

# The DME DISPATCH

Memorial's Distributed Medical Education Newsletter



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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: [www.med.mun.ca/dme](http://www.med.mun.ca/dme).

## 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](mailto: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 of 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 PRESENTING AT THE MUNICIPALITIES 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.

## 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.

## 6for6 RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The main goal of the 6for6 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](mailto:6for6@med.mun.ca)

## 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 offers excellent opportunities for knowledge 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.

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