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Transforming Telehealth in Rural & Remote BC – Calling Codi!

The rural & remote emergency room (ER) remains one of the leading health care challenges in Canada and around the world. Geographic and human isolation, low resources, climate, daily anxiety and fear, fatigue, minimal specialist back up, etc., are just a few of the obstacles that relentlessly erode the spirit and confidence of rural physicians. Life for a rural and remote physician is not easy. For many, the mountain to cross over to a successful and enjoyable life is often the rural emergency room. Simply, Codi is the thoughtful integration of technology and the “right people” to help support rural physicians during some of their most stressful and challenging times in the emergency room. It is an “on-demand”, “24/7” critical care strategy through a secure APP on a smart phone. Literally, it is an “intensivist in your pocket” that can be accessed no differently than a Face Time call. There is no bridge, switchboard or middle agency between the rural physician and intensivist. Codi’s simplicity is what makes it so powerful. Through the touch of a virtual button on a most familiar device, people are connected in real time to work together through complex, intimidating and anxiety filled situations. Virtual critical care consults are dictated and sent on for transcription all through the secure APP. Medical reports flow back to the rural physician in an extremely timely fashion where they can be integrated into the patient’s chart. No one has to refresh their relationship with the technology (smartphone) as it is something all physicians in the 21st century know intimately, use daily and keep near them. Codi specialists are selected for their knowledge and skill, compassion and empathy, rural awareness and willingness to help.

1. Participants will experience a live demonstration of the Codi smartphone App.
2. Participants will see and hear how rural physicians in British Columbia are using Codi at the point of care.
3. Participants will learn how education and clinical support are merged at the point of care.
4. Participants will learn about the history of Codi and where the future is headed with respect to real time support using the Codi App.
5. Participants will be able to engage in a question and answer period.
6. Participants are encouraged to watch the Codi video prior to the presentation at <https://vimeo.com/310895903>.