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KEYNOTE LECTURE

Mark Prins, MD, CCFP (ESS) FCFP
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“Working on Purpose”



Dr. Mark Prins grew up on a farm in Central Alberta. While medicine had been a career aspiration starting in high school, it was the sale of his family farm while he was completing undergraduate education that encouraged him to continue in his studies. Following a family medicine residency program Dr. Prins pursued an additional year of surgical training in order to provide access to surgical care in Canada's remote arctic. After 10 years in the arctic Dr. Prins returned to Edmonton with his family where he now serves the University of Alberta as Director for the Office of Rural and Regional Health, facilitating the movement of medical learners into rural communities for part of their training. Dr. Prins is also the Program Director for the Enhanced Surgical Skills Program, a new residency training program he is developing that will teach family physicians the skills required to provide basic surgery in rural and remote communities. Dr. Prins will complete his Masters degree in Health Science Education this fall through the University of Alberta.