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The Supplemental Emergency Medicine Experience (SEME) Program

The SEME program is a three month continuing professional development program in Emergency Medicine that is funded by the Ontario MOHLTC and administered by the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. The program was first developed in 2011 in response to a staffing crisis in rural Ontario emergency departments. The intention of the SEME program was to provide a practical option to enhance acute care skills for family physicians providing emergency care in rural and semi-rural communities. To date 119 physicians have successfully completed the program.

- 1. Outline the components and the curriculum of the SEME program.
- 2. Review the successes and the challenges experienced by the SEME program.
- 3. Discuss the impact of the SEME experience on physician participants.