

Patient and Community Centered Care in the Rural Landscape: Is it Great to be a Small Town Doc? -- YES

Resources

American Academy of Family Physicians, www.aafp.org

The state chapters will have excellent local info about specific sites or rotation options.

Member Interest Group on rural health, www.aafp.org/about/member-interest-groups/mig/rural-health.html

National Rural Health Association, www.ruralhealthweb.org

National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network (3RNet) members are not-for-profit organizations helping health professionals find jobs in rural and underserved areas throughout the country, www.3rnet.org

National Association of Community Health Centers, www.nachc.com

Local Primary Care Associations – These organizations are set up by state and can be excellent resources for rotations or practice opportunities.

The National Health Service Corps, www.nhsc.hrsa.gov

Offers loan repayment and scholarships to primary care providers and students for serving at NHSC sites in communities with limited resources.

The RTT Collaborative section for students: <https://rttcollaborative.net/students/>

Overview of rural training options in medical school and residency, including a director of all of the rural residency programs and integrated rural training tracks in the US.

WONCA Rural Health, rural practice division of the Global Family Doctor organization, <https://wocarural.org/>

Your own family doctor will know information about where they trained and options for rotations.

Motivational Reading

McPhee, John; Heirs of General Practice

Originally published in 1986, this book tells about the lives of family doctors in Maine and about the transition to the specialty and residency of family medicine. A timely read when considering the changes facing family medicine now almost 25 years later.

MacDonald, Roger; Country Doctors Casebook: Tales from the North Woods (Midwest Reflections)

This is a wonderfully written collection of stories from a doctor who has “done it all” and thankfully wrote it down. Quick inspiration when you’ve been studying for too long ☺

Pulse – Voices from the Heart of Medicine

Regular emails of great narrative medicine, <http://pulsevoices.org>

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