



Department of Family Medicine Residency Program  
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Rural Site Comparison Chart

Site	Teaching Hub	Type of Practice	MRP	Curriculum Structure	Number of Positions	Population	Preceptors	Patients	Practice Profile	Special Interests	Practice Sites	Education Experience	Program Highlight
Grimsby	Niagara	Community Practices / Family Health Teams	In-hospital care (1-5 patients per day on avg during FM), rural emergency care	partially integrated	2	25,000	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 52 bed hospital with catchment area of 50,000</li> <li>• 650 births per year and 25,000 ER visits per year</li> </ul>	Full comprehensive family practices, hospital-based inpatient care; provide prenatal care, complete house calls, and palliative care at home and hospice	Obstetrical environment that supports midwives and family doctors, rural emergency medicine, GP anesthesia	Individual offices	longitudinal OB rotation, specialty rotations are done in St. Catharines including inpatient paediatrics, internal medicine, and emergency medicine	Learner-centered environment that provides many opportunities to become competent as a full spectrum practice family physician in a rural community
Owen Sound	Collingwood			block with opportunity for integration	2	21,000	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 160 bed hospital with catchment area of 160,000</li> <li>• 700 births per year and 36,000 ER visits per year</li> </ul>	Family Practice MRP	Family Comprehensive act as MRP to inpatients	FHT	Comprehensive medicine	Committed to providing residents with a well-balanced lifestyle - access to quality health care, education, making the most of fantastic waterways and trails
Fergus	KW			block with opportunity for integration	2	20,000	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55 bed hospital with catchment area of 35,000</li> <li>• 600 births per year and 25,000 ER visits per year</li> </ul>	Collegial medical staff group working out of multiple sites for family practice, ER, OB, Inpatient, surgical assists, nursing home experiences	ER has catchment from several nearby urban areas, strong OB group practice with excellent teaching	FHT	Live academic sessions in KW, including access to KW FM Conferences. Coummuting to Guleph and Kitchener.	Able to recruit / retain a good percentage of residents over the past decade
Collingwood	Collingwood			block with opportunity for integration	3	25,000	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 72 bed hospital with catchment area of 45,000</li> <li>• 325 births per year and 30,000 ER visits per year w/ orthopaedics w/ proximity to Blue Mountain Resort</li> </ul>	Family Practice MRP	Family Comprehensive act as MRP to inpatients	Individual offices	Comprehensive medicine	Beautiful geographic region, busy small town based hospital
Mount Forest	Collingwood			block with opportunity for integration	2	5,000	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28 bed hospital with catchment area of 15,000</li> <li>• 80 births per year and 12,000 ER visits per year</li> </ul>	Office, ER, inpatient care, OB, procedures, surgical assist, house calls, nursing home visits, coroner work, GP oncology	Rural family medicine with full scope practice including MRP to inpatients	FHT	Comprehensive medicine	Broad scope rural practice with OB and ER, in a Family Medicine run hospital
Simcoe	GE6N		Yes	block	1	15,000	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 106 bed hospital with catchment area of 60,000</li> <li>• 350 births per year and 30,000 ER visits per year</li> </ul>	Family Practice MRP	Long term and palliative care	FHT	Comprehensive medicine	Learner centered environment at both the Norfolk General and Brantford General hospitals, located on Southern Ontario's "gold" coast
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