



Executive Summary  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Workshop  
Education Coordinators Day  
Tuesday, April 24, 2007

The Seventh Annual Spring Workshop was held in Collingwood Ontario at the Westin Trillium house located in the Village at Blue Mountain. This three day event is the largest event ROMP holds on an annual basis at various locations throughout South Central Ontario.

The first day of the Workshop is held to recognize and educate all the community based Education Coordinators who accommodated ROMP learners into their community. This is the third year ROMP has welcomed the University Coordinators to share their perspective and challenges. Each year the group becomes more diverse and dynamic.

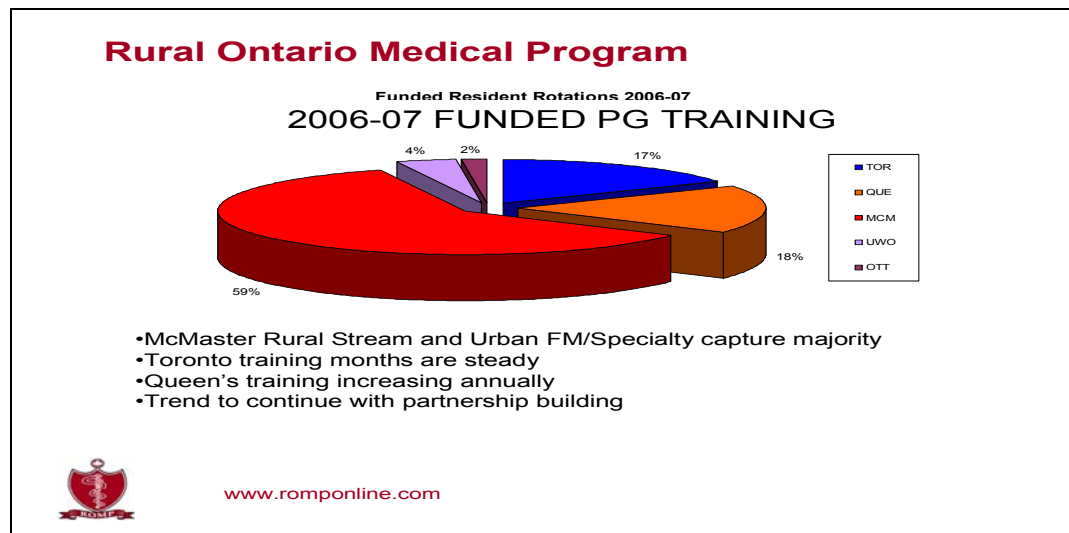
ROMP is pleased to provide a summary of the days activities for your records. Please contact the office at (877) 445 – ROMP should you have any questions.

<b>09:30–10:30:</b>	<p>Following registration and continental breakfast, the day started with the ROMP annual summary by Ashley Colter Interim Program Manager and CDO. The presentation included a quick introduction of new and current ROMP staff, and a year in review. Updates on the number of undergrad and post grad rotations that were processed through ROMP and the number of preceptors that teach out of their office in south central Ontario were given. Both funded and unfunded rotations were summarized.</p> <p>Ashley explained new postgraduate funding. This is very exciting as funding has remained the same for residents since the early 90's. These changes in Post Graduate have resulted in ROMP funding will now match funded clerk rotations. The Preceptor stipend increased to \$1,000.00 per month and residents will receive up to \$800.00 for accommodations based on receipts and up to \$450.00 for mileage base on Kilometers.</p> <p>Rural Medicine Week 2007 is just around the corner. ROMP is happy to say that a record number of communities will welcome a record amount of first and second year clerks. We are thrilled to host 111 students in 15 different communities across the region. Also new this year RMW is mandatory for Ottawa and Queen's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year medical students. This has certainly contributed to the number of learners going out to communities in the region.</p> <p>This past year ROMP launched a new and very user friendly web site. Still ever changing, the site offers our online applications, links to our partner's web sites and an on going list of events and ROMP initiatives.</p> <p>ROMP works in partnership with all six Ontario medical schools, government offices and many communities. We work together in distributed medical education and</p>
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physician recruitment. In the coming year, ROMP will work closely with a number of stakeholders to improve collaboration and strengthen both new and existing partnerships. These include but are not limited to: MacCARE, Rural Stream Family Medicine Residency Training programs, HealthForce Ontario, FHTs and community and university partners.

If you have questions about any of these initiatives please contact ROMP for more detail.

