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I. BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Dr. James Rourke MD, CCFP(EM), MClInSci, FCFP

Dr. James Rourke has served as Dean of Medicine and Professor of Family Medicine at [Memorial University of Newfoundland](#) since his appointment April 5, 2004. He previously served as the assistant dean of Rural Regional Medicine at the [University of Western Ontario](#), where he was a professor in the [Department of Family Medicine](#).

Since moving to Newfoundland and Labrador, Dr. Rourke has traveled extensively throughout the province and in New Brunswick to visit teaching sites. This has included several visits to Labrador and medical clinics in Nain and St. Anthony.

Dr. Rourke has received many honours and awards, including The University of Western Ontario, Honorary Degree (2009) Doctor of Laws, honoris causa (LLD) [This award is Western's highest honour.]; Society of Rural Physicians of Canada, Rural Leadership Award (2009) [This award recognizes persons or organizations which have made a significant contribution to rural medicine in Canada]; College of Family Physicians of Canada, W. Victor Johnston (2007) "to honour renowned Canadian or international family physicians who have made an outstanding leadership contribution to the discipline of family medicine in Canada or abroad", the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario Council Award College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario Council Award (2004) "to honour outstanding Ontario physicians who have demonstrated excellence and come closest to meeting society's vision of an "ideal physician"; the D.I. Rice Merit Award from the [College of Family Physicians of Canada](#); the UWO Award of Excellence in Teaching by Part-time Faculty; the UWO Martin J. Bass Recognition Award for Exceptional Contribution to Family Medicine; and the Community Teacher of the Year from the [Ontario College of Family Physicians](#). He has had over 100 medical journal articles and book chapters published.

Dr. Rourke grew up on a farm and attended a one room rural public school. He graduated with his MD from University of Western Ontario in 1976, where he completed his Family Medicine training in 1978 and his Masters of Clinical Science (Family Medicine) in 1993. He is certified by [the College of Family Physicians of Canada](#) in Family Medicine (1978) and emergency medicine (1985) and was awarded Fellowship in 1990.

Dr. Rourke was an active rural family physician (including obstetrics and emergency work) in Goderich, Ontario for 25 years with his wife and partner Dr. Leslie Rourke. Their practice was one of the main [UWO Rural Family Medicine](#) teaching sites. He was the founding director of the [Southwestern Ontario Rural Regional Medical Education, Research, and Development Unit](#). Founded in 1997 this became a strong, integrated undergraduate and postgraduate rural and regional medical education network.

Dr. Rourke has a long-standing interest in rural medicine and medical education and is a recognized leader at provincial, national and international levels. As Project Director, Medical Education Design Team (2000-2001), for the Northern Ontario (Rural) Medical School Project proposal, Dr. Rourke was very involved in the initial development work that led to approval to build the [Northern Ontario Medical School](#). He was chair of the [WONCA](#) (World Organization of Family Doctors) Working Party in Rural Practice that has organized nine world rural health conferences and was involved in developing a joint WONCA/WHO project "Health for All Rural People."

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II. Current Position

Dean of Medicine and Professor of Family Medicine at Memorial University of Newfoundland (since April 5, 2004).

Member of Management Committee and Steering Committee Future of Medical Education in Canada Postgrad Project (FMEC – PG) (since May 2010).

Chair of the Board of Directors of The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) (since May 3, 2009).

Co-Chair of Implementation Task Force for Future of Medical Education in Canada Project (FMEC) (since March 2009).

Member of National Task Force to Review the Future of Canada's Academic Health Sciences Centres (since December 2008).

Member of Caper Policy and Executive Committee (Canadian Post-M.D. Education Registry) (since April 2004).

Member of WONCA (World Organisation of Family Doctors) Working Party on Rural Practice (since 1994) and active in many roles including Chair from 2004-2007.

III. Awards

- **The University of Western Ontario, Honorary Degree** (2009) Doctor of Laws, honoris causa (LLD) [This award is Western's highest honour]
- **Society of Rural Physicians of Canada, Rural Leadership Award** (2009) [This award recognizes persons or organizations which have made a significant contribution to rural medicine in Canada]
- **College of Family Physicians of Canada, W. Victor Johnston Award** (2007) [to honour renowned Canadian or International family physicians who have made an outstanding leadership contribution to the discipline of family medicine in Canada or abroad]
- **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Council Award** (2004) [to honour outstanding Ontario physicians who have demonstrated excellence and come closest to meeting society's vision of an "ideal physician"]
- **College of Family Physicians of Canada, Donald I. Rice Merit Award** (2000-2002) [This award recognizes a Canadian leader in family medicine and supports travel across Canada over a 2-year period to share his or her vision of family medicine.]
- **The University of Western Ontario, Award of Excellence in Teaching by Part-Time Faculty** (1999) [Awarded based on evidence of continued outstanding contributions to the academic development of students. All part-time faculty members of the university and its colleges are eligible for nomination for this award. No more than one award is made annually.]
- **Martin J. Bass Award** (1997), UWO Department of Family Medicine [The department acknowledges one of its members each year who stands out as having made an exceptional contribution to Family Medicine through one or a combination of: service to patients and/or the community, teaching of students, residents, graduate students, research activities, administrative and leadership behaviour.]
- Physicians' Service Incorporated (PSIF) Community-Based Research Grant (1995)
- College of Family Physicians of Canada Travelling Scholarship (1994)
- College of Family Physicians of Canada Postgraduate Award (1993)
- **Community Teacher of the Year Award** Ontario College of Family Physicians (1991 and 1992)
- College of Family Physicians of Canada PSIF Study Award (1990)
- College of Family Physicians of Canada Postgraduate Study Award (1987)
- College of Family Physicians of Canada PSIF Study Award (1980)

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IV. Personal

- Date of Birth:* September 9, 1952
Childhood: Farm at Park Head (a rural community in the Bruce Peninsula, Ontario)
Family: Wife and partner, Dr. Leslie Rourke is also a family physician (M.D., Gold Medal, University of Western Ontario 1977; C.C.F.P. 1979, MCISc 1996)
Children: Patrick, born May 25, 1980; Ryan, born January 6, 1983; Shannon, born February 24, 1986

V. EDUCATION

- Public School: One room rural schoolhouse
Secondary School: Highest Proficiency Award in Graduating Class
Carter Scholarship (highest Grade XIII marks in the County)
U.W.O. Board of Governor's Entrance Scholarship
University of Western Ontario: First Year Natural Science
(Economics, Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Inorganic and Organic Chemistry)

Medical Education

- 1 of 6 accepted after first year university into Faculty of Medicine, University of Western Ontario
- M.D. - 1976 with honours (Class Standing - 3rd)
- Class of 1917 prize

Post Graduate Training

- *Family Medicine Residency Program*, University of Western Ontario 1976-1978
- *Chief Resident* when at St. Joseph's Family Medical Centre, London
- *Chief Resident - Intensive Care Unit*, St. Joseph's Hospital, London: October-December, 1978
- *Family Therapy Training*, University of Calgary, Foothills Hospital January 1979

Masters

- Master of Clinical Science (Family Medicine) – 1993 - University of Western Ontario
- Completed part-time 1986-1993.

