

Selected Publications and Resources Pertaining to Rural GME

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Pertaining to Rural Tracks/Programs:

1. [The Evolving Role of Critical Access Hospitals in Rural Physician Training](#) (October 2025)
2. [The Landscape of Physician Residency Training in the Indian Health System](#) (August 2025)
3. [Comparing Indian Health Service Sites to Rural Physician Teaching Hospitals](#) (June 2025)
4. [Cultivating Rural Surgeons: An Analysis of the Current Rural Surgery Graduate Medical Education Landscape and a Roadmap to Program Creation](#) (April 2025)
5. [Academic Medicine and Rural Health System Partnerships: Enhancing Education While Advancing Physician Workforce Priorities](#) (October 2024)
6. [Rural and Underserved Graduate Medical Education: A Strategy for Aligning Psychiatry Training with Population Needs](#) (October 2024)
7. [Housing Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Residency Development](#) (August 2024)
8. [Cultivating Healthy Governance in Rural Programs](#) (April 2021)
9. [A Roadmap to Rural Residency Program Development](#) (August 2020)
10. [Preparing Physicians for Rural Practice: Availability of Rural Training in Rural-Centric Residency Programs](#) (October 2019)
11. [Family Medicine Rural Training Track Residencies: Risks and Resilience](#) (2019)
12. [Rural Medical Education Programs: A Proposed Nomenclature](#) (June 2017)
13. [Training Psychiatrists for Rural Practice: A 20-Year Follow-up](#) (October 2014)
14. [Training Physicians for Rural Practice: Capitalizing on Local Expertise to Strengthen Rural Primary Care](#) (January 2011)
15. [A Residency Training in Rural Psychiatry](#) (September 2009)
16. [Putting “Rural” Into Psychiatry Residency Training Programs](#) (November 2007)
17. [A Process for Developing a Rural Training Track](#) (February 1998)
18. [Rural Training Tracks in 4 Family Medicine Residencies](#) (October 1992)

*Pertaining to Predictors of Rural Practice and Graduate Outcomes (*indicates UME focus):*

19. [Recruitment of Residents to Rural Programs: Early Outcomes From Cohort 1 of the Rural Residency Planning and Development Grants Program](#) (August 2024)
20. [What Moves Physicians to Work in Rural Areas? An In-Depth Examination of Physician Practice Location Decisions](#) (December 2021)
21. [Rural Workforce Years: Quantifying the Rural Workforce Contribution of Family Medicine Residency Graduates](#) (December 2020)

22. [Defining Rural: The Predictive Value of Medical School Applicants' Rural Characteristics on Intent to Practice in a Rural Community](#) (November 2019)
23. [A Successful Effort in Reaching Rural Communities](#) (February 2018)*
24. [Physician Retention in the Same State as Residency Training: Data From 1 Michigan GME Institution](#) (October 2016)
25. [Predictors of Primary Care Physician Practice Location in Underserved Urban and Rural Areas in the United States: A Systematic Literature Review](#) (September 2016)
26. [Outcomes of Rural-Centric Residency Training to Prepare Family Medicine Physicians for Rural Practice](#) (March 2016)
27. [Family Medicine Rural Training Track Residencies: 2008-2015 Graduate Outcomes](#) (February 2016)
28. [Thirty Years Training Rural Physicians: Outcomes From the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Rural Physician Program](#) (January 2016)*
29. [A Decade of Rural Physician Workforce Outcomes for the Rockford Rural Medical Education \(RMED\) Program, University of Illinois](#) (December 2013)*
30. [Do Residents Who Train in Safety Net Settings Return for Practice?](#) (December 2013)
31. [Rural Residency Training for Family Medicine Physicians: Graduate Early-Career Outcomes, 2008-2012](#) (January 2013)
32. [The Impact of Rural Training Experiences on Medical Students: A Critical Review](#) (February 2011)*
33. [Which Medical Schools Produce Rural Physicians? A 15-Year Update](#) (April 2010)*
34. [Efforts to Graduate More Primary Care Physicians and Physicians Who Will Practice in Rural Areas: Examining Outcomes From the University of Minnesota-Duluth and the Rural Physician Associate Program](#) (April 2010)*
35. [Why Doctors Choose Small Towns: A Developmental Model of Rural Physician Recruitment and Retention](#) (November 2009)
36. [Medical School Programs to Increase the Rural Physician Supply: A Systematic Review and Projected Impact of Widespread Replication](#) (March 2008)*
37. [Rural Origins and Choosing Family Medicine Predict Future Rural Practice](#) (June 2007)
38. [Critical Factors for Designing Programs to Increase the Supply and Retention of Rural Primary Care Physicians](#) (September 2001)*
39. [Outcomes of Rural Training Tracks: A Review](#) (June 2000)

