

# Integrated team-based primary care in rural communities

<b>Population</b>	Individuals in rural, isolated communities
<b>Intervention/Exposure</b>	Integrated, team-based primary care in rural communities; culturally-safe primary care
<b>Comparator</b>	Usual care; current standard of care/healthcare system
<b>Outcomes</b>	QoL; patient care/experience; provider experience; population health outcomes; healthcare costs; healthcare utilization; access to emergency healthcare alternatives for rural communities

## Interview Details:

### Why did you choose this topic and why is it important to you?

- They reside in a small community in rural Saskatchewan which has limited healthcare capacity.
  - Individuals seeking care for major concerns must travel to the closest cities (one hour away), or to Regina or Saskatoon.
- Feels that where you live in Canada determines your experience and access to the healthcare system.
  - Frustrated with barriers to accessing care as a patient (e.g., no connection of health records of visits with different providers).

### What do you hope to learn from researching this topic?

- How to increase open and transparent access and delivery of primary healthcare in a rural setting.
  - Informing/educating patients and communities on how and where to access care.
  - Improve system flow and integration.

- Understand current state of care through community-based participatory research, with front-line providers, patients, and policymakers collaborating to provide perspectives.

### Who needs to know about the findings?

- Patients and communities
- Saskatchewan's Ministry of Health and Health Authorities

### Is there anything that you feel a panel of patients, caregivers, healthcare providers, and policy-makers should keep in mind when reviewing this topic?

- Indigenous partnerships will be crucial to this project to inform culturally-safe and relevant care.


### Anything else you would like to share?

- If this goes forward, they see a possibility to collaborate on a Canadian project with the Canadian Primary Care Research Network.

## Feasibility Assessment Results

### Summary:

One systematic literature review was identified during the scoping literature search. The following review by Rainsford et al (2017) was assessed using AMSTAR-2. A summary of the AMSTAR-2 assessment is provided in the table below.

<b>Review #1:</b> <a href="#">Rainsford et al, 2017</a>
<b>LOW quality rating</b> 
<b>Critical flaw:</b> Missing 1 checklist item <b>Study design:</b> Systematic literature review

### Conclusion:

This topic has a low quality systematic literature review, which suggests that there is scope to conduct further research in this area.