Certification

- College of Family Physicians Certification (1978)
- College of Family Physicians: Emergency Medicine Certification (1985)

Fellowships

- College of Family Physicians (1990)
- American Academy of Family Physicians (1996)
- Society of Rural Physicians (2009)
- Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (2010)

Continuing Medical Education

Many national and international courses including:

- *Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)*
- *Advanced Labour and Risk Management (ALARM)*
- *Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)*
- *Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)*
- *Neonatal Advanced Life Support (NALS)*
- *Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)*

VI. RECENT RESEARCH PROJECT FUNDING

- **"Learners and Locations: A Pilot Study of Where Physicians Train and Practice"** Health Canada. Principal Investigator: Dr. James Rourke; Co-Investigators: Dr. Maria Mathews, Dr. Veeresh Gadag . \$233,951 – 2008-2011.
- **"Making Memorial's Faculty of Medicine a Better Place for Aboriginal Students"** Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative (AHHRI) Atlantic Region, on behalf of a team based at Memorial University of Newfoundland. Agreement Contract # 2008-021. Team Leader (Principal Investigator): Dr. James Rourke; Team Members: Dr. Stephen Bornstein, Dr. Catherine Donovan; Dr. Gerard Farrell, Dr. Fern Brunger, Gail Turner and Dr. Maureen Baikie. \$187,500 – 2008-2010.
- **"Retention of Locally Trained Medical Graduates in Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador"** Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). Principal Applicant/Project Leader: Maria Mathews, Co-applicant: Dr. James Rourke. \$278,807 – 2006-2009.
- **"The impact of Provincial Licensing Requirements on the Retention of International Medical Graduates in Newfoundland Funding"** Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). Principal Applicant/Project Leader: Maria Mathews, Co-applicant: Dr. James Rourke. \$10,000 – 2005-2006.

VII. MAJOR PRIOR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

(before becoming Dean of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland, April 2004)

Professor, Department of Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, The University of Western Ontario

- teaching students and residents in our practice
- member Faculty of Graduate Studies, Master of Clinical Sciences Program
- Rural Medicine & Health Course Professor (co-teacher with Dr. Leslie Rourke)

Active Rural Family Physician in Goderich, Ontario (25 years 1979 - 2004)

- rural family practice with obstetrics and emergency medicine
- shared practice with wife (Leslie) who is also a Family Physician
- active Medical Staff, Alexandra Marine & General Hospital

Assistant Dean Rural Regional Medical Education (2002-2004)

Southwestern Ontario Medical Education Network
The University of Western Ontario

Founding Director: 1997-2004

Southwestern Ontario Rural Regional Medicine Education, Research, and Development Unit (SWORRM)

Founded in 1997 and funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health, The SWORRM Unit has the mission to develop, integrate and co-ordinate rural medicine at The University of Western Ontario and improve rural health through rural-oriented medical education, research and development. Awarded Dean's Education Team Award of Excellence, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, 2003. *The Rural Undergraduate Medicine Program* included: Discovery Week, Rural Summer Studentships, Regional clerkship rotations, Rural selectives/electives. *The Multi-Specialty Community Training Network (MSCTN)* has developed regional community training sites and preceptors for anaesthesia, general surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics, paediatrics, emergency medicine, psychiatry and pathology for specialty resident rotations. *The Community Development Officer Program* helped underserved communities in Southwestern Ontario to recruit physicians. The SWORRM program helped set the stage for a major expansion in the UWO medical school and is now integrated as the Southwestern Ontario Medical Education Network (SWOMEN).

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VIII. PAST POSITIONS

- *Chair*, LCME Accreditation Site Visit, January 2009.
- *Chair (2004-2007)*, WONCA (World Organisation of Family Doctors) Working Party on Rural Practice (member since 1994)
- *Adjunct Professor*, School of Medicine, James Cook University, Townsville, Queensland, Australia (rural/regional/Aboriginal medical school – first class entered January 2000)
- *Assistant Editor*, Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine (1996-2008)
- *Member*, *International Advisory Board*, The Australian Journal of Rural Health (1995-2008)
- *Reviewer*, Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine (2004-2007)
- *Book Reviewer*, Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine (2006)
- *Grant Reviewer*, Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (2005-2007)
- *Book Reviewer*, Manual of Rural Practice (2006)
- *Reviewer*, Canadian Medical Association Journal (2005)
- *Reviewer*, Medical Teacher (2005-2008)
- *Reviewer*, The Journal of Rural Health (2005)
- *Reviewer*, Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine (2004)
- *Chair*, SRPC Task Force on Admission of Rural Students to Medicine (2002-2004)
- *Member*, Ministerial Advisory Council on Rural Health (Health Canada) (2001- 2003)
- *Chair*, Research Committee Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC) (2000- 2003)
- *Member*, CFPC Committee on Rural Family Practice (1997- 2003)
- *Member*, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Family Medicine, University of Western Ontario (1997-2004)
- *Member*, National Steering Committee for Rural Health Research, Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) (2001-2002)
- *Project Director*, Medical Education Design Team, Northern Ontario Rural Medical School (2000-2001)
- *Member*, Planning Committee for WONCA 4th World Rural Health Conference (1999-2000)
- *Chair*, CFPC Working Group on Rural Family Practice Curriculum (1998-1999)
- *Chair*, COFM Task Force on Rural/Northern/Community Medical Education (1998-2000)
- *Member*, Rural Committee, Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (1995-2000)
- *Chair*, Emergency Department, Alexandra Marine & General Hospital (1984-1993, 1995-2000)
- *Member*, SRPC (Ontario) and PAIRO Working Group: Blueprint for Addressing Physician Recruitment and Retention in Rural and Remote Ontario (1998)
- *Visiting Professor*, University of Otago Dunedin School of Medicine, New Zealand (May 1998)
- *Honourary Consultant*, Chair Committee for the Chair of Rural Health, University of Melbourne, Australia (1998)
- *Member*, *Expert Panel*, Rural and Northern Health Care Framework, Ontario Ministry of Health (1997)
- *Member*, PCCCAR Subcommittee on Continuing Medical Education (1997)
- *Member*, Ontario College of Family Physicians Task Force on Family Practice Research (1997)
- *Chair*, CaRMeN - The Canadian Rural Medicine Network of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (1995-97)
- *Principle Investigator*: Canadian Family Physician Childhood Injury Study (1993-1997) - funded by LCDC - Health Canada
- *Member*, Obstetrics Review Committee for Ontario (Chief Coroner's Office) (1994-1997)
- *Member*, WONCA Scientific Committee for 1st International Conference on Rural Medicine, Shanghai, May, 1996
- *Educating Future Physicians for Ontario (EFPO) Fellow*, 1995
- *Visiting Senior Lecturer*: January-June 1994 - Monash University Centre for Rural Health, Moe, Victoria, Australia. (This provided me with the opportunity to bring together the developments in education for rural practice in Canada and Australia. Please see attached summary of my activities while visiting senior lecturer at the Monash University Centre for Rural Health.)
- *Chair*: PCCCAR sub-group on Emergency Health Services in Small/Rural Communities (1994 -1995)
- *Founding Chair*: Section of Rural Practice, Ontario Medical Association (OMA) (1987-92) (past chair 1993)
- *Member*: Executive, Section of Emergency Medicine, OMA (1987-93)
- *Grant Reviewer*: Physicians' Services Incorporated Foundation (1966)
- *Grant Reviewer*: Ontario Health Care Evaluation Network (1995)
- *Member*: Physician Resources Advisory Committee, OMA (1992-3)
- *Member*: Provincial Emergency Health Services Advisory Committee (1989-93)

