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## What is the BC Rural Health Network?

The BC Rural Health Network (BCRHN) is a not-for-profit society that leads initiatives to improve healthcare in rural and remote communities across British Columbia by employing community-driven solutions and advocacy rooted in solid science. Confronting challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and a growing disconnect between rural residents and their healthcare systems, the BCRHN champions communication and solution-sharing among rural communities, recognizing that although communities are unique, there is pan-provincial applicability of local, successful health strategies.

The Network consists of over 100 healthcare advocacy organizations, municipalities, regional districts and individuals working in cooperation with healthcare policymakers. The purpose of the Network is to promote and support a health services system that improves and sustains the health and well-being of residents of rural communities across British Columbia. The BC Rural Health Network is apolitical, nonpartisan and solutions-based.

## As an organization, we strive to:

- Offer easy access to resources on rural well-being.
- Offer easy access to reliable rural health news and information.
- Record and share community experiences.
- Present research-backed positions and solutions that are driven by rural communities.
- Support system changes that help create equity in access to care and better health for all rural BC residents.
- Share successful strategies in an effort to address rural healthcare concerns.
- Advocate for policy changes that provide all rural residents with attachment to a health care practitioner
- Identify areas of research aimed at improving access to healthcare in rural communities and to provide fertile ground for research to take place.
- Inform the BC Ministry of Health of rural healthcare concerns
- Recommend solutions for the improvement of services to rural BC residents

- Work in partnership with other provincial organizations to influence policy changes that improve access to healthcare services
- Recognize the healthcare concerns of indigenous communities and include their issues and concerns as part of our work
- Improve access to mental health services
- Promote patient-centred, community-based primary healthcare reform

**Please consider joining the BC Rural Health Network, where every voice matters.**

