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SESSION 224

Co-Creating Sustainable Rural Maternity Care (2 hours)

More than 2 decades after publication of the initial Joint Position Paper on Rural Obstetrics, the attrition of rural maternity care programs continues unabated. The intention of this workshop is to initiate a high level conversation between all the stakeholders - FP's, OB's, midwives, RN's, learners, families - that could encourage a true community of practice that would support sustainable maternity care. The format will include stories from communities across Canada – 1) Returning Birth to Norway House (Nadin Gilroy), 2) Sustainability in La Ronge (Sean Groves), 3) Co Creating Sustainable Maternity care in the North (Gisela Becker and Vikki VanWagner), 4) Report from the Midwife/MD coalface in BC (Lee Yates). These community stories will be followed by an interactive conversation designed to elicit the relevant themes in sustainable rural maternity care – with particular attention both to the large proportion of the Indigenous population in these programs and to the complexities of the MD/Midwife interface in these communities.

This workshop is scheduled for 2 hours with at least 50 % of the time allocated to an interactive conversation with the attendees. A Networking Lunch will follow, brought to our workshop room. Those who can stay are invited to continue these, and other, conversations over lunch.