

RURAL ROADMAP DIRECTION 4: DEVELOPING A CANADIAN RURAL RESEARCH NETWORK

Bring your ideas: why, what, who, how? A small group discussion of how best to proceed will follow presentation of an initial draft proposal. DIRECTION 4: Institute a national rural research agenda to support rural workforce planning aimed at improving access to patient-centred and quality-focused care in rural Canada Action 16: Create and support a Canadian rural health services research network with the goal of connecting existing rural health research initiatives, and coordinating and strengthening research that enhances the health care of rural Canadians. Action 17: Develop an evidence-informed definition of what constitutes rural training to support educational policy and funding decisions, and to offer clear, accurate, and comparable information about rural family medicine training programs and sites. Action 18: Develop a standardized measurement system, with clear indicators that demonstrate the impact of rural health service delivery models for improving access and health care outcomes. Action 19: Develop metrics based on environmental factors to identify and promote successful recruitment and retention programs, using a measure of 5 years of service in a rural community as one goal for continuity of care. Action 20: Promote and facilitate the use of research-informed evidence by all organizations participating in rural workforce planning in Canada.