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- *Member*: Trauma Outreach Education Committee, University of Western Ontario (1993)
- *Chair*: Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit, Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (1984-93)
- *Member*: OMA-OHA Task Force on on-call services in community hospitals (1991-1992)
- *Member*: Committee on Accidental Injuries, OMA (1986-1990)
- *Chair*: Subcommittee on Farm Safety, OMA (1987-1990)
- *Examiner*: College of Family Physicians of Canada, Emergency Medicine Exam (1985, 1987-1993)
- *Examiner*: College of Family Physicians of Canada, Certification Exam (1981-1984)
- *Member*: Board of Directors, Ontario Chapter, College of Family Physicians (1987-1990)
- *Member*: Canadian Obstetrical Interest Group (CFPC) (1987-1989)
- *Member*: Emergency Health Services Planning Committee, South-West Region (1986-1989)
- *Member*: Huron-Perth Emergency Health Services Committee (1985-1987)
- *Member*: Board of Directors, Huron Centre for Children and Youth (1979-1982)
- *President*: Huron County Medical Society (1981) (previously Vice-President, Secretary)
- *Delegate*: to Council OMA (1980-1985)
- *Co-ordinator*: Continuing Medical Education, Huron County Medical Society (1982-1989)
- *President*: Medical Staff, Alexandra Marine & General Hospital (1981-1982) (previously Vice-President, Secretary)
- *Previous Locums*:
 - London, Ontario July - August 1978
 - Frobisher Bay, N.W.T. September 1978 (Aboriginal Inuit)
 - Hazelton, B.C. February 1979 (Aboriginal Indian)
- Member of Multidisciplinary Group Study Team to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malawi (6 weeks, 1982), sponsored by Rotary International.
- Member of People to People Citizen Ambassador Program Delegation of Canadian Family Physicians to USSR and Hungary, April 1990.

IX. MAJOR PROJECTS /TASK FORCES

A. Major Reports

1. **"Three Missions, One Future...Optimizing the Performance of Canada's Academic Health Sciences Centres"**. A report from the National Task Force on the Future of Canada's Academic Health Sciences Centres (AHSC), May 2010. This report provides a road map for the AHSCs to improve further the health and health care of Canadians, generate life-saving research and innovations and provide world-class training to future clinicians. The full report, in addition to background documents, can be found at the following website: www.ahsc-ntf.org. Dr. James Rourke – Member of the Task Force.
2. **"The Future of Medical Education in Canada (FMEC): A Collective Vision for MD Education"**. Co-Chair of Implementation Task Force for Future of Medical Education in Canada (FMEC), March 2009. This AFMC Project was released January 28, 2010. The FMEC project looks at how the education programs leading to the medical doctor (MD) degree in Canada can best respond to society's evolving needs. This project is rooted in AFMC's articulated social accountability mission for medical schools. To summarize, this report identifies both generally agreed upon and uniquely Canadian challenges in MD education and offers a transformative vision for the way forward. It strikes a balance between the push for change, what is currently being done and what remains to be done. This report can be accessed at the following website: www.afmc.ca/fmec/pdf/collective_vision.pdf.
3. **"Admission of Rural Origin Students to Medical School, Recommended Strategies"**. Chair – Dr. James Rourke. This 2004 national task force report was approved by the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada, endorsed by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and presented to the Admission Associate Deans at the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges. For article see: www.cmaj.ca/cgi/reprint/172/1/62.
4. **"Rural Health in Rural Hands: Strategic Directions for Rural, Remote, Northern and Aboriginal Communities"** was prepared *by Health Canada's Ministerial Advisory Council on Rural Health* and released in November 2002. This report is a first step toward building healthy rural communities and reducing the inequities in health status between rural and urban Canadians. The Council was established in 2001 to provide independent advice to the federal Minister of Health on how the federal government can maintain and improve the health of rural individuals and communities. This report examined rural health challenges and recommended a course of action for improving the health and well-being of people living in rural, remote and northern areas of Canada. It articulated seven strategic directions for addressing these challenges and set out specific recommendations.
5. *The College of Family Physicians of Canada Working Group on Rural Family Medicine Education "Postgraduate Education for Rural Family Practice: Vision and Recommendations for the New Millennium"* (1999) Chair: Dr. James Rourke. This major national project was completed and approved by the CFPC Board in May, 1999 and endorsed by the SRPC. It provided a review of the state of postgraduate education for rural practice in Canada and provided a vision and recommendations to educate family physicians for the challenges of rural family practice. For articles see: www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/pagerender.fcgi?artid=2328669&pageindex=1
www.cma.ca/index.cfm/ci_id/37765/la_id/1.htm
www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/picrender.fcgi?artid=2328669&blobtype=pdf
6. *Council of Ontario Faculties of Medicine (COFM) Task Force on Rural/Northern/Community Medical Education: "Educating Physicians for Rural and Northern Communities: A Provincial Plan for the New Millennium."* Report of COFM Task Force, Chair – Dr. James Rourke. Report released in April, 1999 leading to *COFM Business Plan for Rural Medical Education* – February 2000.
7. *SRPC (Ontario) and PAIRO Working Group: "From Education to Sustainability, A Blueprint for Addressing Physician Recruitment and Retention in Rural and Remote Ontario"* (1998). This monograph provided a comprehensive blueprint to effectively address physician recruitment and retention in rural Ontario.

