

# Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research (CRaNHR)

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**12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**

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### ***Physician scores on national qualifying examinations predict patient complaints and quality of care in future practice***

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Several studies have shown a positive relationship between qualifying examination scores in medicine and resource utilization, quality of care, and performance in treatment of standardized patients. Until now evidence has been lacking regarding a predictive relationship between qualifying examination scores and the quality of subsequent practice. The purpose of this study is to determine if national licensing examinations that measure medical knowledge and clinical skills predict the quality of care in future practice. The research involves a cohort study of 3424 physicians taking the Medical Council of Canada qualifying examination I and II between 1993 and 1996 who were licensed to practice in Ontario and/or Quebec. Participants were followed until 2005, including the first 2 to 12 years of practice. Two analyses were completed focusing on two different indicators of performance: (i) patient complaints and (ii) peer assessment. This seminar presents the results of the study and discusses its implications.

**Dr. Elizabeth Wenghofer** joined the School of Rural and Northern Health in 2007 where she teaches in the Interdisciplinary PhD Program in Rural and Northern Health. Her research and teaching interests include health policy, health human resources, continuing competence and performance of the health professions and professional governance. Her research activities have focused on the importance of understanding environmental factors that influence physician performance, especially those associated with the practice structure and community needs and resources.

**This free seminar is open to all interested persons  
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