

NORTHERN MEDICAL SERVICES
ANNUAL REPORT
APRIL 1, 2016 – MARCH 31, 2017

I. ATHABASCA HEALTH AUTHORITY

A. 1. OUTLYING CLINICS

Regular local clinics continued in the Athabasca Health Facility, along with clinic days to the outpost nursing stations of Fond du Lac twice per week on Mondays and Wednesdays, Black Lake twice per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Uranium City/Camsell Portage once per month, typically the third Friday of the month. Cancelled clinics are made up if possible.

	No. of Clinics Contracted	No. of Clinics Held	Total No. of Patients Seen	Average No. of Patients Per Clinic	No. of Home Visits
Black Lake (2/wk)	104	100	1405	14	0
Fond du Lac (2/wk)	104	85	1097	13	0
Uranium City	24	12	121	10	0
Camsell Portage	<u>24</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>44</u>	5	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>256</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>2667</u>		<u>0</u>

Clinic Cancellations:

- Black Lake:
 - 1 - Christmas Closure
 - 1 - National Aboriginal Day
 - 1 - EMR Training
 - 1 - Nursing Shortage

- Fond du Lac:
 - 7 - Statutory Holidays
 - 1 - Easter Monday
 - 1 - First Nations Unity Day
 - 8 - Poor weather conditions
 - 1 - EMR Training

- Uranium City:
 - 12 - Patient numbers did not justify more than one clinic per month

- Camsell Portage:
 - 3 - Poor weather conditions
 - 1 - Mechanical issues
 - 1 - No patients
 - 12 - Patient numbers did not justify more than one clinic per month

2. PATIENT CLINICS HELD AT THE ATHABASCA HEALTH FACILITY

No. of Clinics Held – 202

No. of Patients Seen – 1635

Average No. of Patients Per Clinic – 8

No. of Home Visits - 0

3. TEAM WORK ACTIVITY*

Black Lake – 691

Fond du Lac – 351

Stony Rapids – 7

*Chart reviews, nurse consults, phone consults, script refills, procedures, telehealth

4. MEDI-VACS - 5

B. TEACHING ACTIVITIES

JURSI's, College of Medicine, Univ. of Saskatchewan

February 21 – March 17, 2017: Joshua Howie, Regina Division

February 24 – March 17, 2017: Luke Turanich, Regina Division

Inbound scheduled air transportation for the medical learners' rural rotations was made possible with funding provided by the College of Medicine, as well as outbound travel via Northern Medical Services' specialist charter.

The efforts made by physicians and Athabasca Health Authority staff to accommodate, orientate, and include the medical students are greatly appreciated.

C. ITINERANT SPECIALIST CLINICS

The vast majority of the itinerant specialist clinics in the Athabasca remain unchanged, with the exception of the Psychiatry/Mental Health Services. Dr. Elena Shurshilova concluded her 4 years of dedicated service with her last clinics held June 22-24. Dr. Sara Dungavell, a Saskatoon-based Psychiatrist, commenced the provision of services, one clinic per month, on July 22, 2016, traveling to Stony Rapids via existing specialist charters. A collation of the Athabasca-based itinerant specialist clinics follows:

	BLACK LAKE	FOND DU LAC	STONY RAPIDS	URANIUM CITY	TOTAL
ENT – Dr. Shoman					
August 26/16	8	0	2	0	10
December 16/16	6	8	3	0	17
March 17/17	17	2	5	0	24
Total ENT	31	10	10	0	51
AUDIOLOGY – Dr. Brewster					
December 16/16	11	1	0	0	12
March 17/17	2	0	0	0	2
Total Audiology	13	1	0	0	14
DERMATOLOGY – DR. ASINIWASIS					
April 15/16	10	8	2	0	20
OB/GYN – Dr. E. Clark*					
May 20/16	10	4	3	1	18
August 19/16	5	5	4	0	14
November 25/16	6	4	4	0	14
March 3/17	8	2	1	0	11
Total OB/GYN	29	15	12	1	57
Psychiatry – Dr. E. Shurshilova					
June 22, 23, 24/16	19	5	2	0	26
Psychiatry – Dr. S. Dungavell					
July 22/16	2	0	0	0	2
August 26/16	18	0	3	0	21
September 23/16	0	5	0	0	5
October 21/16	3	0	0	0	3
November 25/16	5	0	3	0	8
December 16/16	2	0	4	0	6
January 27/17	5	0	2	0	7
March 3/17	2	0	4	0	6
March 31/17	0	0	3	0	3
Total Psychiatry	56	10	21	0	87
Ultrasound – C. Jabusch					
April 15/16	6	5	1	1	13
May 20/16	5	7	1	0	13
June 24/16	7	5	1	0	13
July 22/16	9	5	2	0	16
August 19/16	3	6	3	0	12
September 30/16	9	4	2	0	15
October 21/16	4	6	1	0	11
November 25/16	9	5	4	0	18
December 16/16	8	3	3	0	14
January 16/17	9	5	2	0	16
March 3/17	14	2	1	0	17
March 31/17	11	5	1	0	17
Total Ultrasound	94	58	22	1	175
TOTAL PATIENTS SEEN	233	102	67	2	404

