



# The Society of Rural Physicians of Canada

## Rural and Remote Conference

### Student/Resident Co-Presenter Program

### Terms and Guidelines

#### SECTION 1: WHAT IS THE SRPC?

The Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC) is the national voice of Canadian rural physicians. Founded in 1992, the SRPC's mission is championing rural generalist medical care through education, collaboration, advocacy and research. On behalf of its members and the Canadian public, SRPC performs a wide variety of functions, such as developing and advocating health delivery mechanisms, supporting rural doctors and communities in crisis, promoting and delivering continuing rural medical education, encouraging and facilitating research into rural health issues, and fostering communication among rural physicians and other groups with an interest in rural health care. The SRPC is a voluntary professional organization with over 3500 members representing rural physicians spanning the country.

#### SECTION 2: WHAT IS R&R?

The Rural and Remote Medicine Conference is held annually by the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC). This conference allows rural physicians, rural residents, and medical students the opportunity to come together and learn about current trends in rural medicine, work opportunities in rural communities across Canada, and develop professional networks!

#### SECTION 3: WHAT IS THE STUDENT/RESIDENT CO-PRESENTER PROGRAM?

Each year the R & R Medicine Conference hosts the **Co-Presenter Program**. This program allows for medical students and residents to be matched with a workshop presenter to help present on a specific topic. Possible roles may include introducing the topic, assisting with developing the presentation, presenting portions of the talk, and facilitating group discussions. Student/Resident co-presenters will receive their choice of either a \$200 honorarium, 1 free day at the conference, or 1 night's stay at a hotel. The Co-Presenter Program aims to inspire and guide the upcoming speakers, enabling them to develop their public speaking skills alongside their fellow speakers. SRPC values the culture of peer-to-peer learning and teaching. It also offers medical students excused absences from their medical school to attend the conference, and to financial assistance to cover some of the conference expenses.



## SECTION 4: WHAT TASKS CAN MY STUDENT/RESIDENT CO-PRESENTER BE INVOLVED IN?

Our hope at the SRPC is to utilize the Student/Resident Co-Presenter Program to foster meaningful relationships between students, residents, and rural physicians, as well as to grant students/residents the opportunity to present important rural health matters at a large-scale event. To create an equitable experience for all participants in the co-presenter program, we ask that presenters adhere to the following guidelines:

- A **maximum time commitment of 10 hours** for the student/resident co-presenter prior to the conference. If the student/resident co-presenter wishes to devote more than 10 hours towards the presentation, they may communicate this with the lead presenters.
- The student/resident co-presenter must be involved in presenting some of the session content at the R&R conference. This clause is in place to promote the development of leadership and public speaking skills among our trainees.
- For sessions that are 2 hours in duration, a **time commitment of 10-20 hours** for the student/resident co-presenter prior to the conference is expected. The student/resident co-presenter will receive 2 speaker benefits.
- Co-Presenters will be assigned by the SRPC R&R Student and Resident Committee members. Any presenters that wish to choose their Co-Presenters must communicate to the R&R Student and Resident Committees prior to the application closure date.
- We expect timely communication from both presenters and co-presenters. While we acknowledge that physicians have busy schedules, we ask that you please respond to communication from the SRPC R&R Student and Resident team and your co-presenter within 5 business days.

## SECTION 5: TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR STUDENTS/RESIDENTS

As a participant in the Student/Resident Co-Presenter Program, I acknowledge that I must abide by the following conditions:

- I am only able to participate in one talk as a co-presenter, and that I will be committing a **maximum time commitment of 10 hours** prior to the conference.
- If I am assisting with a 2-hour presentation, I understand that a **time commitment of 10-20 hours** prior to the conference is expected, and that I will receive 2 speaker benefits of my choosing.
- When applying to the Co-Presenter Program, I can apply to a maximum of 3 talks, and acknowledge that I will only be selected for one.
- We expect timely communication from both presenters and co-presenters. In the event that we do not hear from you within 2 business days of email communication, your co-presenter position will be offered to another candidate.



## SECTION 6: ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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