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8. *Rural Committee of the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (CAEP): "Recommendations for the management of rural, remote and isolated emergency health care facilities in Canada."* (1997). This provided an expert framework for the management planning of emergency care in rural Canada.
9. **Medical Education Design Team, Dr. James Rourke, Project Director. Northern Ontario (Rural) Medical School Project Proposal** (2000-2001) . This team of medical education experts developed a design proposal for a new medical school to focus on northern, rural and Aboriginal health care. Key features included: NOMS will be a collaborative partnership between Laurentian and Lakehead Universities (Sudbury and Thunder Bay respectively), and will have a network of learning sites throughout Northern Ontario. The curriculum will be patient-centred, clinical problem-based, and systems-organized, with a significant health determinant focus, and Aboriginal health content and context. Small group learning will be utilized in a distributed learning network with advanced information technology support. NOMS will aim to graduate highly qualified physicians with state-of-the-art medical education, with enhanced knowledge, skills, and interest in northern, rural, Aboriginal and underserved health care. This design proposal led to the establishment of the NOSM with the first class intake in 2005. For the first article see: <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/fulltext/118958585/PDFSTART> Rourke J. Building the New Northern Ontario Medical School. *Aus J Rural Health* 2002;10:112-116.
10. **"Education for Rural Practice: Goals and Opportunities, an Annotated Bibliography."** Completed 1996, this major project involved collecting, then collating and annotating articles on education for rural practice. This 350 page book, available through the Australian Rural Health Research Institute, is a major resource for those involved in developing rural medical education. *

B. Major Projects

1. **Rourke Baby Record Developed with Dr. Leslie Rourke**
(This system for monitoring well baby care is now endorsed by The College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Canadian Paediatric Society) www.cps.ca
 - Rourke, L., Leduc, D., Constantin, E., Carsley, S. **Rourke, J.** "Update on well-baby and well-child care from 0 to 5 years: What's new in the Rourke Baby Record?, *Can Fam Physician* 2010;56 1285-1290. Available from: <http://www.cfp.ca/cgi/content/abstract/56/12/1285>.
 - Rourke, L., Godwin, M., **Rourke, J.**, Pearce S., Bean, J. "The Rourke Baby Record Infant/Child Maintenance Guide: do doctors use it, do they find it useful, and does using it improve their well-baby visit records?" *BMC Family Practice* 2009, 10:28 doi:10.1186/1471-2296-10-28. Available from: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2296/10/28>.
 - Rourke L, Leduc D, **Rourke J**, Constantin E. "Health supervision from 0 to 5 years using the Rourke Baby Record 2006," *Canadian Family Physician* 2006;52: 1273-4. Jointly published in *Paediatric Child Health* 2006;11(8):487-8.
 - Rourke L, Leduc D, **Rourke J.** "Rourke Baby Record 2000: Collaboration in action" *Canadian Family Physician* 2001;47:333-334
 - Panagiotou L, Rourke L, **Rourke J**, Wakefield J, Winfield D."Evidence-based well-baby care, Part 2: Education and advice section of the next generation of the Rourke Baby Record" *Canadian Family Physician* 1998;44:558-567
 - Panagiotou L, Rourke L, **Rourke J**, Wakefield J, Winfield D "Evidence-based well-baby care, Part 1: Overview of the next generation of the Rourke Baby Record" *Canadian Family Physician* 1998;44:558-567
 - Rourke, L.L., **Rourke, J.T.B.** "Well-baby assessment revisited: 1994 update of the Rourke Baby Record flow charts" *Can.Fam.Physician* 1993;39:2557-2564
 - 30,000+ reprints have been ordered of our original article, "Well Baby Visits: Screening and Health Promotion" *Can.Fam.Physician* 1985;31:997-1002
 - 500,000+ *Rourke Baby Records I & II* have been distributed for use across Canada (including several medical school curricula) www.cfpc.ca

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2. **"Rural Women Family Physicians: Are they Unique?"** Study by Drs. Filomena Incitti, **James Rourke**, Leslie Rourke and MaryAnn Kennard. This study began as a resident project by Dr. Filomena Incitti who was a family medicine resident with Drs. James and Leslie Rourke. The project was done in collaboration with the SWORM unit and received external competitive funding from the Ontario Medical Association's Rural CME Fund. This was a large survey on rural practice and rural medical education that compared family medicine residents in Ontario with 507 rural family physicians and a matched cohort of urban family physicians. This is the largest such study ever conducted and the results were published in the Canadian Family Physician (Incitti I, **Rourke J**, Rourke L, Kennard M. Rural women family physicians: Are they unique? *Canadian Family Physician* 2003;49:320-327). Dr. Incitti was selected as the student research paper award winner for the National Rural Health Association meeting in Kansas, 2002.
3. **"Keeping Family Physicians in Rural Practice"** In addition to the above family physicians, this research included Ontario family medicine residents. These are the two largest groups that can be recruited to or retained in rural practice and were surveyed to determine what rural practice incentives/supports were most important. The results will be published in the Canadian Family Physician in August, 2003. **Rourke JTB**, Incitti F, Kennard M. Keeping family physicians in rural practice: solutions favoured by rural physicians and family medicine residents. *Canadian Family Physician* 2003;49:1142-49.
4. *Change Foundation Research Grant: "A Bidirectional Learning Model for Rural Physicians and Medical Students."* For two summers (2000 and 2001) medical students were paired with rural doctors. The rural doctors learned how to access and integrate evidence-based medicine using palmtop and desktop technology; the students learned about rural medicine.
5. *Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (CAEP) Study Grant: "Small Hospital Emergency Transfers"* (1997-1998). This is the first multicentre study of emergency patients who require transfer from small hospital emergency departments to referral centres. **Rourke J**, Kennard M. Emergency patient transfers from rural hospitals: a regional study. *Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine*. 2001;3(4):296-301.
6. Principle Investigator: **"Canadian Family Physician Childhood Injury Study"** (1993-1997) funded by LCDC - Health Canada. This is a major study of childhood injuries presenting to rural and urban family physicians.
7. **"Ontario Small Hospital Obstetric Services Study"** 1995. Funded by Physicians Services Incorporated Foundation (PSI). This study compared small hospital medical services in 1995 with 1988 and found a serious decline in availability of services. (see publications)
8. Developed **"Physician Information Package on Farm Health-Safety Hazards"**, a co-operative project of OMA Subcommittee on Farm Safety and the Farm Safety Association, funded by a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture. Completed through review of fatal farm accidents in Ontario. (Distributed to OMA list of rural physicians and to hospital Chiefs of Family Medicine in 1990.)

C. World Organisation of Family Doctors (WONCA) Working Party on Rural Practice

Dr. James Rourke has been a member of this influential international group since 1994 and the Chair from 2004 - 2007. Dr. Rourke has been involved as both an organizer and a key speaker at each of the World Rural Health Conferences:

- WONCA 9th World Rural Health Conference
Crete, Greece, June 2009
"So you want to set up a group of Rural Doctors?"
"Island Medical Schools: Unique Context, Challenges and Successes"
"Health Inequalities"

