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Country Practice

Problems of rural practices

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That the problems of rural and urban practices differ widely is well known. In rural practices such as those in the Scottish Highlands and islands, the need for professional management is emphasized, and the traditional role of the general practitioner is often enhanced.

The more important problems peculiar to rural practice include the following:

1. The need for continuing medical education and training.

2. The need for adequate medical facilities and equipment.

3. The need for adequate economic support.

4. The need for adequate social and recreational facilities.

5. The need for adequate transport facilities.

6. The need for adequate professional advice and support.

7. The need for adequate administrative support.

8. The need for adequate financial support.

9. The need for adequate legal support.

10. The need for adequate psychological support.

11. The need for adequate emotional support.

12. The need for adequate spiritual support.

The need for continuing medical education and training is particularly important in rural practice, as the rural practitioner is often isolated and lacks the opportunity to keep up to date with the latest developments in medical science.

The need for adequate medical facilities and equipment is also important, as the rural practitioner often has to deal with a wide range of medical problems and needs to be equipped with the necessary tools to do so.

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