pericardial effusions
- Detect ascites better than any physical exam
- Detect or follow your AAA patients
- Confirm pregnancy and verify location
- Detect or follow pleural effusions
- Detect pneumothoraces
- Differentiate between different causes of interstitial fluid

## Find out more

To find out more about hosting or participating in an EDE course, contact:

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