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# Advancing Rural Family Medicine: The Canadian Collaborative Taskforce

## Selected Literature Listing

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## Introduction

Since the work of Advancing Rural Family Medicine: The Canadian Collaborative Taskforce (Taskforce) began in December 2014, the Taskforce has accumulated a fairly large literature listing, consisting of grey literature, peer-reviewed articles, and unpublished work, that was used to inform the development of the **Rural Road Map for Action: Directions**. References were compiled based on an environmental scan, including online surveys, that was conducted from 2015 to 2016 with approximately 300 leaders from medical education, rural training programs, government, and rural communities as well as rural practitioners who have been involved in rural education and recruitment and retention initiatives. The selected references were used alongside the focused literature review that was conducted at the very outset of the Taskforce’s work and used in its [Background Paper](#).

A selected listing of literature is provided here, categorized according to the four directions shared in the Rural Road Map released on February 22, 2017.

**Table 1: Summary of the four directions of the Rural Road Map, with page listings**

| Directions   | Page |
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| <p><b>One: Social accountability</b><br/>Reinforce the social accountability mandate of medical schools and residency programs to address health care needs of rural and Indigenous communities</p> <p><i>Key topics: rural admissions process, rural medical education, Indigenous curriculum, generalism, social accountability, rural workforce pipeline, faculty development</i></p> | 2    |
| <p><b>Two: Policy interventions</b><br/>Implement policy interventions that align medical education with workforce planning</p> <p><i>Key topics: recruitment and retention, health workforce, distributed medical education</i></p>   | 4    |
| <p><b>Three: Rural practice models</b><br/>Establish practice models that provide rural communities with timely access to high-quality health care</p> <p><i>Key topics: networks of care, distance technology, community engagement, mentorship, scopes of practice</i></p>   | 7    |
| <p><b>Four: National rural research</b><br/>Institute a national rural research agenda to support rural workforce planning aimed at improving access to patient-centred and quality-focused care in rural Canada</p> <p><i>Key topics: evaluation of rural health care outcomes, evaluation of rural medical education</i></p>   | 9    |

A full literature listing is available by contacting: [academicfm@cfpc.ca](mailto:academicfm@cfpc.ca).

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