



Centre for Health Education Scholarship (CHES) Research Rounds



Mark Your Calendars! The Centre for Health Education Scholarship (CHES) is inviting you to Research Rounds with

Dr. David Snadden



Date: Wednesday, December 16st, 2009
Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm (Lunch will be served)
Venue: Northern Health Science Centre (NHSC) 9-370
With videoconferencing to DHCC 11116 and 11124, MSB 107

Topic:
From Small Acorns...

Abstract:

The Northern Medical Program was created by community action and has developed in one of the smallest communities in the world to host fully distributed medical education. The NMP is one of the two distributed campuses of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and has a specific mission to educate medical students in northern and rural British Columbia. The NMP is a collaboration with the University of Northern British Columbia and delivers all four years of the UBC MD undergraduate curriculum. Prince George is historically underserved by physicians and northern BC has poor health outcomes in comparison to the rest of BC. One of the responsibilities of the NMP is to try and explore how the distributed program has impacted the community. This presentation will set this research question in its emotional and historical context and trace the development of a program of research from its first idea, through its first exploratory study and to more complex in depth studies. In doing so the research team has collaborated with human geographers to better understand how the NMP has impacted the community at large and the community of physicians using the concept of social capital, a theoretical framework familiar in the social sciences, but little used in medical education before.

David Snadden MB ChB, MCISc, MD, FRCGP, FRCP (Edin) is Vice Provost Medicine and Professor, Northern Medical Program, University of Northern British Columbia and Regional Associate Dean, Northern British Columbia and Affiliate Professor, Department of Family Practice, University of British Columbia, Canada.

He graduated from Dundee University in Scotland and moved north to Inverness where he trained as a family practitioner and subsequently practiced in the rural community of Beauly in the highlands of Scotland for 10 years. After completing a MCISc in Family Medicine at the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada in 1991 he entered academic practice at the University of Dundee where he was Senior Lecturer, Director of Postgraduate General Practice Education and, prior to moving to Canada, acting postgraduate Dean. During his time at Dundee he completed his doctoral thesis (MD) on reflective learning methods in family medicine residents, established the Scottish MSc in primary care and researched patient medicine taking behaviors and revalidation methods for family doctors.

He moved to Canada in the summer of 2003 when he was appointed to lead the development of the Northern Medical Program (NMP). The NMP is one of the two distributed campuses of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and has a specific mission to educate medical students in northern and rural British Columbia. The NMP is a collaboration with the University of Northern British Columbia and delivers all four years of the UBC MD undergraduate curriculum. Since

2003 he has been involved in: the development of new buildings, the appointment and support of all the academic and administrative team in the north, the development of a rural prioritized admission system and sits on many committees at UBC that govern the expansion of medical education in British Columbia. The NMP entered its first students in 2004, admitted 24 students a year for its first 3 years, increased its intake to 32 students a year in 2007 and graduated its first students in May 2008. His current research interests are in the area of the selection of medical students to rural campuses and in the impact of distributed campuses on rural underserved communities. He was co-chair of the steering group that created the Faculty of Medicine Centre for Health Education Scholarship. He still finds time to explore the incredible wilderness and mountains of western Canada both in summer and on ski in winter.

Please join us.

Dr. Joanna Bates
Director, Centre for Health Education Scholarship

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