*Dr. E. Clark provides OB/GYN services at the Athabasca Health Facility via complimentary NMS Ultrasound charters. These clinics are not funded by the NMS provincial and federal budgets, patient data is included in the above for statistical data purposes only.

II. KEEWATIN YATTHÉ REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

A. ILE A LA CROSSE

1. OUTLYING CLINICS

Patient Activity

	No. of Clinics Contracted Per 52-wks	No. of Clinics Booked	No. of Clinics Accomplished	Total No. of Patients Seen	Average No. of Patients Per Clinic	Home Visits
Beauval (2/wk)	104	110	108	1329	12.30	0
Buffalo Narrows (4/wk)	208	198	193	1928	10.00	0
Dillon (1/wk)	52	56	56	709	12.66	0
Patuanak (1.5/wk)	<u>78</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>785</u>	9.45	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>442</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>4751</u>		<u>0</u>

Clinic Cancellations:

Beauval:	1 - Statutory Holiday 1 - Reason unknown
Buffalo Narrows:	3 - Statutory Holidays 1 - Louis Riel Day 1 - No outpost clinics scheduled
Patuanak:	1 - No outpost clinics scheduled 1 - Reason unknown

2. PATIENT CLINICS HELD AT THE NATAWIHIN-NAKASUWENIK CLINIC

PHYSICIANS

	No. of Clinics Held	No. of Patients Seen	Average No. of Patients Per Clinic
April	30	400	13.33
May	20	282	14.10
June	21	271	12.90
July	22	293	13.32
August	23	359	15.61
September	23	369	16.04
October	21	320	15.24
November	24	367	15.29
December	21	299	14.24
January	22	428	19.45
February	23	341	14.83
March	<u>24</u>	<u>358</u>	14.92
Totals	<u>274</u>	<u>4087</u>	

NURSE PRACTITIONER

	No. of Clinics Held	No. of Patients Seen	Average No. of Patients Per Clinic
April	21	280	13.33
May	17	246	14.47
June	16	173	10.81
July	13	174	13.38
August	17	234	13.76
September	18	270	15.00
October	15	184	12.27
November	18	216	12.00
December	16	202	12.63
January	13	188	14.46
February	17	243	14.29
March	<u>21</u>	<u>288</u>	13.71
Totals	<u>202</u>	<u>2698</u>	

3. ITINERANT SPECIALIST CLINICS

	ILX	BN	BVL	Dillon	PAT	St.G/MV	OTHER						TOTAL
							CL	GL	CB	LL	ML	TL	
ENT – Dr. Spafford													
April 25/16	19	12	10	14	8	0	5						68
Aug 9/16	26	7	8	3	3	4	2						53
December 5/16	21	7	7	5	0	1	6	1					48
March 23/17	16	9	7	3	9	2	7					1	54
GP Surgery – Dr. Seguin													
May 12/16	4	2	1	2	5	0							14
GP Surgery – Dr. Sullivan													
September 22/16	8	2	1	4	1	0	3			1			20
November 21/16	7	0	1	5	0	2	1						16
December 8/6	5	3	2	3	2	0							15
March 30/17	2	2	3	3	1	1	1						13
Internal Medicine/HVC– Dr. Stewart													
June 3/16	4	3	1	0	0	0					2		10
Obstetrics/GYN – Dr. Harding													
June 24/16	5	3	4	0	1	0							13
October 21/16	13	1	2	1	1	1							19
March 31/17	13	1	1	1	0	0				2			18
Orthopedics – Dr. Martins													
June 24/16	5	4	3	3	4	3				1	1		24
September 16/16	11	3	1	5	0	0				5			25
December 9/16	8	3	1	2	2	3	1			1	1		22
February 17/17	5	3	2	1	1	2	4			2	1		21
Social Pediatrics – Dr. Brindamour													
April 1/16	1	1	1	0	0	0			1				4
July 27/16	3	0	1	3	0	0							7
July 28/16	3	2	0	0	0	0	1						6
September 2/16	3	2	2	1	0	0							8
November 4/16	2	1	1	1	0	1							6
January 6/17	5	0	0	2	0	0							7
March 10/17	2	1	1	1	1	0	2						8
Ultrasound (Non-OB) - C. Jabusch													
May 6/16	6	2	2	2	1	0	1						14
July 15/16	13	1	1	0	1	0							16
September 2/16	7	1	3	0	1	0	1						13
November 4/16	7	2	2	1	0	1							13
January 6/17	7	2	1	1	2	0							13
March 10/17	9	0	1	0	1	1							12
Ultrasound (OB) – Dr. Sivertson													
April 7/16	5	0	4	0	1	0	1						11
June 3/16	6	3	2	1	0	0							12
August 12/16	5	4	2	0	0	0							11
TOTALS	256	87	79	68	46	22	36	1	1	14	3	1	614

