



**Rural Doctors
Foundation.**

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**GPs
4rural
docs**

**Keeping our rural
doctors healthy**

**Become a GP
to rural doctors**

Rural Doctors Foundation is about improving health in rural communities

Rural Doctors Foundation is a charity established by rural doctors who believe that access to life-saving health and wellbeing should always be available, no matter how remote the location in which people live.

We support rural communities and their GPs to improve access to healthcare and promote health and wellbeing by providing:

- **Vital life-saving medical equipment**
- **Community-based wellness and health programs**
- **Emergency relief funding in times of crisis**
- **Rural and remote health research and advocacy**
- **Support to doctors and medical students.**

We also fund education and mentoring services for rural GPs and support medical students to experience rural medicine firsthand.



GPs 4 rural docs

Rural health practitioners are dedicated to their patients and communities. This commitment and the limited options for healthcare, distance and workforce shortages often means GPs do not prioritise their own health and wellbeing.

GPs 4 rural docs is a service offering essential high-quality continuation of care to rural and remote health practitioners. The service is delivered by a visiting doctor, allowing rural health practitioners to meet the needs of their community, while prioritising their own health.

How is the service delivered?

GPs 4 rural docs is delivered by an experienced team of doctors who are as passionate about the health of their rural colleagues, as you are.

With doctor/patient confidentiality essential to building trust, in-person consultations are held within a local hosting medical practice or community facility.



What is your commitment as a GP?

As a providing doctor you will travel to each rural community on your schedule four times each year. You will support your patients as required between in-town visits via telehealth. The duration of each trip will be no longer than three days, and in many cases will be overnight.

Our doctors are well remunerated, and we cover all expenses associated with travel.

Rural Doctors Foundation arranges all travel, town visits and face to face patient bookings. All telehealth support services, and ongoing patient management will be your responsibility, as the providing GP. This includes holding all patient records and billing.



Choose the service model that best suits you

Together with you, we identify the best service model that minimise your time away from your normal practice and fits with your personal life and family commitments.

The service can be delivered as a:

Fly-in/Fly-out

Doctor flies into a town via chartered flights
(Duration 2-3 days)

Drive-in/Drive-out

Doctor drives 2-3 hours to nearby town
(Duration 2-3 days)

Doctor Exchange

Two doctors within 2-3 hours of each other drive to exchange health services to each other and their towns healthcare professionals.
(Duration 2-3 days)

Your commitment plays an essential role to the sustainability of this vital service. We believe that together with your help, we can make a real difference in the lives of our rural medical colleagues.



Want to learn more?

If you are interested in becoming a GP for rural health practitioners, contact us today to learn more.

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