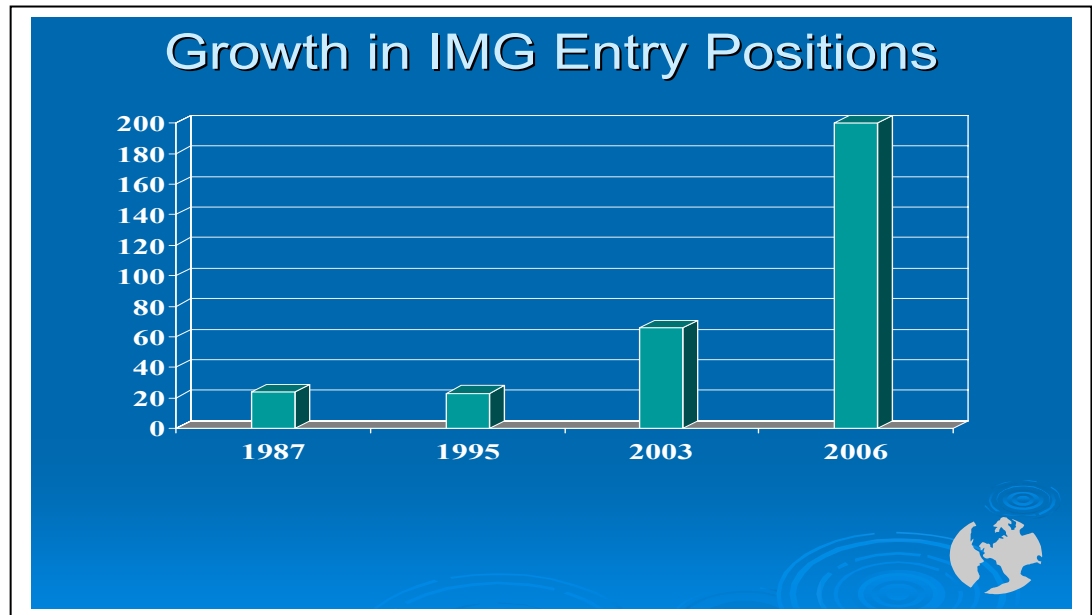
Ashley also summarized some of the research projects being worked on at ROMP which included an illustration of some of the results. To date, Ashley has presented her research three times at various conferences across the country with Dr. Wells. Please email Matt at [mkirkham@romponline.com](mailto:mkirkham@romponline.com) if you would like the complete presentation.



ROMP will have a busy summer and fall with the following events. Please watch for our newsletter this summer too!

- Rural Medicine Week – May/June/July 2007
- ROMP Newsletter – Summer 2007
- PAIRO Tour – September 16-20, 2007
- Research Development

**10:30-11:30:**



Next, Elizabeth Huggins and Margaret Bucknam of the University of Toronto delivered their presentation covering the application process of IMGs into the Ontario medical system (and into the University of Toronto) as seen from their perspective. Elizabeth also introduced CEHPEA formerly known as IMG-O. CEHPEA is the Centre for the Evaluation of Health Professionals Educated Abroad. CEHPEA opened on April 19, 2007 and is part of the MOHLTC's overall strategy to expand and enhance services provided in Ontario to internationally educated health professionals.

Please email Matt at [mkirkham@romponline.com](mailto:mkirkham@romponline.com) if you would like the complete presentation.

**11:30-12:00:**

To compliment this presentation ROMP invited Dr. Khalid Enver an IMG from India to give his thoughts regarding the IMG process. The General Surgeon shared his journey and experience with applying to practice in Ontario. Dr. Enver shared his frustrations with the system, as well as thoughts about the future. It was a very worthwhile session that helped identify the barriers one must overcome to practice medicine in Ontario.

**13:15-14:15:**

Round table discussions followed lunch on a variety of topics. The attendees were split into groups of community based coordinators and university coordinators.

Topics of discussion included:

- International Medical Learners
- Summer Electives

- Observership Policies
- Rural Placement Program Promotion

### Rural Ontario Medical Program

Topic of Discussion	McMaster	Queens	NOSM	UWO	Ottawa
How do INL register with your school?					
Who do you register and how many?					
How do you track # of clinical weeks an INL has already completed in Canada?					
Do you Notify communities/hospitals the learners will be working in?					
Do you contact preceptors directly for the learner?					
Do you fund INL?					

The above chart was designed to capture the round table discussions on a variety of themes including IMGs and Clerkship rotations. Summaries of the round table discussions will be sent in addition to this document.

**14:30-15:15:**

**Group Presentations:** Participants were asked for their opinions and thoughts concerning community based learning and welcoming learners into hospitals and communities. All thoughts were put into a power point presentation (included with this summary.)

**15:15-15:30:**

Laura Macfarlane and Dawn-Renee MacNicol finished with closing remarks.

To finish off the day, attendees were invited to participate in a scavenger hunt throughout the Village at Blue Mountain. ROMP hopes everyone enjoyed their day and thanks all attendees for joining ROMP in Collingwood. See you all next year!

If any corresponding handouts or presentations are missing please feel free to contact ROMP at (877) 445-7667 to request documents. We can also be reached at [romp@romponline.com](mailto:romp@romponline.com).