LX (Ile a la Crose); BN (Buffalo Narrows); BVL (Beauval); PAT (Patuanak); St.G/MV (St. George's Hill, Michel Village); CL (Canoe Lake); LL (La Loche); ML (Meadow Lake); GL (Green Lake); CB (Cole Bay); TL (Turnor lake)

B. LA LOCHE

1. OUTLYING CLINICS

Patient Activity - Birch Narrows/Turnor Lake (1 clinic per week)

	No. of Clinics Contracted	Total No. No. of Clinics Held	No. of Patients Seen	Average No. of Patients Per Clinic	Home Visits* Refills**
April 2016	4	4	60	15.00	1*/8**
May 2016	4	2	28	14.00	2*
June 2016	5	3	34	11.33	8**
July 2016	4	4	47	11.75	11**
August 2016	5	4	46	11.50	13**
September 2016	4	4	41	10.25	4**
October 2016	4	4	44	11.00	0
November 2016	5	4	44	11.00	1*/12**
December 2016	4	3	33	11.00	12**
January 2017	4	4	48	12.00	6**
February 2017	4	4	53	13.25	10**
March 2017	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>51</u>	10.20	5**
TOTALS	<u>53</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>578</u>		

Clinic Cancellations: May 4 & 11 - Doctor shortage
 June 1 & 8 - Doctor shortage
 August 10 - No patients to be seen
 November 16 - Louis Riel Day
 December 28 - Christmas Closure
 March 16 - Doctor shortage

2. ITINERANT SPECIALIST CLINICS

ENT – Dr. Spafford July 13/16 November 14/16 March 22/16	41 26 30
GP SURGERY Dr. Seguin April 29/16 June 9/16 Dr. Sullivan September 23/16 December 9/16 March 31/17	16 12 17 12 17
INFECTIOUS DISEASES – Dr. Stewart April 29/16	5
OB/GYN – Dr. Epp June 24/16 February 26/16 October 21/16 March 31/16	14 15 7 13
ORTHOPEDICS January 9/17 – Dr. Martins	26
PSYCHIATRY (ADULT) – Dr. Dungavell April 1/16 May 6/16 July 15/16 (accompanied by Resident, Dr. Wagner) August 12/16 (accompanied by Resident, Dr. Raghunath) September 16/16 November 4/16 January 6/17 February 3/17 March 10/17 (accompanied by Resident, Dr. Scheuerman)	4 5 10 6 7 6 6 7 11
SOCIAL PEDIATRICS – Dr. Brindamour April 7/16 June 3/16 August 12/16 November 8/16 January 20/17 February 3/16	9 12 8 12 9 8
Ultrasound (Non-OB) - C. Jabusch April 1/16 June 3/16 August 12/16 November 8/16 December 9/16 January 10/17 February 3/17	12 17 11 11 12 10 10
Ultrasound (Obstetrical) – Dr. Sivertson May 12/16 July 13/16	12 11
TOTAL PATIENTS SEEN	477

III. MAMAWETAN CHURCHILL RIVER HEALTH REGION

A. LA RONGE

1. Outlying Clinics

The MCRHA outlying clinics cover the largest geographical area with unique local weather systems experienced over Reindeer and Wollaston Lakes. Cancelled clinics, and clinics normally held on Statutory Holidays, are rebooked if possible and provided subsequently.

