

Exploring Rural Medicine

Physicians in rural settings are often called upon to treat a wide range of problems for which they have limited training due to a lack of technological, nursing, and consultant resources. Exploring Rural Medicine serves as an indispensable reference for health practitioners who face uniquely rural concerns in health promotion, care of illnesses, and professional practice issues. Among the topics explored are high-risk obstetrics, women's health, mental health, environmental hazards, AIDS, terminal illness, and patient education strategies. This volume also discusses professional issues such as cultural awareness, ethical problems, quality assessment, and malpractice. Written by experts in a variety of fields who have rural medical experience, Exploring Rural Medicine is essential reading for the rural physician, students considering rural practice, and mid-level rural practitioners such as nurses and physician assistants. "The topics addressed in the book reflect [the authors'] enthusiasm and experiences, ranging from the prevention of teenage pregnancy to the care of terminally ill patients with cancer. The book deals with important problems and issues and is shaped by the real-world experience of the authors. Rural practitioners will enjoy picking up this book and comparing their approaches and insights with those of the authors." --The New England Journal of Medicine "[Exploring Rural Medicine] has the potential to fill an important niche; support materials for the rural physician. Despite its length it is an 'easy read.' It is well written with an evenness of style and quality almost impossible to achieve with so many authors." --Michael E. Samuels, The University of South Carolina "Exploring Rural Medicine seems perfect for medical students or residents doing a rural rotation. I also recommend it to any family physician or other health professional interested in exploring rural medicine." --Christopher T. Patricoski in The Journal of the American Board of Family Practice

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