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## Rural Competence: Would You Know It If You Saw It?

In 2018 the CFPC released the “Priority Topics for the Assessment of Competence in Rural and Remote Family Medicine”. This is the culmination of several years of work done by rural family physicians to identify the distinguishing features of skillful family physicians practicing in the rural context. One of the competencies – Clinical Courage – stands out as new and novel, still requiring more development for use by clinical teachers. When presented at the FMF Rural Educators Forum, participants gravitated to this competence as “the lens through which all of the other competencies can be understood”. In this interactive workshop, we will present the ‘Rural Key Features’ document and use a directed story-telling approach for a deeper exploration of clinical courage. We pose these questions and others: What is clinical courage? Is rational risk taking a better phrase? Are they the same thing? How to balance clinical courage with over-confidence? How would you recognize and nurture clinical courage in all learners? What are the markers? How do we teach it – is there more than just role modelling?

1. Become familiar with the CFPCs “Priority Topics for the Assessment of Competence in Rural and Remote Family Medicine” and understand their application for clinical teaching.
2. Engage with CFPC leadership to further develop an understanding of “clinical courage” and how to recognize, teach and assess it in everyday practice with learners.
3. Reflect on their own career and the lived experience of clinical courage.