

Table 1: Programmes to address physician shortages in northern Ontario introduced by the Ontario government by policy instrument type and year, 1969 - 2004

	Financial incentive	Physician recruitment	Alternative providers	Rural medical education	Medical practice support	Service outreach	Travel assistance	Telehealth	Research
1969	x x		x			x			
1970		x							
1972				x					
1977					x				
1978		x							
1979	x				x				
1980									
1982					x x	x			
1985							x		
1991				x					
1992	x								x
1994					x x				
1995	x	x							
1996	x x			x					
1997	x				x				
1998		x			x			x	
1999	x			x		x			
2000	x		x	x					
2001	x								
2002		x		x x x	x				
2004		x							

Note: Each cross represents a programme. Multiple crosses in a cell indicate several programmes belonging to the same policy instrument type introduced in that year.