CAREERS IN RURAL SURGERY FOR FAMILY PHYSICIANS (ESS/OSS)

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Outline

- What does it mean to be a family physician who provides surgery?
- · A day in Nicole's life
- · A day in Ryan's life
- How do you become one of us?
- · Questions/discussion

WHO ARE WE?

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Who are we?

- family physicians with training in operative delivery and/or other surgical procedures
- "surgical first responders" in rural Canada who are not specialist (ie: Royal College) surgeons
- usually in communities smaller than 10-15,000 people and which are too small to support specialist surgeons

Designations

- OSS = Obstetrical Surgical Skills
- ESS = Enhanced Surgical Skills

cesarean sections, dilation and curettage, 3rd and 4th degree tear repairs, endometrial ablation, laparoscopic tubal ligations and salpingectomies, diagnostic laparoscopy, appendectomies (open and laparoscopic), herniae (inguinal, umbilical), hydrocelectomies, tonsillectomies, carpal tunnel release, trigger finger release, wound debridement, minor plastic surgery, gastroscopies, colonoscopies, PEG tube insertion, etc

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A DAY IN NICOLE'S LIFE

Vanderhoof, BC

A DAY IN RYAN'S LIFE

Inuvik, NWT

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TRAINING PROGRAMS

Training Programs

• ESS (Enhanced Surgical Skills)

U of S (Prince Albert)

OSS (Obstetrical Surgical Skills)

NOSM (Thunder Bay)
U of M (Winnipeg)
U of A (Grande Prairie)
UBC (Surrey)

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QUESTIONS?