



**Society of Rural Physicians of Canada**  
**Société de la médecine rurale du Canada**

## **Media Advisory**

### **Rural Doctors Discuss Common Concerns at Annual Conference**

KELOWNA BC / April 22, 2002 / - The lack of sub-specialists and high technology in remote areas across the nation means country doctors are required to work in small groups in settings that necessitate a broad spectrum of clinical skills. Rural doctors from across the country will be convening in Kelowna to share stories and discuss solutions of practising in this environment.

On April 25th a special political session will occur with rural docs discussing what to do with the impending health cuts.

**Minister Sindi Hawkins, Minister of Health Planning (BC)** will be addressing delegates April 26 th at 8AM.

Some common rural topics rarely taught in medical school to be discussed:

- Women in Rural Medicine
- Avalanches and Disasters
- Difficulties in transporting patients
- White water paddling emergencies
- Advances in Telemedicine
- High altitude medicine
- Aboriginal medicine

### **Agenda**

Dates: Thursday, April 25th - Sunday, April 28th

Place: Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort and Conference Centre, Kelowna BC  
(250)-763-4500

Simply turn north off Highway 97 onto Water Street and continue for 5 blocks to the waterfront.

Media opportunities will be made available each day. Please see website for itinerary of speakers and their topics at <http://www.srpc.ca/RR202>

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