Patient Activity

	No. of Clinics Contracted per 52-wks	No. of Clinics Booked	No. of Clinics Accomplished	Total No. of Patients Seen	Average No. of Patients Per Clinic	Home Visits	Telehealth Clinics
Pinehouse	88	90	86	1021	11.87	2	6
Southend	100	104	94	1012	10.88	0	10
Stanley Mission	128	135	131	1765	13.47	35	3
Wollaston	<u>100</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>1125</u>	11.96	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
Totals	<u>416</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>4923</u>		<u>45</u>	<u>25</u>

Clinic Cancellations:

Pinehouse:	4 - Poor weather conditions
Southend:	8 - Poor weather conditions 1 - Physician illness 1 - Wollaston Clinic in lieu
Stanley Mission:	2 - Poor weather conditions 1 - Physician illness 1 - Physician short staffing
Wollaston:	6 - Poor weather conditions 3 - Physician illness 1 - Mechanical issues with plane 1 - Aboriginal Day

2. Itinerant Specialist Clinics

	LR	WL	PH	SM	SE	HL	GB	SR	SB/BV	TOTAL
Colposcopy - Dr. Clark										
May 13/16	21	9	1	7	2	1	4	1		46
June 30/16	14	2	2	6	3	1	2	1		31
Aug 3/16	16	3	4	6	1		2			32
Sept 16/16	12	2	2	3		2	1	2		24
Oct 21/16	12	6	4	4	4	2		2		34
Dec 1/16	16	8	2	4	4	1		2		37
Jan 12/17	6			3	3	2	1	2		17
Jan 13/17	9	9		4						22
Feb 23/17	2	1	3	4	3	1	1			15
Feb 24/17	5	1	3							9
Endoscopy/Surgery										
Dr. Olsen - Apr 13/16										
- June 21/16	9	1		2	2	1		2		17
- July 20/16	8	4		1	3		1		1	18
- Sept 27/16	10	2	1	1	1			1		16
- Nov 15/16	12		2	2			2			18
- Nov 16/16	8		1	1			1			11
- Jan 10/17	5	3		5			1			14
- Jan 11/17	4		1		1					6
- Jan 11/17	8	2		3	1					14
Dr. Lumb - May 17/16										
- May 18/16	4	2	2	3	2	1		2		16
- Aug 16/16	4	1			1	1				7
- Aug 17/17	5			2	2			2		11
- Oct 12/17	7	1	1	1			1	1		12
- Oct 13/17	10			1	1	1		1		14
- Dec 13/16	7	3		2						12
- Dec 14/16	7			3	3					13
- Feb 21/17	8		1							9
- Feb 22/17	7			2		1		1		11
- Feb 22/17	5		2	2	2					11
ENT - Dr. Shoman										
July 22/16	25			3	1	2	3	1		35
Nov 18/16	9	6	1	6	4		4	1		31
Feb 10/17	19	4	1	6	4		3			37
ENT (Audiology) - Dr. Brewster										
Nov 18/16		2		1			6			9
Feb 10/17	4	1			2		2			9
Infectious Disease (HIV/HCV) –Dr. Stewart										
June 20/16	15		1			1				17
June 21/16	7			6				2		15
Aug 22/16	16			5			1	1		23
Aug 23/16	15							1	2	18
Oct 31/16	14		1			2		1		18

Nov 1/16	11			6		2	1			20
Dec 12/16	16		1	9						26
Dec 13/16	11						1	2	6	20
Feb 13/17	14			4			1			19
Feb 14/17	16			1		2	1	2		22
OB/GYN - Dr. Gilliland										
June 9/16	14	2		4	2				1	23
June 10/16	13		1			1	1			16
Sept 15/16	6	2		2	1					11
Sept 16/16	5			1						6
Dec 8/16	17			4	3					24
Dec 9/16	13	5		1				1		20
Mar 16/17	13			5			2	1		21
Mar 17/17	10		1		3	2		1		17
Orthopedics - Dr. Martins										
May 13/16	18	2		4	4			1		29
July 8/16	13	2	1	5	1		1	3		26
Sept 9/16	16	4	1	4	4		1	2		32
Nov 2/16	17	3	1	5	3		1			30
Jan 23/17	21	4	1	2	4	1	1			34
Mar 3/17	10	4	2	5	3		1	2		27
Ophthalmology - Dr. Sharma										
July 4/16	24	3	3	9	1	2	1	1		44
Pediatrics - Dr. Ramji										
May 18/16	10	2		3		3		2		20
Sept 20/16	12	1		4	1		1			19
Nov 22/16	10			4	1	1	2	1		19
Jan 25/17	12	2		5	1	1				21
Feb 10/17	9	1	1	1				1		13
Psychiatry										
Dr. Shurshilova - June 20/16	11	1								12
- June 21/16	7									7
Dr. Dungavell - July 29/16	7			2			1			10
- Aug 19/16	4			3						7
- Sept 9/16	11	1		3		1				16
- Oct 24/16	6									6
- Nov 18/16	8					1				9
- Dec 12/16	4	1								5
- Jan 9/17	7	1		3			1			12
- Feb 8/17	4			1						5
- Mar 15/17	2									2
TOTALS	767	114	49	199	82	37	54	47	10	1359
LR (La Ronge); WL (Wollaston Lake); PH (Pinehouse); SM (Stanley Mission); SE (Southend); HL (Hull Lake); GB (Grandmother's Bay); Stony Rapids (Sucker River); SB (Sandy Bay); BV (Beauval)										

