Workshop
Methodological Issues of Rurality and Rural Health
Workshop on meanings of ‘rurality’ and definitions of ‘rural’. Researchers will present how these are applied in different contexts in health & health service research, using specific examples. There is a small fee of $20.00 to cover the cost of the luncheon.

Historic Feast Dinner Theatre
Join us Saturday evening at the Halifax Historic Feast Dinner Theatre for: All in the MacFamily, a sentimental tribute to one of North America’s favorite families, possibly modeled after the MacBunkers of Cape Breton Island. This show features a wide variety of music including Maritime tunes. Price ($39.95) includes: entertainment plus choice of 5 entrees, salad, dessert, tea/coffee, taxes and tip. Indicate your interest by checking the corresponding box on the conference registration form.

REGISTRATION FEES
(includes Friday banquet and Friday and Saturday luncheons)

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Delta Halifax* (Single $129/Double $149 +tax)
1990 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS B3J 1P2
Tel: (902) 492-6471 or 1-800-268-1133
Web address: www.deltahotels.com

Holiday Inn Select* (Single $95 + tax)
1980 Robie Street, Halifax, NS B3H 3G5
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The Lord Nelson (standard $119 + tax)
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* When making reservations, mention Canadian Rural Health Research Society to obtain conference rate. Cut off date for special rate is September 26, 2002.

Guidelines for Abstract Submission
Abstracts, a maximum of 300 words, should be written in 12 point font, and be single-spaced. Please submit abstracts by web to www.usask.ca/medicine/agmedicine/index2.html

If necessary the forms may be sent to the chairperson of the scientific committee, preferably by e-mail (bruce.minore@lakeheadu.ca) or fax: (807) 343-2104.

Submissions from students who are engaged in rural and remote health research are actively encouraged.

All abstracts are due by APRIL 30TH, 2002.

Notification of acceptance will be sent by end of June.

Conference details, preliminary program, registration form and abstract submission form are available at: www.usask.ca/medicine/agmedicine/index2.html

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Third National Conference
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HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Sponsored by:
Canadian Rural Health Research Society
(formerly Rural Health Research Consortium)
The Canadian Rural Health Research Society (RHRS) invites you to join us in Halifax for our third national rural health research conference. The mission of the Canadian Rural Health Research Society (formerly the Rural Health Research Consortium) is to foster mutually supportive and multi-disciplinary opportunities for effective and vibrant scientific exchange aimed at improving the health of people living in rural and remote Canada.

**THEMES**

**Population Health**
Explores the determinants of health with a rural and remote context, including:
- health status of rural residents
- concerns of youth, women, and older adults
- people living with impairments
- issues of isolation and poverty
- violence, injuries, substance use

**Community Health**
Concerns sustainability, wellbeing and quality of life of rural and remote communities, such as:
- culturally diverse populations
- community resilience and/or competence
- building partnerships and capacity
- health promotion and community participation
- community health policy development

**Physical and Work Environments**
Addresses topics that arise from environmental and occupational aspects of rural/remote life:
- environmental contaminants and health
- resource-reliant communities
- food and water management practices affecting Canadians as a whole
- occupational health and safety issues

**Aboriginal Health**
Explores health issues of rural and remote Aboriginal Canadians, including:
- building effective research partnerships
- environments and health
- traditional healing and medicines
- access to culturally appropriate care
- preparing Aboriginal health care providers
- continuity of care for Aboriginal clients
- health risk factors and clinical care issues

**Methodological Issues in Rural and Remote Health Research**
Focuses on the challenges of conducting rural and remote health research, including:
- defining ‘rural’ for health research
- sampling for sparse/diverse populations
- analytical approaches to small numbers for research and policy development
- building research capacity in communities

**Bio-medical Research**
Includes topics related to the biological wellbeing of rural Canadians:
- uniquely rural genetic determinants
- environmental antigens, toxins and pathogens
- mechanisms and etiology of diseases and injuries common in rural areas

**Clinical Research**
Studies the diagnosis and treatment of Canadians residing in rural/remote communities:
- efficacy/effectiveness of treatment regimens
- factors that affect functioning, disability and disease prognosis
- clinical studies involving rural Canadians

**Health Care Organization, Policy and Health Resource Allocation**
Examines the state of health care organization and delivery in rural and remote areas such as:
- specific care needs
- models for organization and delivery
- health resource requirements
- geographic considerations
- recruitment and retention of professionals
- rural specific education for professional and paraprofessional health care workers
- information technology/telehealth

**Abstracts due by April 30, 2002**