

# “Celebrating Complexity in the Emerging Diversity of Rural Medical Education”

The RTT Collaborative Annual Meeting, Wednesday through Friday, April 11-13, 2018  
Historic Davenport Hotel, Autograph Collection, Spokane, Washington

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## Call for presentations

Since the first RTT in Colville, Washington, was granted accreditation as an “experimental” program more than 30 years ago, rural medical education programs in the United States have never stopped innovating! From one novel solution have come many. From a simple rule, the “1-2 format,” creative educators and program directors have elaborated a wonderful diversity of programs, each uniquely adapted to its rural community and surprisingly for some of them, also diverse in the prevailing sense of that term.

All rural programs, including free-standing programs located in a rural place, have adapted to address the needs of their communities, meet the standards of accreditation and negotiate the complexities of medical education finance in a glorious variety of ways.



Our community of practice in rural medical education now includes rural tracks in medical school and in residency, rurally-located programs and rural-centric urban programs, programs in specialties other than family medicine, even other health professions, all of them essential to rural communities.

**Propose a workshop or lecture-discussion** and join us in celebrating this emerging diversity and complexity, ever in pursuit of a quality rural healthcare workforce. All attendees are invited to participate in a pre-conference rural health professions education research Design and Dissemination Studio, and those who do so will be eligible for a \$500 travel and meeting allowance, courtesy of [Rural PREP](#), the collaborative for **Rural Primary care Research Education and Practice**. However, individuals who are accepted to present rural primary care health professions education research in a workshop or lecture-discussion may be eligible for a [\\$1,000 allowance](#).

**Submission Deadline: Sunday midnight, November 26, 2017**

**We are particularly interested in presentations that highlight creative solutions to challenges in accreditation, finance, and governance for rural residency programs and in for sustainable curricular pathways in medical and other health professions schools:**

- Meeting the standards of ACGME accreditation
- Making the transition from AOA to ACGME accreditation as a rural program

- New program development in health professions education and training, particularly in a community-engaged manner
- New models of governance for rural programs
- Finding, financing, and developing rural faculty
- Completing and disseminating research in rural health professions education and training
- Refining existing and creating novel curricular approaches in medical school and residency, e.g. tips for developing rotations “on the fly”
- Refining the longitudinal curriculum
- Aligning and integrating rural tracks in undergraduate and graduate medical education (accelerated programs, NRMP exception, integrated residencies)
- Achieving diversity of financing for rural programs
- Addressing emerging racial and ethnic diversity, both in caring for rural communities and in education and training
- Tackling the challenging role of residency coordinator or program administrator in a rural program

#### General Instructions:

1. There are two presentation formats – a 25-minute lecture-discussion or 50-minute workshop (See attached EXCEL form or download from [The RTT Collaborative](#)) The program committee reserves the prerogative to allocate more, or less, time as appropriate.
2. Please complete all shaded fields (except unneeded Secondary Presenters); use NA if any field does not apply
3. Email the completed proposal form to: Randall Longenecker [longenec@ohio.edu](mailto:longenec@ohio.edu) and copy Dawn Mollica [mollicd1@ohio.edu](mailto:mollicd1@ohio.edu)  
  
Lead presenters are limited to a total of two (2) submissions, but generally no more than one (1) breakout presentation will be accepted, in order to provide additional presentation opportunities for other attendees.
4. Acknowledgment of receipt of submissions will be e-mailed within 2 business days of your submission; notification of acceptance will be sent electronically by December 15, 2017.
5. **ALL PRESENTERS MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE.** In addition, no honoraria or travel expense reimbursement will be provided by the Collaborative to any presenter submitting through the call for presentations. **The first 30 Annual Meeting attendees who register for and attend the pre-conference rural primary care health professions education Design and Dissemination Studio, on Wednesday, April 11, from 2:00 to 5 PM, will be eligible for a \$500 travel and meeting allowance, and as noted above,** individuals who are accepted to present rural primary care health professions education research in a workshop or lecture-discussion may be eligible for a \$1,000 allowance.
6. Presenters may not use any conference presentation to market products or services.
7. Every presenter, lead and secondary, will be required to declare any potential financial conflict of interest, i.e. any association or role that could, as a direct result of this presentation, cause a financial benefit to the presenter or their family.

**Questions?** Contact Dawn Mollica at [mollicd1@ohio.edu](mailto:mollicd1@ohio.edu) or 740-593-2253