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- WONCA 7th World Rural Health Conference
Seattle, Washington, USA, September 2006
"The Canadian Experience" (plenary presentation)
"Transforming Rural Practice Through Education"
- WONCA 6th World Rural Health Conference
Santiago de Compostella, Spain, September 2003
"Quality and Effectiveness of Rural Health Care" (plenary presentation)
"Transforming a Medical School".
- WONCA 5th World Rural Health Conference in Melbourne, Australia, May, 2002:
"Building a Northern Rural Medical School" Theme speaker
- WONCA 4th World Rural Health Conference
Calgary, Alberta, Canada, August 2000
"Patients, Friends, Families and Relationship Boundaries" (with Dr. Leslie Rourke)
"Successful Resident Teaching in Rural, Community Rotations"
"Postgraduate Medical Education for Rural Family Practice"
"Developing Small and Mid-Sized Community Training Sites for Specialty Residents"
"Developing a Rural Medicine Unit: Successes and Challenges"
- WONCA 3rd World Conference on Rural Health
Kuching, Malaysia, July, 1999
"Education for Rural Medical Practice: Turning Goals into Realities" (Plenary Session)
- WONCA 2nd World Rural Health Congress
Durban, South Africa, September, 1997
"Recruitment and Retention of Rural Doctors"
"Historical Rural Practitioners: Dr. William Victor Johnston"
- WONCA 1st International Conference on Rural Medicine
Shanghai, China, May, 1996
"Postgraduate Training for Rural Practice in Canada"
- WONCA World Family Medicine Conference
Hong Kong, January 10-14, 1995
"Education and Training for Rural Practice" – Chair

He has been involved as a co-author on the following monographs:

- World Organisation of Family Doctors (Wonca) Working Party on Rural Practice. **Policy on Quality and Effectiveness of Rural Health Care.** 2002.
(http://www.globalfamilydoctor.com/aboutWonca/working_groups/rural_training/quality/Quality_of_Rural_Healthcare.htm)
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"So you want to set up a group of Rural Doctors?"

"Island Medical Schools: Unique Context, Challenges and Successes"

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Department of Family Medicine, University of Alberta, Retreat on Scholarship, Keynote Speaker

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Ottawa, ON, June 2, 2008

New Zealand Rural General Practice Network Annual Conference

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"How do medical schools contribute to their regions? Ten questions with a case study"

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Malaysia International Health Conference

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"How do Medical Schools contribute to their regions?"
Gander, NL, September 20, 2007

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St. John's, NL, June 20, 2007

Big Land Interdisciplinary Health Conference
"Training Health Professionals for Rural Communities"
Labrador, March 15, 2007

Wednesday at Noon
"Education for Rural Practice"
(Archived: www.med.mun.ca/pdmed/cme/webdemo.asp)
St. John's, NL, March 7, 2007

Western Homecoming 2006
"Admitting Students from Rural Areas to Medical School"
London, ON September 30, 2006

WONCA 7th World Rural Health Conference
"The Canadian Experience" (plenary presentation)
"Transforming Rural Practice Through Education"
Seattle, Washington, USA, September 6, 2006

NLMA Annual Meeting
"Working Together to Build a Healthy Tomorrow"
Corner Brook, NL, June 3, 2006

RCPSC/CFPC National Colloquium
"Academic Health Science Centre Practice and Education Model" with Dr. Jean Gray
Ottawa, Ontario, January 20, 2006

The 10th Asian Congress of Agricultural Medicine and Rural Health Conference
"Fatal Farm Injuries in Canada: evolving research and action"
Japan, November 25, 2005

AAMC Annual Meeting
"Social Accountability in Theory and Practice"
Washington, November 4-7, 2005

Primary Health Care Conference

Professor James T. B. Rourke

"Disruptive Innovation and the Future of Primary Health Care"
Halifax, Nova Scotia, September 30, 2005

Health Human Resources Innovation Conference
"Social Accountability"
Halifax, Nova Scotia, September 20-21, 2005

CIHR
"Rural and Remote Health Research: Rhetoric and Reality"
Rocky Harbour, Newfoundland, June 6, 2005

Wonca 17th World Conference of Family Doctors, Symposium, (with Dr. Roger Strasser)
"Rural Practice Around the World"
Orlando, Florida, October 13, 2004

Wonca 17th World Conference of Family Doctors, Workshop (with Drs. Chater, Strasser, and Boelen)
"Creating Unity for Action – An Action Plan for Rural Health"
Orlando, Florida, October 14, 2004

Wonca 17th World Conference of Family Doctors, Workshop (with Drs. Chater and Strasser)
"Defining Rural Medicine"
Orlando, Florida, October 15, 2004

Wonca 17th World Conference of Family Doctors, Workshop (with Dr. John Howard)
"Ecosystem Health: Focusing Physicians on the Environment"
Orlando, Florida, October 16, 2004

Peter J. Neelands Lectureship
"Impact of Rural Medical School: Memorial University of Newfoundland"
Thunder Bay, Ontario, September 15th, 2004

Hennen Symposium
"Family Physicians as Dean of Medicine"
Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 20, 2004

Presentation to Faculty of Memorial University of Newfoundland
"Rural/Regional Program Development at Western: Lessons Learned"
St. John's, Newfoundland, October 7, 2003

WONCA 6th World Rural Health Conference
"Transforming a Medical School"
Santiago de Compostella, Spain, September, 2003

WONCA 6th World Rural Health Conference, Plenary
"Policy on Quality and Effectiveness of Rural Health Care"
Santiago de Compostella, Spain, September, 2003

SWORRM Rural and Regional Preceptor Retreat
"The troubled or Troubling Student" (with Dr. Cynthia Kenyon)
Benmiller, May 3, 2003

Family Medicine Interest Group
"Rural Perspectives"
London, April 5, 2003

Dissemination Meeting (TVFPRU with Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care)

Professor James T. B. Rourke

"Rural Perspectives"
Toronto, March 25, 2003

UWO Alumni Association Meeting
"Rural Health in Southwestern Ontario and Beyond"
London, December 2, 2002

NOC:COFM Meeting
"Expanding beyond the traditional medical school (SWOMEN)"
Collingwood, Ontario, October 9, 2002

OMEN Research Symposium
"Beyond the Traditional Medical School: Measuring Change"
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, May 30, 2002

5th WONCA World Conference on Rural Health
"Building the Northern Ontario Rural Medical School"
Melbourne, Australia, May 2, 2002

5th WONCA World Conference on Rural Health
"Untangling the Web: Relationship Boundaries in Rural Practice" (Workshop with Dr. Leslie Rourke)
Melbourne, Australia, May 1, 2002

Manitoba College of Family Physicians Annual Scientific Assembly
"The Future of Family Medicine" – Plenary Speaker (DI Rice Award Presentation)
Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 12, 2002

Thames Valley District Health Council
"Beyond the Band-Aid: Sustainability in Rural Health Human Resources"
London, Ontario, February 15, 2002

Rural Family Medicine Faculty Development Workshop (University of Calgary, University of Alberta)
"Building Successful Rural Medical Education Programs" – Keynote Address
Kananaskis, Alberta, February 8, 2002

Residents' Research Day, St. Joseph's Health Centre, University of Toronto
"A Different Path: Becoming an Academic in the Country"
January 9, 2002

McGill University Department of Family Medicine Faculty Development Day
"Rural Family Medicine in Canada – Present and Future" (DI Rice Award Presentation)
Montreal, Quebec, November 14, 2001

University of Toronto – Annual Undergraduate Education Faculty Development Workshop
"A Different Path: Becoming an Academic in the Country" (with Dr. Leslie Rourke)
Toronto, Ontario, November 9, 2001

