

Call for Papers:

***Family Medicine* Dedicated Issue on Rural Health**

Twenty-five percent of America's population lives in rural areas, yet only 10% of the nation's physicians practice rurally; this has created a significant and disproportionate shortage of health care in rural counties. Most physicians who practice in rural areas are family physicians. For this reason, family medicine educators need to be aware of the special challenges faced by these physicians as well as educational strategies and programs that have been shown to successfully prepare physicians to practice in rural underserved areas. Consider submitting manuscripts that address topics in rural health care distribution, education of a rural workforce, or health care issues pertinent to rural communities. Primary consideration will be given to research articles that include evaluative data. Potential manuscripts for this dedicated issue might include:

- Studies of established rural training programs with evaluative data describing physician distribution or skill acquisition
- Data demonstrating processes that may affect future practice selection in healthcare shortage areas
- Evaluation and description of programs addressing rural preceptor education and/or retention
- Studies highlighting research in special topics pertinent to rural areas such as recruitment programs, patient boundaries, health care access issues, or procedural skills
- Studies of process based issues addressing rural healthcare challenges such as instituting the PCMH in geographically isolated communities or telemedicine

Deadline for Manuscript Submission: June 1, 2010

How to Submit:

Manuscripts should be submitted as an e-mail attachment to the dedicated issue editor, Andrea L. Wendling, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., aharmeling@msn.com

Submitted manuscripts for this dedicated issue should conform to the written guidelines for authors used by *Family Medicine*. These can be accessed at:

<http://www.stfm.org/publications/familymedicine/author.cfm>

Articles submitted for the dedicated issue will be subject to *Family Medicine's* peer-review process. To assure quality of journal content, *Family Medicine's* editors may determine, based on peer review, that any or all of the articles submitted for the dedicated issue may require revision or may be unsuitable for publication. *Family Medicine's* editors will communicate recommendations for revisions directly to the manuscript authors, who will be responsible for completing necessary revisions. Depending on the number of quality manuscripts received, accepted manuscripts may be published in the dedicated issue on rural health or may be published in subsequent issues of *Family Medicine*.

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