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## THE ATLANTIC RURAL CENTRE SEMINAR SERIES

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**TITLE: Describing Patterns of Physician Use in Rural Canada: How are Physician Services being used to meet needs?**

**DATE: Friday, February 26, 2010, 2:00pm-3:00pm(HFX) or 2:30pm-3:30pm (NFLD)**

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**ABSTRACT:** Equitable access to health care is a fundamental value of our Canadian health care system. Despite efforts to ensure equitable access to appropriate health care, discrepancies in levels of access continue to exist across the social spectrum. For example, rural Canadians report worse health and lower levels of access to services when compared with urban Canadians. This presentation will highlight results from a study which examined potential inequitable variations in the use of physician services across rural and urban communities in Canada.

**BIOGRAPHY:** Emily completed her M.Sc. in Community Health & Epidemiology at Dalhousie University under the supervision of Dr. Yukiko Asada and Dr. George Kephart. Her research work was supported by the Killam Trusts and the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation. She is currently attending Dalhousie Medical School. She hopes to combine clinical practice and research, focusing on issues of equity in access to health care as well as primary health care reform.