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Global Perspectives in Rural Surgical Services

“Global Surgery” is a relatively new term which describes the provision of surgical services in under-served communities around the world. The development of primary health systems at the first-hospital level is crucial to the delivery of surgical services and a new focus in global health to address this unmet health need. As rural physicians, we already practice global surgery, whether managing traumas or performing cesarean sections in low-resourced areas in Canada. This workshop aims to look at rural (surgical) services from a much larger perspective.

Participants will gain an understanding of:

1. The major global public health trends which have lead to a refocus on primary care.
2. The global burden of surgical disease.
3. The role of emergency and essential surgical services at the first-level hospital within a health care system.
4. The parallels between low-resource international settings and rural Canada.