Family Medicine Forum 2001
"Rural Family Medicine in Canada: Present and Future" (DI Rice Award Presentation)
Vancouver, BC, October 25, 2001

UWO Homecoming CME Program
"Patients, Friends, Families and Relationship Boundaries"
London, Ontario, September 29, 2001

UWO Postgraduate Academic Half-Day
"Southwestern Ontario Rural Medicine Unit (SWORM)"

Professor James T. B. Rourke

London, Ontario, September 26, 2001

UWO Master of Clinical Science Symposium
"Rural Family Medicine in Canada: Building the Future" (DI Rice Award Presentation)
London, Ontario, September 21, 2001

SWORM Summer Studentship Research Presentations
"Rural Physician Recruitment"
Walkerton, Ontario, September 20, 2001

Memorial University Department of Family Medicine
"Rural Family Medicine in Canada: Building the Future" (DI Rice Award Presentation)
St. John's, Newfoundland, September 7, 2001

Queen's University Family Medicine Teachers' Faculty Development Workshop
"The Future of Family Medicine & Rural Family Medicine in Canada" (DI Rice Award Presentation)
Picton, Ontario, May 18, 2001

Queen's University Family Medicine Teachers' Faculty Development Workshop
"Practical Tips for Teaching Residents in a Rural and Regional Setting"
Picton, Ontario, May 18, 2001

Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Youth Symposium, "A Celebration of Excellence"
"Rural Medicine: An Exciting Career...A Great Life!"
London, Ontario, May 11, 2001

Making Connections CME Day
"What's Happening in Rural Medicine?"
Walkerton, Ontario, May 2, 2001

International Symposium on Northern & Rural Medical Education in a New Century
"Northern Rural Medical School (NORMS): A Made in the North Solution"
Sudbury, Ontario, April 27, 2001

CFPC Annual Scientific Assembly
"Patients, Friends, Families, and Relationship Boundaries"
Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 5-7, 2001

UNBC/UBC Northern Medical Program Planning Workshop
"Building a Rural/Regional Medical Program: The SWORM Experience"
Prince George, British Columbia, February 19-21, 2001

The Future of Maternity Care in Canada
"The Future of Rural Maternity Care"
London, Ontario, November 24-25, 2000

Ontario Medical Students Weekend
"The Joys and Challenges of Rural Medicine" – Workshop
London, Ontario, November 18, 2000

CFPC Family Medicine Forum
"Patients, Friends, Families, and Relationship Boundaries"
James Rourke and Leslie Rourke
Ottawa, Ontario, October 19, 2000

OHA-Institute for Health Care Financial Managers

Professor James T. B. Rourke

"Physician Compensation"
Toronto, Ontario, September 12, 2000

WONCA 4th World Rural Health Conference
"Patients, Friends, Families and Relationship Boundaries" (with Dr. Leslie Rourke)
Calgary, Alberta, August 16-19, 2000

WONCA 4th World Rural Health Conference
"Successful Resident Teaching in Rural, Community Rotations"
Calgary, Alberta, August 16-19, 2000
WONCA 4th World Rural Health Conference
"Postgraduate Medical Education for Rural Family Practice"
Calgary, Alberta, August 16-19, 2000

WONCA 4th World Rural Health Conference
"Developing Small and Mid-Sized Community Training Sites for Specialty Residents"
Calgary, Alberta, August 16-19, 2000

WONCA 4th World Rural Health Conference
"Developing a Rural Medicine Unit: Successes and Challenges"
Calgary, Alberta, August 16-19, 2000

Northern Rural Medical School (NORMS) Proposal Planning Meeting
"Developing the Model"
Thunder Bay, Ontario, June 22, 2000

Grey-Bruce Health Services Annual Meeting
"Rural Medicine: Past and Future"
Owen Sound, Ontario, June 16, 2000

George Expert Panel on Physician Distribution
"Educating Physicians for Rural/Regional/Northern Ontario Communities"
Toronto, Ontario, June 12, 2000

Second Annual Rural Students Saugeen River Run Retreat
Presentation on "Farm Injuries"
May 20, 2000

MSCTN Spring Meeting and Retreat
"Patients, Friends, Families and Relationship Boundaries" (with Dr. Leslie Rourke)
Grand Bend, Ontario, May 5, 2000

ACMC-ACTH-CAME Annual Meeting
"Educating Specialty Physicians in Rural and Regional Communities" – Plenary Session
Whistler, BC, May 2, 2000

Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC)
8th Annual Rural and Remote Medicine Conference
"Who, Why, and How: Patient Transfers from Small Hospital Emergency Departments to Referral Centres"
(Plenary)
Ottawa, Ontario, April 6, 2000

Rural-Based Graduate Medical Education Conference
"Postgraduate Medical Education for Rural Family Medicine in Canada" – Plenary Session
San Antonio, Texas, USA, February 18, 2000

Professor James T. B. Rourke

1st Annual COFM Conference

- Member COFM Advisory Group
- Plenary presentation, "Provincial Plan for Education of Physicians for Rural and Northern Communities"
- Chair, "The Path Forward: What are the Next Steps in Rural Medical Education?"
- Presentation, "Building a Multi-Specialty Community Training Network"
Queen's University, Kingston, November 25-26, 1999

Members of Parliament Health Interest Group Meeting – 'Building Solutions to Rural Health Care Challenges'
Presentation: "Educating Physicians for Rural Communities in Canada"
Belleville, Ontario, November 6, 1999

Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians

Presentation: "Transfer of Emergency Patients from Rural Hospitals"
Quebec City, Quebec - October 29-30, 1999

"From Education to Sustainability: The Manitoba Action Plan for Rural Physician Retention

- Plenary Presentation: "Education to Sustainability: The Need for a Continuum"
- Co-Chair Workshop, "Postgraduate Rural Curriculum"
Manitoba Health - Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 28, 1999

Section of Teachers of Family Medicine

- Co-Chair Rural Medical Forum
- Co-Chair Rural Co-ordinators Meeting
- Workshop, "Successful Teaching in Rural Community Rotations"
Montreal, Quebec – October 22-25, 1999

The 5th Annual Conference on Residency Education

- Workshop (X2) "Developing Small and Mid-sized Training Sites for Specialty Residents"
- RCPS, Montreal, September 23-24, 1999

3rd World Conference on Rural Health (WONCA)

"Education for Rural Medical Practice: Turning Goals into Realities" (Plenary Session)
Kuching, Malaysia, July 2, 1999

Emergency Medicine Update '99 – North York General Hospital

The Who, Why & How of Patient Transfers from Small Hospital EDs to Referral Centres
Toronto, Ontario - June 18-19, 1999

University of Western Ontario Faculty Development Workshop

"Patients, Friends, Families and Relationship Boundaries" (with Dr. Leslie Rourke)
London, Ontario, May 19, 1999

College of Family Physicians of Canada Board Meeting

"Postgraduate Education for Rural Family Practice"
Report of CFPC Working Group on Rural Family Medicine Education
Victoria, British Columbia, May 12, 1999

