



Rural Program

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Dear Rural Program Friends,

It's been a busy couple of months since the New Year, and we're excited to share some of what our faculty, staff, and students have been doing. We also want to highlight an upcoming opportunity for our preceptors – there will be a 1-day Primary Care POCUS course on June 26 or June 27 at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction. We are hoping that many of our friends on the Western Slope will be able to join, although all are invited. The Rural Program is also celebrating 20 years, and we couldn't have done it without the support of our amazing community partners!

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Rural Program celebrates 20 years and looks to the future!

Dr. Mark Deutchman is the Founding Director of the Rural Program and also serves as the CU School of Medicine's Associate Dean for Rural Health. The Rural Program started in 2005 with the goal of increasing the number of graduates who locate for the long term in rural Colorado. Dr. Deutchman shared, "we also pioneered the longitudinal clinical clerkship approach that has now been expanded and adopted by the entire school. Having graduates of the Rural Program serve as clinical preceptors is the biggest point of pride and we are grateful to our everyone – graduate or not – who teaches our students. The Rural Program is one of only about 30 such programs in the U.S. among some 200 medical schools and is known as a national leader."

Dr. Deutchman graduated from medical school 50 years ago and is planning to retire in the next two years. A steering committee has been established to help with succession planning and to carry the mission forward. More information will follow in coming newsletters.

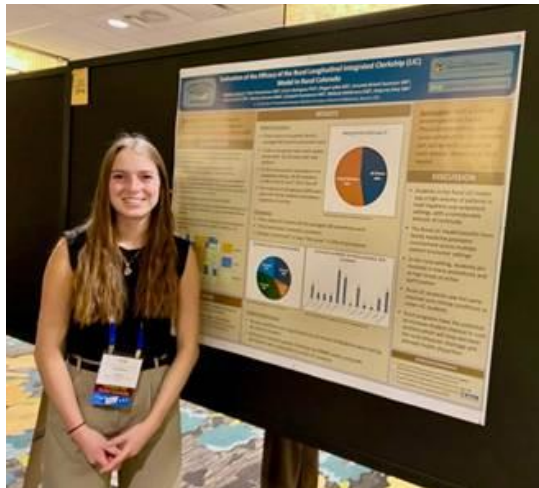
Class of 2025 Pre-Match Dinner

Members of the Class of 2025 and their families joined Rural Program faculty and staff for dinner recently to discuss their plans for the upcoming residency match. We can't wait to see where they all end up!



RP Team Attends Society of Teachers of Family Medicine conference on Medical Student Education

Rural Program faculty and staff presented at the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine's annual Medical Student Education conference in San Antonio last month and were joined by our friends in the CU Department of Family Medicine as well as 4th year student, Madison Martz. Madison received a scholarship from STFM to attend the conference and present her study "Evaluation of the Efficacy of the Rural Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC) Model in Rural Colorado." Using data from Rural LIC student loggers from 2022-2024, Madison found that students in the Rural LIC saw a high volume of patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings, with a considerable amount of continuity. Students were involved in many procedures and at high levels of active participation.



Save the Date! Primary Care POCUS Course in Grand Junction on June 26 or June 27

Colorado Mesa University is hosting a 1-day Primary Care POCUS course focused on skills you can use in clinic, including:

- Shoulder and knee guided injections
- AAA screening
- Abscess drainage
- How to bill and code for these procedures to make it worth your time!

It will be a **1 day/8-hour course** offered 2 days, so you can **pick either day** that works with your schedule. June 26 OR June 27.

Click [here](#) to check out the agenda. Please [email Dr. Lykke](#) if you are interested, as we are trying to get a rough headcount for space!

Resources and Reminders

- **Rural LIC Midpoint Evaluations are Here!** Midpoint evaluations for current Rural LIC students went out on February 20 and are due on March 6. Thank you to our preceptors for taking the time to teach our students and provide feedback that will be critical to their learning and growth over the second half of the LIC. Please reach out to Dr. Silva, Dr. Lykke, or Dr. Swanson with any questions or concerns about evaluations.
- **Apply for a Volunteer Clinical Faculty Appointment:** CUSOM's accrediting body requires that all preceptors who have significant contact with students have a volunteer faculty appointment. Please [click here](#) to apply!
- **LIC Preceptor Manual:** If you haven't already done so, please check out the [2024-2025 Rural LIC Preceptor Manual](#)! The manual includes benchmarks for student performance throughout the LIC year. We also have other [teaching resources](#) here.

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