

The Future of the Specialty of Allergy and Clinical Immunology

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History

- May 23rd, 24th, 2008: 23 participants met to discuss and identify strategic priorities key to the development of an effective strategy and action plan to raise the profile of Allergy and Clinical Immunology in Canada
- Co-sponsored by AllerGen and CSACI

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- Increased course content in medical school curricula
- Electives for medical students, residents
- Summer research projects (e.g. in labs)
- Financial support to attend conferences

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- Develop and offer career nights
- Increase academic presence of Allergy and Clinical Immunology in hospitals, universities, etc.
- Sponsored lecture programs

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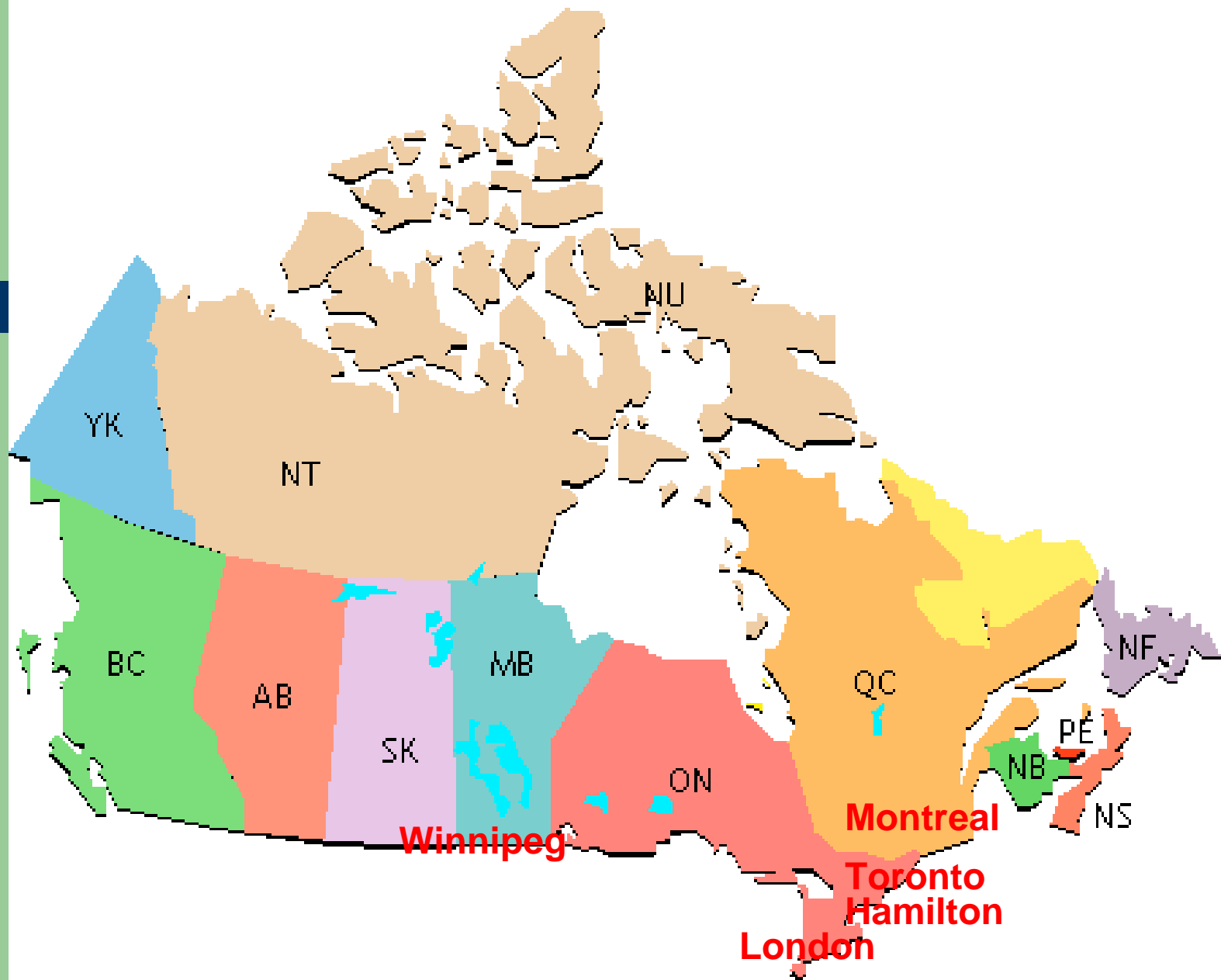
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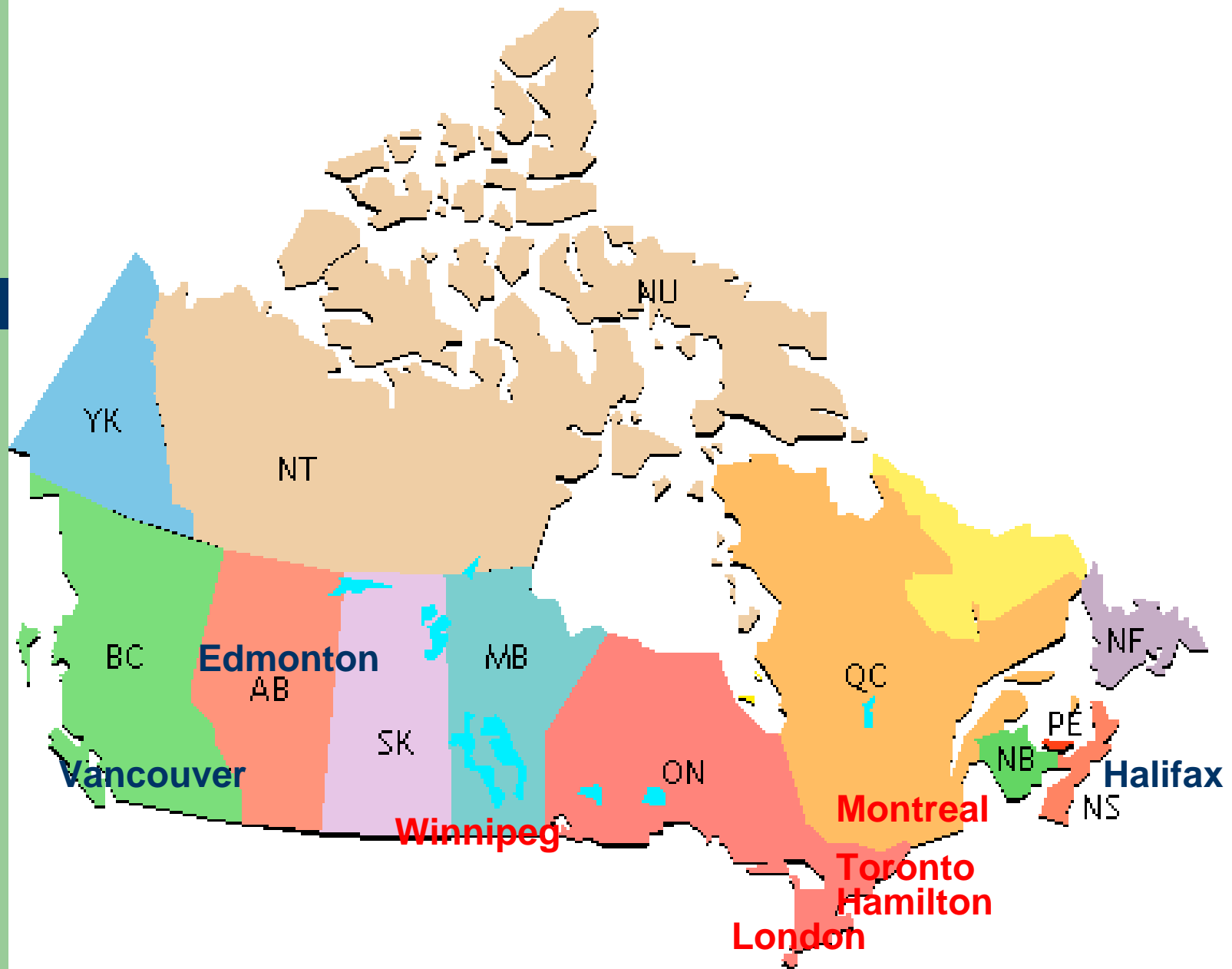
Innovative models for Allergy and Clinical Immunology training

- Allergy nurses as physician extenders
- Provide inter-program training (e.g. rheumatology-allergy, etc.)

Other issues

- Shortage of, ageing of academic faculty
- Geographical barriers to training





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