Society of Rural Physicians of Canada

"Postgraduate Education for Rural Family Practice" – Evening Forum, Touchpad Presentation
St. John's, Newfoundland, April 12, 1999

"Forum '99" (PAIRO) - Solutions to Physician Recruitment and Retention in Southwestern Ontario

"Framing the Challenge: Physician Distribution in Southwestern Ontario"
Chatham, 24 February 1999

OHA Conference - "Physician Recruitment" - Panelist

Professor James T. B. Rourke

"Small Hospital Physician Action Plan"
Toronto, 29 January 1999

MOH-OMA Physician Human Resources Committee
"South West Ontario Physician Resource Issues"
Toronto, 28 January 1999

UWO Family Medicine Department Meeting
"South West Ontario Community Development Officer: Role and Function (co-presentation with Jay Orchard, CDO)
London, 27 January 1999

South West Ontario District Health Councils
"Medical Human Resources Planning: A Technical Workshop" (moderator)
London, 26 January 1999

Huron-Perth Hospital Partnership Chiefs of Staff
"Physician Resource Issues"
Benmiller, 20 January 1999

Tillsonburg Hospital Board Retreat (keynote speaker)
"Future Access to Quality Rural Health Care"
Tillsonburg, 15 January 1999

Dialogue on Education and Training of Rural Family Physicians
"Rural Family Medicine Curriculum"
Ottawa, 14 January 1999

Ontario Hospital Association District 5 Meeting
"Recruitment and Retention of Rural Physicians: The Southwestern Ontario Community Development Officer Program"
Grand Bend, 8 October 1998

University of Toronto Medical Students' Rural Interest Group
"Rural Practice"
Toronto, 30 September 1998

Section of Teachers of Family Medicine CFPC/RCPSC Annual Meeting
"Successful Resident Teaching in Rural/Community Rotations" (workshop with Dr. Leslie Rourke)
"Developing Objectives for rural and Small Community-Based Teaching Rotations" (workshop with Dr. Susan McNair and Dr. David Warren)
Toronto, Ontario, September 25, 1998

Grey Bruce Huron-Perth District Health Council
"SWORM and the Community Development Officer Program"
Benmiller, 23 September 1998

British Columbia Reproductive Care Program: National Forum on Rural Obstetrics
"24-7-365"
Victoria, B.C., 25 June 1998

Critical Care Research Network
"A Rural Perspective on ICU Networks"
London, Ontario, 17 June 1998

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Dunedin School of Medicine Grand Rounds
"Rural Health Care Beyond 2000: Developing Resources"
Dunedin, New Zealand, 20 May 1998

Dunedin School of Medicine Conference: Rural Health Beyond 2000
"Rural Health Care Beyond 2000: Challenging Problems, Innovative Solutions" (Opening Address)
"Education for Rural Practice: Turning Goals into Realities"
Invercargill, New Zealand, 14-16 May, 1998

7th International Conference on Emergency Medicine
"Venus and Mars' Relationship of Rural EDs to Academic Centres: Moving from A to B"
Vancouver, British Columbia, March 29, 1998

Rural Ontario Municipal Association "Into the New Millennium"
"Rural Health Care: Prescription for the Future"
Toronto, Ontario, February 10, 1998

UWO Academic Health Science Network/Southwestern Ontario Hospitals "Partners" Meeting
"Update on Multi-Specialty Community Training Network and Rural Undergraduate Initiative"
London, January 9, 1998

Huron County Medical Society Annual Meeting
"Historical Huron County Practitioners: Dr. William Victor Johnston"
Bayfield, Ontario, December 6, 1997

EFPO Annual Conference
"Meeting the needs of the rural community"
Toronto, Ontario, November 16-18, 1997

CFPC Section of Teachers
"Successful resident teaching in rural family practice"
Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 24, 1997

Kent County District Health Council Annual Meeting, Keynote Speaker
"Rural Health Care"
Chatham, Ontario, October 2, 1997

WONCA Second World Rural Health Congress
"Recruitment and Retention of Rural Doctors"
"Historical Rural Practitioners: Dr. William Victor Johnston"
Durban, South Africa, September 14-17, 1997

Ontario Ministry of Health Presentation
"Developing Guidelines for the Rural and Northern Health Care Framework"
Stratford, Ontario, July 30, 1997

Ontario Ministry of Health – Minister's Presentation and Announcement
"The Rural and Northern Health Care Framework"
Goderich, Ontario, June 27, 1997

Thames Valley District Health Council Annual Meeting, Keynote Speaker
"Changing Roles to Meet the Health Care Needs of Southwestern Ontario"
Ingersoll, Ontario, June 26, 1997

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OHA Conference on Small Hospitals
"CAEP Policy for Emergency Health Care Facilities"
Toronto, Ontario, May 22, 1997

PAIRO Forum '97
Progress and Direction: Physician Recruitment and Retention in Rural and Northern Ontario
Panel: "Future of Medical Education"
Sudbury (Hanmer), Ontario, May 12, 1997

Ontario Hospital Association Meeting
Panel: "Integrated Delivery Systems: Facing the Challenges"
Grand Bend, Ontario, April 23, 1997

McMaster University Department of Family Medicine Community-Based Residency Program Annual Spring Meeting, Workshop (with Dr. Leslie Rourke)
"Challenging Relationship Issues in Family Practice – Medical Marriages and Relationship Boundaries"
Cambridge, Ontario, April 12, 1997

UWO Homecoming Medical Conference
"A Light-hearted Look at Medical Education for Rural Practice"
London, Ontario, October 19, 1996

Emergency Department Directors Conference
"Recruitment and retention in a small community hospital"
Toronto, Ontario, September 28, 1996

H. H. Allen Education Day '96
"In Defence of Community Hospital Obstetrics"
Ingersoll, June 05, 1996

First International Conference on Rural Medicine (WONCA)
"Postgraduate Training for Rural Practice in Canada"
Shanghai, China, May 23, 1996

Rural and Remote Area Medicine, 4th Convention
"WONCA Working Party on Rural Practice Initiatives"
"CaRMen - The Rural Voice in CFPC"
"Workshop: Successful Resident Teaching in Rural Family Practice"
Banff (University of Calgary), April 10-12, 1996

Bill 26: Driving Ontario's Health Care Revolution: Insight Conference
"Rural Health Care Needs, Medical Services and Physician Distribution"
Toronto, February 28, 1996

National Conference on Regionalization of Perinatal Care
"Viability of Rural Obstetrical Practice"
London, November 3, 1995

Section of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Workshop
"Rural Family Medicine: What should be core curriculum?" Workshop
"CaRMen: Developing the Network" Workshop
Edmonton, October 19-21, 1995

Rural/Remote Area Medicine, 3rd Course
"Rural Injuries: Farm injuries: causation and prevention"
Montreal (McGill), April 20-21, 1995

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The Society of Rural Physicians 2nd Annual Meeting
"The Quality and Quantity of Change - What is Right?"
Montreal, April 19, 1995

