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RhPAP “Elevator Speech”

Key Points	Supplementary
With staff located throughout Alberta, RhPAP is helping rural Albertans build strategies to attract and retain health professionals to their communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with 48 Attraction and Retention (A&R) committees involving over 150 rural Alberta communities. Offering monthly information sessions, regular learning events, and annual workshops/conference to A&R committees on topics related to rural health care and workforce supports. Nearly 60 per cent of staff live and work in rural / regional hubs.
RhPAP enables practicing rural Alberta family physicians to acquire continuing medical education and locum support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In partnership with Alberta’s medical schools, up to 24 individual learning plans developed, implemented, and funded annually for rural family physicians. Approximately 1900 locum days provided through a contract with the AMA. Over 70 rural physician training events / opportunities funded annually through U of C CME/CPD. Target: 12 health team-based events annually (CARE/EDE).
RhPAP’s continuing education and skills enrichment programs for rural health-care professionals enhance the delivery of high-quality health care closer to home.	Rural Education and Advanced Learning (REAL) Program helps nurses, midwives, Nurse Practitioners, and allied health professionals working in rural Alberta in a PCN, out-of-scope/non-union position or independent/private practice access continuing professional development, skills enrichment training, and education opportunities.
RhPAP provides accommodations to rural family medicine resident physicians from both of the province’s medical schools, as they develop their skills in rural communities.	Approximately 800 resident physicians are housed annually in 120 rental properties managed by RhPAP across 50 rural Alberta communities. Housing is also made available (on an as-available basis) to midwifery students, advanced practice nurses, rural pharmacists, and related health-care professionals.
RhPAP provides nursing students with rural accommodations to support their rural health-care learning.	Approximately 25 fourth-year nursing students housed annually across 50 rural Alberta communities (120 properties).
RhPAP is a respected ‘rural’ voice to the provincial government on issues related to rural health workforce and physician resource planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 30 events and RhPAP presentations annually. Over 200 participants in Rural VIP, offering a rural voice on health care and workforce issues. Hundreds of positive rural news stories distributed annually through RhPAP’s digital publications and social media channels, reaching thousands of subscribers. RhPAP officially advises government on physician resource issues.
RhPAP has an influential Board with broad based representation.	AHS, CPSA, AMA, CARNA, RMA, AH & three Public Members.