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## **Media Release**

### **Rock funds CME/Locum Project**

SHAWVILLE /May 4th/ - Health minister Rock announced \$245,000 funding for the SRPC CME/Locum project during meetings with SRPC exec member Dr MacLellan in Shawville.

"The Government of Canada is committed to helping meet the unique health needs and challenges of rural Canadians." said Minister Rock. This national program will set up a system where a rural community will get a customised medical education series brought to it with associated locum coverage so that people can attend.

Dr MacLellan said "The CME/Locum program is a new way of approaching the educational and staffing challenges of rural health care."

The program will be piloted in Digby NS at the end of June when a rural doctor from Quebec will be teaching the hemodynamic monitoring and central lines workshops and a rural doctor from Newfoundland will be giving a hands injury one from the rural critical care course. Both docs will stay and do a 10 day locum.

Many more workshops other than critical care are in development in areas such as women's health, palliative care, alternative medicine, portable ultrasound and so on. Some specialty locum and workshops (radiology and general surgery) will also be available. Teachers of Family Medicine will have an opportunity to learn the workshops so they can teach family medicine residents at the Faculties of Medicine. This is planned to be done through the CFPC Section of Teachers. MainproC is in the works. The grant is in cooperation with Dalhousie.

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