Pertaining to Supply and Distribution of Rural Workforce:

40. [Growing a Rural Family Physician Workforce: The Contributions of Rural Background and Rural Place of Residency Training](#) (May 2023)
41. [Supply and Distribution of the Primary Care Workforce in Rural America: 2019](#) (June 2020)
42. [Implications of an Aging Rural Physician Workforce](#) (July 2019)
43. [Geographic Variation in the Supply of Selected Behavioral Health Providers](#) (June 2018)
44. [Characteristics and Distribution of Graduate Medical Education Training Sites: Are We Missing Opportunities to Meet U.S. Health Workforce Needs?](#) (October 2016)
45. [Family Medicine Graduate Proximity to Their Site of Training: Policy Options for Improving the Distribution of Primary Care Access](#) (February 2015)
46. [The Future of Family Medicine and Implications for Rural Primary Care Physician Supply](#) (August 2010)
47. [The Challenge of Providing Doctors for Rural America](#) (August 2005)

48. [The Geographic Distribution of Physicians Revisited](#) (July 2005)

Pertaining to Rural Health Care Workforce Initiatives:

49. [Evaluating Teaching Health Center Planning and Development: Unlocking and Sustaining the Full Potential of the Teaching Health Center Program](#) (June 2025)
50. [Physician Training In Rural And Health Center Settings More Than Doubled, 2008-24](#) (May 2025)
51. [Bolstering the Rural Physician Workforce in Underserved Communities: Are Rural Residency Planning and Development Programs Finding the Sweet Spot?](#) (June 2023)
52. [AMA Press Release: AMA tackles rural health care challenges by addressing workforce gaps](#) (November 2021)
53. [Investing in a Health Workforce that Meets Rural Needs](#) (February 2021)
54. [Profiles of Rural Medical Educators: Conversations with Our Nation's Experts on Reversing Rural Physician Shortages](#) (August 2020)
55. [Confronting Rural America's Health Care Crisis](#) (April 2020)
56. [AAMC News: Attracting the next generation of physicians to rural medicine](#) (February 2020)
57. [New AAFP Initiative Addresses Rural Health Care Crisis](#) (September 2019)
58. [California Oregon Medical Partnership to Address Disparities in Rural Education and Health \(COMPADRE\) – an AMA Reimagining Residency grantee](#) (June 2019)
59. [Context Counts: Training Health Workers in and for Rural and Remote Areas](#) (October 2010)

Pertaining to Rural Practice Competency:

60. [The Role of Rural Graduate Medical Education in Improving Rural Health and Health Care](#) (2021)
61. [Competency Revisited in a Rural Context](#) (2018)

Pertaining to GME Financing in Rural Areas:

62. [Financial Barriers to Rural Graduate Medical Education: Medicare Funding Methods for Sole Community and Medicare-Dependent Hospitals](#) (April 2025)
63. [Characteristics of Hospitals by Graduate Medical Education Expense Category: Implications for Rural Residency Program Expansion](#) (May 2024)
64. [The Distribution of Additional Residency Slots to Rural and Underserved Areas](#) (September 2023)
65. [New Opportunities for Expanding Rural Graduate Medical Education to Improve Rural Health Outcomes: Implications of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021](#) (September 2022)
66. [Federal Bills Raise Cap on Medicare-Funded Residency Positions and Modify Graduate Medical Education Policies](#) (August 2021)
67. [Rural Residency Training as a Strategy to Address Rural Health Disparities: Barriers to Expansion and Possible Solutions](#) (August 2021)
68. [Graduate Medical Education Financing: Sustaining Medical Education in Rural Places](#) (May 2015)

Resources for Rural Health Research and Information:

69. [Rural Health Research Gateway](#)
70. [Rural Health Information Hub](#)
71. [The Collaborative for Rural Primary care, Research, Education, and Practice \(Rural PREP\)](#)
72. [National Rural Health Association](#)
 - Rural Medical Education Conference
 - The Journal of Rural Health

Resources for Starting Rural Tracks/Programs:

73. [Rural Medical Training Collaborative \(RMTC\)](#)
74. [RuralGME](#)
75. [Starting a Rural Training Track \(Wisconsin Collaborative for Rural GME\)](#)
76. [Area Health Education Center \(AHEC\)](#)

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