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## Supporting Rural Generalism in Medical Education (2 hours)

Rural generalism is a growing movement internationally. It acknowledges that rural health professionals, including physicians, have a significantly broader scope of practice than their metropolitan counterparts. If Canada is to have a fit-for-purpose medical workforce with the right mix and distribution within and between medical disciplines, as well as geographically, changes in both medical education and the health delivery system are necessary. The content and context of medical education - what is taught, where it's taught and by whom- must change to ensure a sufficient number of medical graduates become comprehensive generalists. A background document will be circulated prior to the conference. At the workshop, participants will explore, discuss and recommend the changes and implementation strategies necessary in medical education and in the health system to allow generalism and generalist physicians to flourish and how rural generalists can contribute to these changes.

1. Identify key changes necessary in medical education and the health system to support generalism and increase the number of generalists.
2. Recommend implementation strategies to accomplish these changes.
3. Develop strategies for rural generalists to contribute to facilitating these changes in medical education and the health delivery system.