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## WELCOME TO THE DME DISPATCH, THE INAUGURAL DISTRIBUTED MEDICAL EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

THE DME Dispatch is intended to highlight the Distributed Medical Education Office, and offer quick highlights and opportunities for distributed faculty.

### DISTRIBUTED MEDICAL EDUCATION LAUNCH

The Office of Distributed Medical Education was launched in August 2021. This new office merges together the administrative duties of the Family Medicine Streams Residency Programs and the former office of the Rural Medical Education Network (RMEN).

#### Overview

The Office of Distributed Medical Education (DME) supports both undergraduate and postgraduate programs, including longitudinal learners, and works closely with clinical disciplines, distributed faculty, the Regional Health Authorities, and community stakeholders.

DME is looking to enhance education and professional development at our distributed sites, and is a connection between our distributed faculty, staff and learners and main campus

In November 2021, the DME team met in person to discuss the strategic vision of the office and meet with other Faculty of Medicine stakeholders. With the guidance and support of Gerona McGrath, a draft of DME's Strategic Plan was developed and will be circulated to distributed faculty, staff and learners. Please watch for expression of interests for our working groups.

### Mission

Working in the spirit of collaboration and respect, Distributed Medical Education is committed to excellence in medical education delivery, research, and support to our learners, faculty and staff at all our distributed sites to ultimately contribute to the health of our communities.

### Office

DME consists of an Assistant Dean, along with four physician leads that correspond to each health authority within the province. There are 14 administrative staff across Newfoundland & Labrador, with the main office located in St. John's. To learn more about DME, or to see our recent contacts, please visit: <a href="https://www.med.mun.ca/dme.">www.med.mun.ca/dme.</a>

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR CLINICAL EDUCATORS!

Distributed Medical Education and Community Health and Humanities are looking for faculty from the Discipline of Family Medicine and Discipline of Emergency Medicine for the Community Engagement rotation. This rotation is 80% community and 20% with a physician. It's a medical student's first placement – which is so memorable!

Rotations are April 4-15, 2022 and April 25-May 6, 2022. To sign up: email chh.ugme@med.mun.ca.



## PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

DME has been asked to chair an interdisciplinary team to discuss the ten recommendations developed from the Physician Recruitment and Retention Workshop hosted by the Faculty of Medicine in June 2021. This steering committee will be circulating an expression on interest in early 2022 to recruit members. Distributed faculty and learners are encouraged to inquire.

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(FROM L-R): DAN FITZGERALD, SANDRA BADCOCK, DR. ANDREW HUNT, BRAD POWER AND DR. MARGARET STEELE PRESENTATING AT THE MUNICIAPLITIES NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 6, 2021

The Faculty of Medicine has formed a working committee to engage municipalities in physician recruitment and retention. The committee is comprised of Brad Power, Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador, Dan Fitzgerald, Department of Health and Community Services, Sandra Badcock, Distributed Medical Education, Dr. Andrew Hunt, Distributed Medical Education, and Gerona McGrath, Faculty of Medicine. The committee was pleased to present at the recent Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador Conference on November 6, 2021 in Corner Brook. The committee presented its plan to develop a Municipality Toolkit and discussed implementation with provincial municipality representatives.

### 6 for 6 RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The main goal of the 6/m6 program is to support rural and remote physicians in developing the required skills and competencies to pursue research relevant to their practices and communities.

The program is delivered over a two-year cycle and is a flexible, learner-centered program that utilizes a blended learning model involving asynchronous eLearning and synchronous group learning.

To learn more about 6for6, please email: 6for6@ med.mun.ca

# DISTRIBUTED PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION

During the spring of 2021, DME coordinated a virtual Listening and Learning Tour across Newfoundland and Labrador, where the need for professional development for distributed faculty was highlighted. Working with the Office of Professional and Education Development (OPED), DME has been working to provide increased experiences for distributed faculty and learners.



SCREENSHOT FROM RECENT VIRTUAL LISTENING & LEARNING TOUR IN HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY.

### **Family Medicine Lecture Series**

Created by efforts from Memorial's Faculty of Medicine, including the Office of DME, OPED, and the Discipline of Family Medicine, in conjunction with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association's Family Practice Renewal Program, Family Practice Networks and the province's four Regional Health Authorities, the Family Medicine Lecture Series is a successful professional development and networking initiative that and skill development, multidisciplinary and inter-professional communication enhancement, and improved collegial connectivity between its attendees and associated affiliated groups. Having commenced in October 2021, this weekly lecture series delivers topics relevant to family medicine. The lecture series will run until March 4, 2022.

Please visit: <a href="https://www.med.mun.ca/oped/">www.med.mun.ca/oped/</a> for registration details.



### **MyPractice**

The Faculty of Medicine is pleased to announce the new MyPractice Program, a collaboration between the Family Practice Renewal Program and the Office of Professional and Educational Development (OPED). This MainPro+ certified program provides education and support for the family physician who is setting up a new practice, moving from one practice to another, or transitioning active practice to retirement. Among those that can benefit from this learning opportunity are recent graduates of the Family Medicine residency program who choose to stay in this province.

This comprehensive program includes topics ranging from business planning, types of practice arrangements, professional obligations, setting up office space, managing your practice, employee management and technology in practice. Participants also have the flexibility to learn what they want, when they want and how they want through a blended learning approach of directed online learning modules, local live boot camp workshops and a Mentor Matching service.

For more information on the program, please visit: <a href="https://mypractice.familypracticerenewalnl.ca/">https://mypractice.familypracticerenewalnl.ca/</a>

### Other Programs

OPED offers a wide range of professional development programs that target the needs and competency development of our faculty and health professionals within Newfoundland and Labrador and beyond. Visit their page for more information on the many programs and services available, www.med.mun.ca/oped/

### **BOUNCE HEALTH INNOVATION**

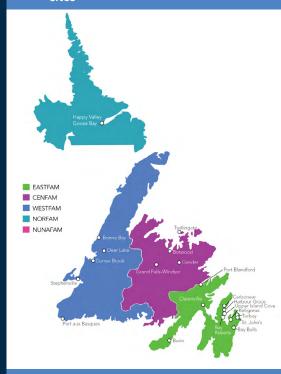
Distributed Medical Education has been asked to participate in Bounce Health Innovation Month! Bounce Health Innovation looks to accelerate growth of health innovation. Below is the link to their website for your information: http://bounceinnovation.ca/

Bounce will be hosting a series of events in 2022, including an open house and trade show that will feature pre-recorded 2-3 minute videos highlighting innovation in healthcare. DME has been invited to showcase innovation that is occurring in distributed medicine across the province. A few examples include virtual care in both Emergency Departments and physician offices, training via simulation, Point of Care Ultrasound use, virtual examinations, and much more.

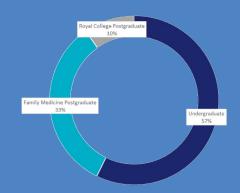
If you are interested in pre-recording a video to highlight innovation in distributed medical education, please reach out to dme@mun.ca for more information.

### **QUICK FACTS!**

 DME has 27 distributed teaching sites



- There are 8 additional sites in Labrador for coastal visit opportunities
- There are 265 faculty across Newfoundland & Labrador
- In 2020-2021, there were 679 distributed rotations (389 Undergraduate and 290 Postgraduate)



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