B. NORTHEAST: DESCHAMBAULT LAKE, PELICAN NARROWS AND SANDY BAY

Patient Activity:

	No. of Clinics Held By Physician	Total No. of Patients Seen By Physician	Average No. of Patients Per Clinic
Deschambault Lake	124	1252	10.10
Sandy Bay	85	1043	11.85
Pelican Narrows	<u>238</u>	<u>2875</u>	12.27
Totals	<u>389</u>	<u>1309</u>	

Clinic Cancellations:

- Deschambault Lake:
 - 7 - Poor weather conditions
 - 1 - Treaty Day
 - 2 - By physician
 - 2 - Band holidays
- Sandy Bay:
 - 44 - Poor weather and/or smoke conditions
 - 1 - By physician
- Pelican Narrows:
 - 10 - Statutory Holidays
 - 2 - Physician attended PALS Course
 - 2 - Gifted Days (PBCN / Heritage)
 - 1 - Clinic Closed due to death in community
 - 1 - Clinic closed due to no water
 - 4 - No physician available

NORTHERN MEDICAL SERVICES ITINERANT SPECIALIST SERVICES

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SPECIALTY	SPECIALIST NAME & HOME CITY	VISITING LOCATION	VISIT FREQUENCY	ONE-DAY OR TWO-DAY TRIP	COMMENTS
Dermatology	Dr. R. Asiniwasis, Regina	Stony Rapids	to be determined	One	In 2015, specialist approached the health region with respect to their interest to receive Dermatology Clinics. Specialist advises she has seen patients from northern remote Sask. who are in serious need of a dermatologist, particularly with infestations, infections, diabetic skin complications, severe eczema and psoriasis. Sending a specialist to the north will help reduce the wait time and travel costs for patients to travel south. The first pilot clinic was held Nov 27/15 with 22 patients seen. A follow-up clinic occurred on April 15/16 with 20 patients seen, with a telederm clinic held March 1/17, with subsequent in-person clinics pending specialist's availability. Specialist travels via existing NMS charters.
Colposcopy	Dr. E. Clark, Prince Albert	La Ronge	8 x year	One	Surgical Procedures at Victoria Hospital, Prince Albert
Endoscopy/Surgery	Dr. V. Olsen, Prince Albert	La Ronge	6 x year	Two	Surgical Procedures at Victoria Hospital, Prince Albert
Endoscopy/Surgery	Dr. K. Lumb, Prince Albert	La Ronge	6 x year	Two	Surgical Procedures at Victoria Hospital, Prince Albert
GP Surgery	Dr. A. Seguin / Dr. E. Sullivan, Meadow Lake	Ile a la Crosse	6 x year	One	Surgical Procedures at Meadow Lake Hospital
GP Surgery	Dr. A. Seguin / Dr. E. Sullivan, Meadow Lake	La Loche	6 x year	One	Surgical Procedures at Meadow Lake Hospital
ENT	Dr. P. Spafford	Ile a la Crosse La Loche	3 x year 3 x year	One One	Surgical procedures and other specialized testing at St. Paul's Hospital and RUH, Saskatoon.
ENT	Dr. N. Shoman, Saskatoon and Dr. L. Brewster, Saskatoon	La Ronge Athabasca	3 x year 3 x year	One One	ENT surgeons from Saskatoon were utilized as the ENT surgeon in Prince Albert withdrew services previously provided to the Athabasca, and previously was not able to manage the other NMS sites. Dr. Shoman then concluded his provision of services in March 2017 due to his demanding Saskatoon practice. Dr. Stevens of Prince Albert resumed the provision of services in July 2017 to both the Athabasca and La Ronge sites.
Hep-C/HIV	Dr. K. Stewart, Saskatoon	La Ronge	4 x year	Two	Specialist is focusing on sites where the need is greater, such as La Ronge, but has provided the occasional clinic in La Loche, with centralized services being provided in Saskatoon

