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Subject: RhPAP Update - May 12, 2025 - Dr. Lavoie Rhapsody Physician Award Recipient

Good afternoon A & R Committee Members and rural Community Champions in the Northeast!



*Please share this email accordingly with the rest of your committee/community members. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.*

HAPPY International Nurses Day!

### **RhPAP Community Update**

NEW- RhPAP News – RhPAP Rural Health Beat – May 2025 - [Click Here for Details](#)

- Announcing the 2025 Rhapsody Award recipients – **CONGRATULATIONS!** Rhapsody Physician Award: Dr. Cecile Lavoie from Bonnyville & Rhapsody Healthcare Heroes Award: Chantal Crawford from Sundre
- Apply for funding to expand your skills in allied health
- Students across Alberta attend Let's Go Rural!
- Get involved during Alberta Rural Health Week, May 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **Alberta Rural Health Week – May 26 to 30**

It's that time of year where we celebrate our healthcare heroes! RhPAP invites communities, organizations, and individuals across the province to show appreciation for healthcare professionals and volunteers whose commitment enhances the well-being of rural residents. If you're a community doing something special to celebrate your healthcare heroes, please let your Rural Community Consultant (RCC) know so we can recognize your efforts! Here's a [map and contact list](#) of RhPAP's RCCs.

### **Would your community like to host the 2026 RhPAP Conference?**

We're inviting innovative and impactful proposals from rural Alberta communities interested in hosting our 2026 biennial conference. Since 2008, this premier event has brought together professionals, policymakers, and stakeholders dedicated to advancing rural health and community development. We invite your community to play a vital role in shaping the future of rural healthcare. By hosting the conference, you will have the opportunity to showcase your rural community, share insights, and contribute to inspiring change, fostering innovation, and creating lasting community impact. Proposed Conference Dates: October 6 to 8, 2026 To learn more, visit

[RhPAP.ca](http://RhPAP.ca)

## **NEW-Applications are open for the 2025 Rural Community A&R Grant**

A&R Committees are invited to apply for this \$1,000 grant that supports rural community-based groups in creating projects and initiatives to attract, integrate, and retain healthcare professionals locally. It is not intended for private recruitment or direct candidate incentives. The online application is available at [RhPAP.ca](https://RhPAP.ca)

## **Rural Education & Advanced Learning (REAL) Program is accepting applications**

The Rural Education & Advanced Learning (REAL) Program is accepting applications during its spring cycle between May 7 to June 18. Rural nurses, midwives, and allied health professionals can receive education funding for individual training opportunities through this program. More information on applicant and training eligibility criteria, the application form, and examples of opportunities that have been funded in the past can be found at [RhPAP.ca/real](https://RhPAP.ca/real). Questions can be directed to [real@rhpap.ca](mailto:real@rhpap.ca).

## **NEW-UAlberta Asclepius medical camp for youth**

This initiative is aimed at high school students to increase the enrollment of underrepresented populations, including rural, in medical school. The camp is designed to demonstrate that a career in medicine is attainable—regardless of background—by demystifying the path to medical school and sparking interest among high school participants. The camp features a variety of hands-on activities, speaker presentations, group discussions, and interactive sessions that simulate a typical day in the life of a medical student. RhPAP will be presenting at these medical-student-organized events. The camps are free to attend, with lunch provided daily for all participants. For eligibility criteria and to apply, visit [Asclepius Medical Camp for Youth](#).

- Edmonton Camp: July 7 to 11, 2025, at the University of Alberta. The application deadline is June 6. For more information, visit the camp webpage above or email [asclepius.mcfy@gmail.com](mailto:asclepius.mcfy@gmail.com).
- Grande Prairie: July 22 to 25, 2025, at Grande Prairie Regional Hospital. The application deadline is June 16. To help reduce barriers for students traveling from rural areas, dormitory spots are available at Northwestern Polytechnic. For more information, visit the [camp webpage](#) or email [asclepius.gp@gmail.com](mailto:asclepius.gp@gmail.com).

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