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Careers in Rural Surgery (ESS/OSS) for Family Physicians

Surgical services in rural and remote communities are often provided by family physicians with additional surgical training. These physicians either provide a broad scope of services which includes cesarean sections, appendectomies, hernia repairs, laparoscopic tubal ligations, etc (Enhanced Surgical Skills - ESS), or they provide surgical obstetrics alone (Obstetrical Surgical Services - OSS). This is an exciting career path for rural family physicians who want to support and maintain rural hospital programs and is soon to be designated a Category 1 program with its own Certificate of Added Competence, on par with Family Practice Anaesthesia.

Participants will learn:

1. What Enhanced Surgical Skills is in rural Canada.
2. What a “a day in the life” as an ESS and OSS physician is like.
3. What training options are available for those interested in ESS.
4. What a Category 1 Program and Certificate of Added Competence mean.