OB/GYNE	Dr. S. Harding, Saskatoon	Ile a la Crosse	3 x year	One	Surgical procedures and other specialized testing at Saskatoon City Hospital or RUH. Obstetricians and Gynecologists from Saskatoon utilized because historically this group of specialists have provided consistent services. PAPHR's O & G specialists do not have the capacity to provide services to all northern communities. Also, there is no high-risk neonatal service in Prince Albert and some surgical procedures (i.e. endometrial ablation) are not available in Prince Albert.
OB/GYNE	Dr. A. Epp, Saskatoon	La Loche	3 x year	One	
OB/GYNE	Dr. B. Gilliland, Saskatoon	La Ronge	4 x year	Two	
Ophthalmology	Dr. V. Sharma, Saskatoon	La Ronge	4 x year	One	Specialist concluded provision of services on July 4, 2016 due to demanding Saskatoon practice. A specialist has not been able to be secured to date.
Orthopedics	Dr. S. Martins, Prince Albert	Ile a la Crosse	4 x year	One	Surgical procedures at Victoria Hospital, Prince Albert
		La Ronge	6 x year	One	
Orthopedics	Dr. W. Dust, Saskatoon	La Loche	2 x year	One	Established as Dr. Dust has been providing clinics in this site since 2006. Surgical procedures at RUH, Saskatoon. [Dr. Martins will provide services when Dr. Dust's schedule does not permit a visit.]
Pediatrics	Dr. A. Ramji, Prince Albert	La Ronge	3 x year	One	Surgical procedures at Victoria Hospital, Prince Albert
Psychiatry/Mental Health Services	Dr. S. Dungavell, Saskatoon	La Ronge	12 x year	One	Dr. Shurshilova completed provision of service effective June 2016. Dr. Dungavell commenced the provision of service in April 2016, with La Loche the priority due to an immediate need for the service. Dr. Dungavell then began providing services to the Athabasca and La Ronge sites upon Dr. Shurshilova's exit.
		La Loche	12 x year	One	
		Athabasca	12 x year	One	
Social Pediatrics	Dr. M. Brindamour, Saskatoon	La Loche	6 x year	One	La Loche and Ile a la Crosse were identified as sites that would be well suited and in need of such services. The clinics have been successful, with travel being provided on existing NMS charters.
		Ile a la Crosse	6 x year	One	
Ultrasound Obstetrical	Dr. Joanne Sivertson, Prince Albert	Ile a la Crosse	6 x year	One	Dr. Sivertson of Prince Albert was recruited subsequent to Dr. Letkeman's retirement in January 2015. She however was not able to continue with the provision of services and concluded her services in August 2016. A replacement was not able to be secured for the remainder of the reporting period.
Ultrasound Obstetrical	Dr. Joanne Sivertson, Prince Albert	La Loche	6 x year	One	
Ultrasound Obstetrical & Non-OB	Carolyn Jabusch (PA)	Athabasca	12 x year	One	U/S technician flown in from Prince Albert as no U/S technician in AHA. U/S machine is provided by the RHA.
Ultrasound (Non-Obstetrical)	Carolyn Jabusch (PA)	Ile a la Crosse	6 x year	One	U/S technician flown in from Prince Albert as no U/S technician in KYRHA. U/S machines are provided by the RHA in each site.
		La Loche	6 x year	One	

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

1. It is more cost effective for a patient residing in the north (i.e. the La Ronge area) to see a specialist in La Ronge for an initial assessment, go to Saskatoon or Prince Albert for surgery and then see the same specialist for follow-up in La Ronge than for the same patient to travel to Prince Albert on three occasions for a similar procedure.
2. If a patient has seen a specialist (for example, orthopedic surgeon in Saskatoon for a serious fracture), any follow-up visits or procedures should be with the same specialist irrespective of the fact there may be the same specialty provider in a nearer location (i.e. in Prince Albert). Continuity of care is very important.
3. Occasionally, pilot specialist clinics are held to determine feasibility for future budgeted clinics. Pilot clinics' travel is supported via existing specialist charters.