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Regulatory College to Limit Doctors for Rural Ontario

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Family physicians after finishing their training are being restricted from practicing emergency medicine in rural Ontario. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) have directed that new graduates obtain special observation for a year in order to practice emergency medicine in rural hospitals.

Dr. Margaret Tromp, President of the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC) says "This move will drive doctors either to the city or to other provinces rather than having to try to arrange this supervision for themselves at their own cost. We must safeguard the continuation of emergency care for Rural Ontarians. We need to have this policy either withdrawn or at least put on hold while the CPSO works collaboratively with the medical schools, family physician training organizations, and emergency medicine advocacy groups to ensure appropriate training for all doctors so they can work in rural and Northern Ontario."