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SESSION 120

Mifegymiso in a Rural Community - How to Make it Work

The introduction of Mifegymiso to Canadian women in 2017 heralded a significant step forward in women's reproductive rights. Prior to this many rural Canadian women facing an undesired pregnancy had significant barriers to accessing timely and safe options for terminating a pregnancy. In this workshop we review the use of Mifegymiso in two rural Ontario communities where maternity and women's health services are offered largely by family physicians. We will explore how the medication works, and share how our communities developed efficient methods of ensuring women who present both in clinic and emergency departments receive timely care. Initial statistics from our programs will be shared for discussion.

- 1. Understand the differences between medical and surgical abortions.
- 2. Learn about the legislation and regulations governing use of Mifegymiso.
- 3. Understand the pharmacology, risks and benefits of use, and effectiveness of Mifegymiso.
- 4. Understand how to safely use Mifegymiso.
- 5. Explore real life experiences using Mifegymiso in rural communities.