Ontario Hospital Association Conference on Emergency On-Call
"Rural hospital and emergency services: new ideas and strategies"
Toronto, April 5, 1995

Ontario Hospital Association Regional Council #5 meeting
"A new model for the provision of rural emergency health care in small/rural hospitals"
London, March 7, 1995

PCCCAR (Provincial Co-ordinating Committee on Community and Academic Health Science Centre Relations)
"Education for Rural Practice in Ontario: New Directions"
Toronto, January 18, 1995

WONCA (World Organisation of Family Doctors)
"Education and Training for Rural Practice"- Chair
Hong Kong, January 10-14, 1995

PCCCAR Subcommittee on Role, Function and Financing of Academic Health Science Centres
"Education for Rural Practice in Ontario: New Directions"
Toronto, November 10, 1994

Section of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Workshop
"Teaching about Key Relationships in Medical Practice" - workshop (with Dr. Leslie Rourke)
"Canadian Academic Rural Medicine Network" - workshop to establish
"Education for Rural Practice in Australia: Lessons for Canada" - free-standing paper
"Education for Rural Practice: Past, Present and Future" - presentation to rural family medicine interest group
Winnipeg, Oct. 20-22, 1994

Section of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Workshop
"Successful resident teaching in rural community practice" (with Dr. Leslie Rourke)
Fredericton, Nov. 5, 1993

Lakehead University Conference, Redressing the Imbalance
"Politics of Rural Practice: Recruitment and Retention of Physicians"
Thunder Bay, October 22, 1993

McMaster University Academic Forum, Department of Family Medicine/Emergency Medicine
"Small Hospital Emergency Department Medical Care: Physician Resources, Research and 6 Key Questions"
Hamilton, June 1, 1993

College of Family Physicians Annual Scientific Assembly
"Politics of Rural Practice: Recruitment and Retention of Physicians"
"Small Hospital Emergency Department Issues"
Halifax, May 15, 1993

Joint Management Committee, Ontario Medical Association/Ministry of Health
"Small Hospital Emergency Department Issues"
Toronto, April 14, 1993

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Ontario Medical Association Board
"Rural Practice Master Plan"
Toronto, March 31, 1993

Central West Emergency Health Services Conference
"Issues Facing Small Hospital Emergency Departments"
Hamilton, November, 1992

Ontario Hospital Association Region II Spring Trustee Session
"The Difficulties Physicians Face in Rural Communities"
Timmins, June 6, 1992

Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians: Emergency Symposium 92- Presenter and Panellist
"Emergency Services in Rural Canada"
St. John's, May 14, 1992

WONCA, Canadian Host for Session
"Training Family Physicians in Rural Locations"
Vancouver, May 11, 1992

WONCA, Presenter and Panellist
"Finding Solutions to the Shortage of Family Physicians in Rural Areas", including presentations on "The Politics of Rural Health Care" (with Drs. Kamien and Carter)
Vancouver, May 11, 1992

North York General Hospital: Emergency Medicine Update
"Farm Injuries"
Toronto, May 8, 1992

Meaford General Hospital Board - Medical Staff
"Emergency Department Issues"
Meaford, November 13, 1991

Thames Valley District Health Council
"Rural Health Care"
London, September 26, 1991

Ontario Hospital Association Region 3 Spring Conference
"Medical Manpower and On-Call Issues for Small Hospitals"
Collingwood, May 28, 29, 1991

Groves Memorial General Hospital Board - Medical Staff
"Emergency Department Issues"
Fergus, April 27, 1991

Ontario Hospital Association: Conference for Small Hospitals
"Board/Medical Staff Relations: Physician Issues"
Toronto, April 26, 1991

Northern Ontario Committee, Council of Ontario Faculties of Medicine
Small Hospital Medical Services in Ontario"
Toronto, January 26, 1990; April 10, 1991

Farm Safety Association Annual Conference
"Reducing Farm Fatalities in Ontario: Can we make it a reality?"
Toronto, March 11, 1991

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Ontario Hospital Association Annual Convention
"Small Hospital Medical Services in Ontario"
Toronto, November 27, 1990

NOMP FM Quetico Workshop
"Northern and Rural Family Practice Training" (Keynote speaker)
Quebec, November 2-4, 1990

Northern College/OMA District 9
The Workman, The Workplace, Workers' Compensation
"Fatal Farm Accidents, Strategies for Prevention"
Kirkland Lake, September 28, 1990

South-West Area Emergency Health Services Committee Retreat
Keynote speaker, "Rural Emergency Medical Services"
Benmiller, September 25, 1990

3rd International Conference on Emergency Medicine, Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians
"Rural Hospital Emergency Department Issues"
Toronto, June 26, 1990

Ontario Medical Association Council - Presenter and Panellist
"On-Call Issues"
Toronto, June 5, 1990

Provincial Emergency Health Services Advisory Committee
"Small Hospital Emergency Medical Services in Ontario"
Toronto, May 25, 1990

10 State Regional Conference, College of Family Physicians, Ontario Chapter
"A Day in the Life of the Rural Physician"
Toronto, January 27, 1990

College of Family Physicians of Canada 31st Annual Scientific Assembly
"Rural Practice for the 1990's: Problems and Possible Solutions"
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, May 17, 1989

National Advisory Council on Family Medicine Training
"Postgraduate Education for Rural Family Practice"
Toronto, April 24, 1989

Ontario Chapter College of Family Physicians Annual Scientific Meetings
Chairman of Interactive Discussion and Workshop on: "Rural Medicine"
Toronto, November 15, 1990; November 17, 1989; December 1,2, 1988

Ministry of Health: Ontario Policy Development Division Advisory Committee on Family Medicine Training and Licensure
"Rural Practice in Ontario: The Next Decade - Problems, Priorities and Suggested Solutions"
Toronto, September 22, 1988

Ontario Hospital Association: Conference for Small Hospitals
"Medical Manpower Issues for Small Hospitals"
Toronto, June 28, 1988

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College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario: Task Force on Licensing
"Rural Practice Perspective"
Toronto, June 28, 1988

Canadian Medical Association Council on Medical Education
"The Postgraduate Educational Needs of Rural Family Physicians"
Ottawa, June 12, 1988

Ontario Chapter College of Family Physicians Annual Scientific Meeting
"Antenatal Care", panellist for half-day presentation and discussion
Toronto, December 5, 1987

South-West Area Emergency Health Services Conference
"The Realities of Emergency Health Services in Rural Ontario"
London, November 19, 1987

National Advisory Council on Family Medicine Training
"The Postgraduate Educational Needs of Rural Family Physicians"
Toronto, October 6, 1987

Rourke J.T.B., Rourke L.L.
"An Approach to Well Baby Care"
Canadian College of Family Physicians - Scientific Assembly
(Vancouver, 1984)

Lindsay R.M., **Rourke J.T.B.**, Reid BD, et al
"The Role of Heparin on Platelet Retention Acrylonitrile Copolymer Dialysis Membranes"
American Society of Nephrology (Washington, 1974)