

BC Rural Locum Teams



Are you looking for:

- Collegiality and peer support in a rural practice setting?
- An opportunity to learn from an experienced mentor and build clinical confidence in a rural community?
- A chance to share your rural knowledge and experiences?

A rural locum team involves the co-deployment of pairs or teams of locum physicians into rural BC communities.

The Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice, in partnership with RCCbc (Rural Coordination Centre of BC), invites physicians new or transitioning to rural practice to be part of a rural locum team. We are also encouraging physicians with strong rural skill sets to share their knowledge and experience.

The goals of the program are to:

- Support locum physicians in their rural experiences, especially those new and/or transitioning to rural practice
- Enhance practice coverage in rural communities

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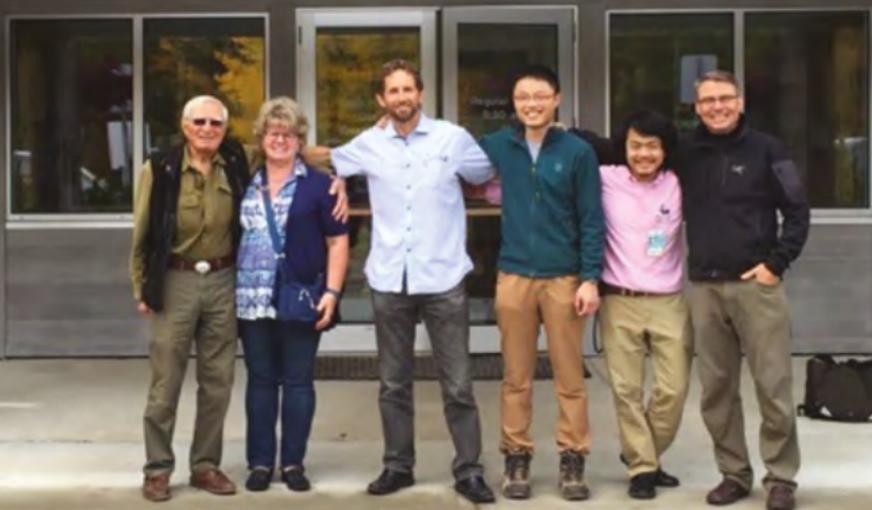


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Dr. John Pawlovich (far right) and Dr. James Liu (third from right) on their co-deployment to Dease Lake

Locum:

"It has impacted me in many ways. [I'm] more comfortable with rural medicine.... [co-deployment] adds to the opportunity to be in a remote region of BC."

"My mentor...provided a spectacular experience."

Mentor:

"[I did it] to help a young doctor, new to practice. Introduce them to rural BC, not just the medicine but the lifestyle and the outdoors. The land, you know, everything about it."

"Part of the mentorship is actually helping people understand where these places are and how you actually get there in a safe way. And then when you get there, the introduction to the community and the health centre, where you're going to stay, how you're going to eat, what are you going to do after work, you know, all these things that if someone was on their own, would be quite daunting."

"It was wonderful. It benefitted me personally but also from a professional standpoint, giving something back to the profession. I've always thought about the need to help people new to rural practice and people don't necessarily need to stumble and trip and be super-intimidated by this stuff."



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