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Dear Rural Program Friends,

As we enter the holiday season, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your continued support of the Rural Program. Whether it's precepting our medical students, hiring our graduates, making a financial gift, or just answering our calls and emails, we appreciate your contribution! This month, we wanted to share a few stories that highlight the impact of this program, as well as a few Rural LIC-related updates. We have also included info about a brief study survey and acquiring ABFM PI credit for clinical teaching and the rural primary care preceptor tax credit for those who qualify.

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Rural Program in the News

Dr. Mark Deutchman was recently featured in a School of Medicine [newsroom write-up](#) where he reflected on his journey and the evolution of the Rural Program over the last 20 years. From the article: *“When a physician moves from predominantly seeing patients to teaching, they lose the satisfaction of seeing patients and seeing their outcomes. For me, that was delivering babies and seeing the kids grow up. What replaced that is the students. I have students instead of patients. I’m seeing students grow up,”* he says.

The leadership team also provided an update on the Rural Program at a recent Department of Family Medicine meeting. The [recording](#) is available if you would like to hear more about the strategy, outcomes, and future of the Rural Program, as well as the impact it has had on students and graduates.



Photo: Dr. Mark Deutchman holding belt buckle

Rural LIC Curriculum – Weekly Learning Seminars

As part of CUSOM's Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC) Curriculum, students have weekly learning seminars to reinforce core clinical topics. The Rural LIC students typically complete 2-3 cases on Zoom in a team based learning format led by Rural Program faculty. They also have reflection and ethics sessions scattered throughout the year. For previous classes, we held Zoom learning seminar on Wednesday afternoons but we switched this academic year to Friday mornings.

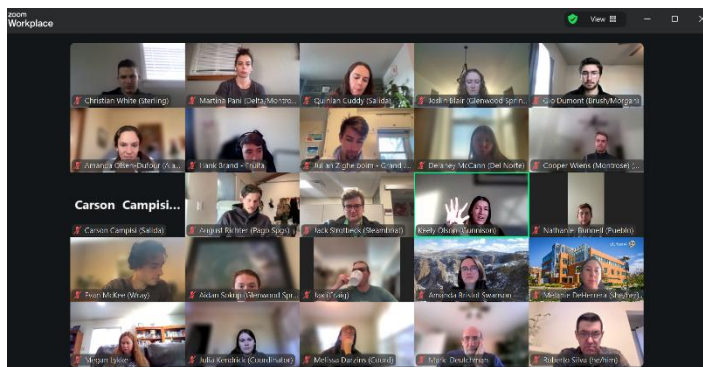


Photo: Class of 2028 students gather on Zoom for weekly Rural LIC learning seminar

Rural LIC Planning for Class of 2029

We have started planning for the 2026-2027 academic year! Our goal is to notify the students and sites of placements in mid/late May. Similar to the current academic year, these students will have two months of classroom and clinical immersions in the Denver metro area in September and October, before starting at their Rural LIC site the beginning of November. In the meantime, we are providing the students with relevant skills and knowledge to complement and bring a rural focus to what they are learning in the basic science curriculum.



First Photo: 1st year Rural Program student practicing electrosurgery skills on chicken breasts
Second Photo: Dr. Silva assisting 1st year students with inserting chest tubes using lamb ribs

Resources and Reminders

- **Rural CO HIV Prevention Survey:** The [CHIP Prevention Program](#) is surveying rural medical providers so they can tailor an on-demand video and in-person training for providers that will foster innovative strategies to address rural health disparities in HIV, reduce stigma, and address barriers between patients and providers. The [REDCAP survey](#) will take 15-20 minutes to complete and you will be paid a \$50 electronic gift card for participating. For questions, contact jennifer.moor@childrenscolorado.org.
- **ABFM Performance Improvement Activity Credit for Clinical Teaching:** The Department of Family Medicine is pleased to offer ABFM Performance Improvement (PI) Activity Credit. Complete the requirements [on this flier](#) and [submit the teaching log](#). You should see your credit reflected in your ABFM account within 14 days from submission.

- **Preceptor Tax Credit:** If you are a primary care provider located in a rural or frontier county and precepted Rural LIC students for at least 20 days during the 2025 calendar year, you may be eligible for the [Rural and Frontier Health Care Preceptor Tax Credit](#) from the Colorado Department of Revenue. The legislation was recently revised to increase the credit amount beginning with the 2025 tax year. A credit of \$2,000 is now allowed for each qualifying preceptorship and up to three credits may be requested annually, for a total of \$6,000 for the tax year. If you qualify, use [this link](#) to download a copy of the 2025 DR 0366 Form and upload to the Rural Program team to certify that you have met the requirements.

Contact us: [The Rural Program Team](#)