

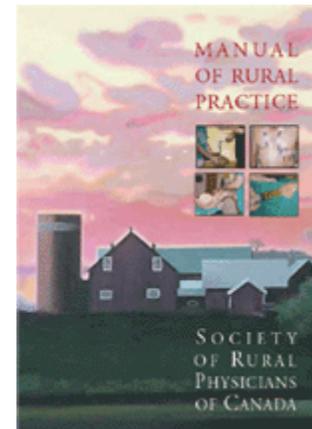
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Rural Doctors Improve Access to Medical Procedures

SHAWVILLE QC /October 3rd, 2006/ - Family physicians require procedural skills to deliver high-quality medical services to their communities and must be competent in ambulatory and hospital procedures. Studies show that many graduates have limited experience and confidence in basic and emergency procedures. To address this gap, a leading medical organisation has developed a practical procedural manual to be used by rural doctors.

The need for family doctors to provide hands on care is nowhere greater than for rural doctors where it is part of their day to day careers. The "Manual of Rural Practice" has been written by experienced rural doctors for both learners and practising physicians, and contains over forty common and rarer but lifesaving procedures that rural doctors need to provide.



The manual has been produced by the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada. Michael Jong, president of the SRPC says "Our hope is that the straight forward rural approach of the guide will ensure it can be used by family doctors in any setting and reverse the trend of narrowing of competency."

The "Manual of Rural Practice" is a hard cover text written by doctors at the rural coal face supplemented by over 320 illustrations. Chapters cover the fundamentals such as breathing support, range to the common rural techniques of fish hook removal, and include a smattering of rare but life saving techniques such as emergency breech delivery. The four year project, led by editors Hutten-Czapski, Wootton and Magee, has taken many of the acclaimed "occasional procedure" series from the Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine, thoroughly revised and updated them, and added an additional ten chapters of new material.

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Manual of Rural Practice

For the full table of contents and further information see the book's web site at <http://srpc.ca/books>

About the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada

The Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC) is the national voice of Canadian rural physicians. Founded in 1992, the SRPC's mission is to provide leadership for rural physicians and to promote sustainable conditions and equitable health care for rural communities.

On behalf of its members and the Canadian public, SRPC performs a wide variety of functions, such as developing and advocating health delivery mechanisms, supporting rural doctors and communities in crisis, promoting and delivering rural medical education, encouraging and facilitating research into rural health issues, and fostering communication among rural physicians and other groups with an interest in rural health care.

The SRPC is a voluntary professional organization representing two thousand of Canada's rural physicians and comprising 5 regional divisions spanning the country reference <http://www.srpc.ca>