



Nunavut

Following decades of hard work and advocacy by Inuit leaders, the territory of Nunavut was created in 1999. Nunavut, which means *our land* in Inuktitut, is a vast and beautiful place and though it makes up 20 per cent of Canada's area, the territory has just over 30,000 residents. About 85 per cent of Nunavut's population is Inuit. Inuktitut, one of the strongest aboriginal languages in Canada, is the first language to most. Medical interpreters are available to support family doctors in Nunavut; and it is quite possible and very worthwhile to learn some Inuktitut while doing residency training in the north.

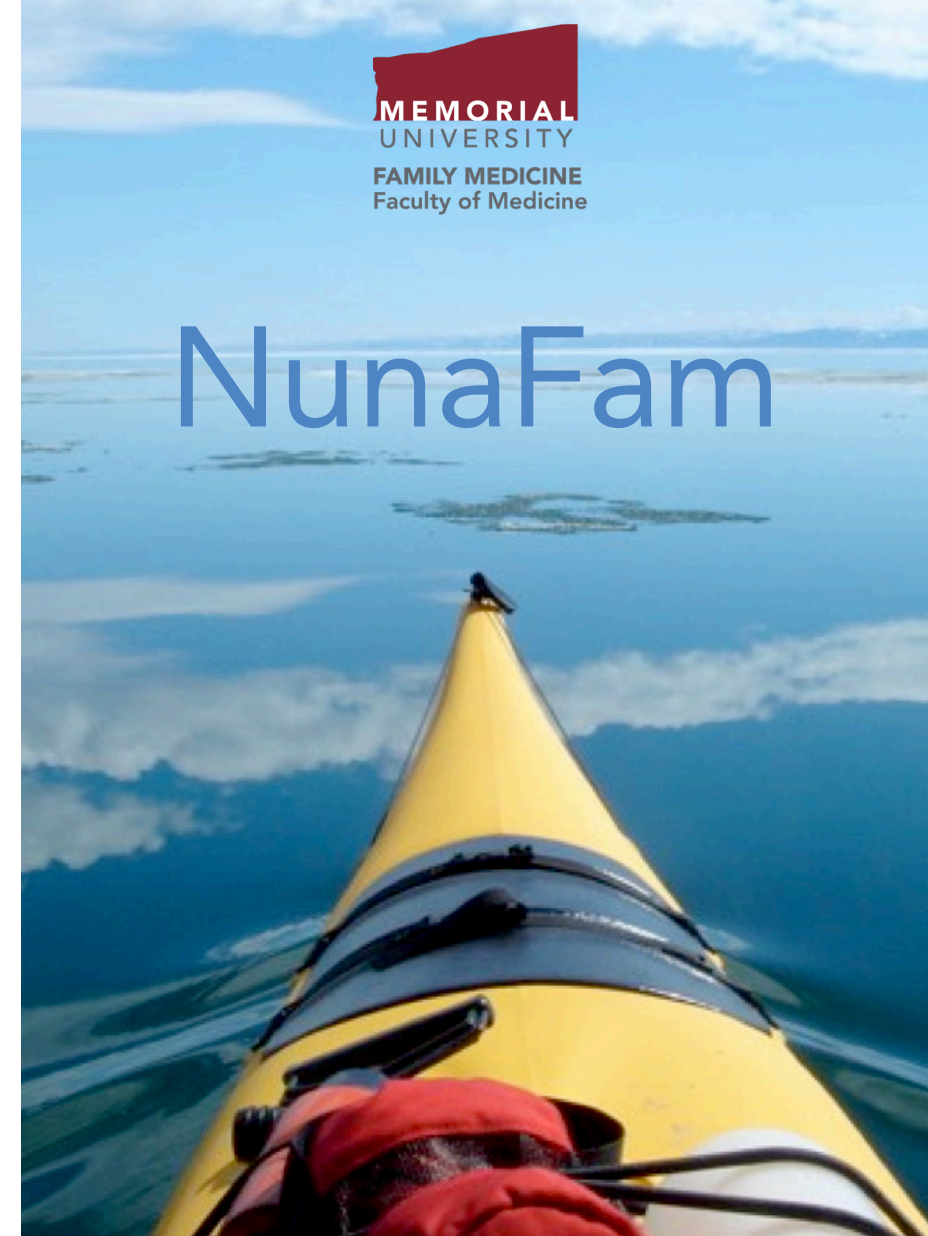
Nunavut Family Medicine Residency Program (NunaFam)

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NunaFam



Residency Training in Nunavut

NunaFam a Stream of the MUN Family Medicine Residency Program offers 6 months of training in second year in Nunavut. NunaFam is a collaborative educational partnership of the Government of Nunavut and the Discipline of Family Medicine at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

The NunaFam Residency Program



Incredible and challenging rural and remote healthcare experiences are available for family medicine residents in the Territory of Nunavut. Residents are based in Iqaluit, at Qikiqtani General Hospital, and have opportunities to work in some of the smaller communities throughout Nunavut.



NunaFam residents spend their first year of training in the Eastern Stream. Second-year residents spend six months of their PGY2 year in Nunavut. The remainder of the clinical experiences are spent in Newfoundland and Labrador.

In Nunavut, residents will learn all aspects of practicing full scope family medicine in remote, isolated environments and will develop cultural competence skills to help them work more effectively with aboriginal communities.

Residents develop excellent skills in the clinic, inpatient, emergency, air transport and obstetrical care settings. In addition to clinical skills, within NunaFam, there is an emphasis on health advocacy, public health and preventative medicine.



The Nunafam collaboration has achieved initial success and has had a positive impact on the number of long-term doctors practicing in the territory of Nunavut. A number of physicians from the family medicine program (including Erika Hansford pictured here) who trained through NunaFam have signed long-term contracts and are currently living and practicing in Nunavut.

NunaFam Faculty



Dr. Madeleine Cole – Faculty

“We are grateful to the physician preceptors, clinical staff and other community members in Nunavut and in Newfoundland, who contribute to the successes of our Family Medicine Residents.”

~Dr. Madeleine Cole