



**Rural Residency Fest 2021 - Online**

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# Reminders

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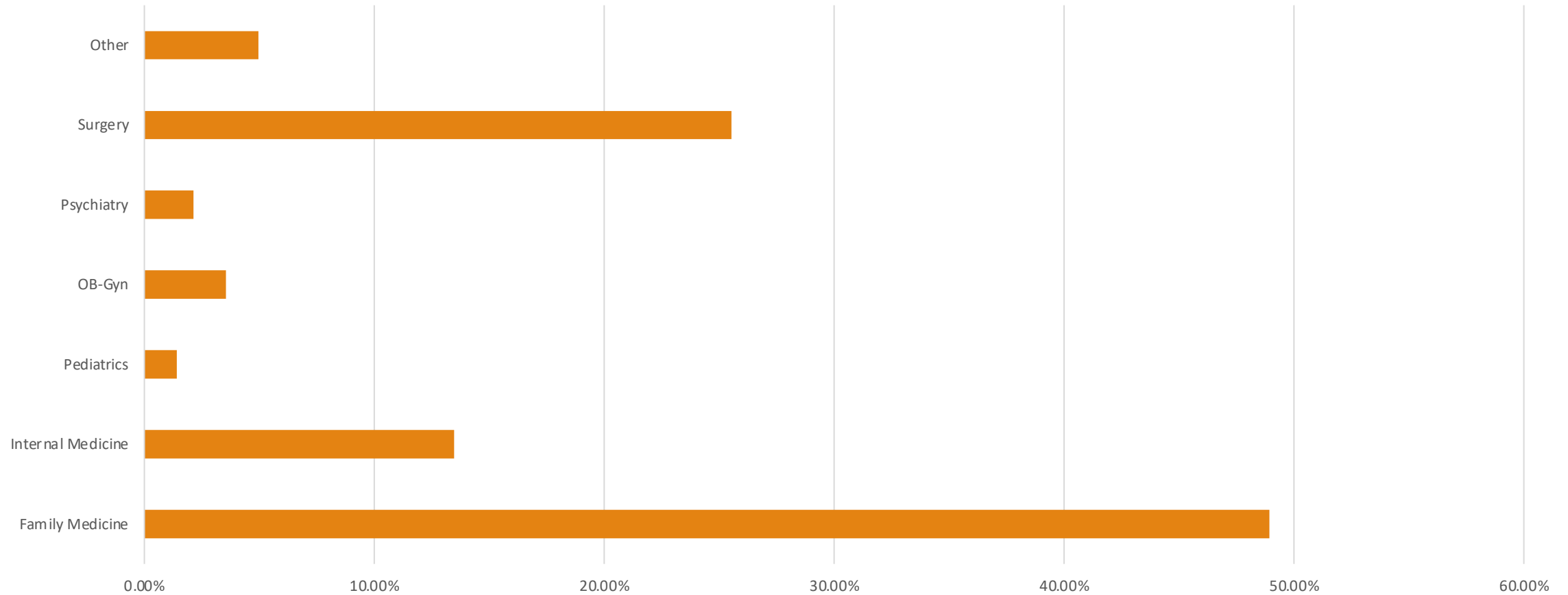
1. This meeting is being recorded
2. Our co-hosts are:
  - a) Dawn Mollica – Participant management (Can reach by private Chat message, or by text at 740-591-0997)
  - b) Kara Traxler – Chat management
3. **Name yourself** for others' benefit
4. **Stay on mute, stop your video**, until invited to Zoom rooms
5. **Use the Chat** feature to communicate

# Agenda

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1. Introductions
2. Finding a rural residency
3. Panel presentations – Why do a rural residency? (presentations in General Surgery, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Psychiatry)
4. General Q&A: For panelists and residents
5. Specialty breakouts

# Specialty Interest



# Finding a Rural Residency

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# The RTT Collaborative

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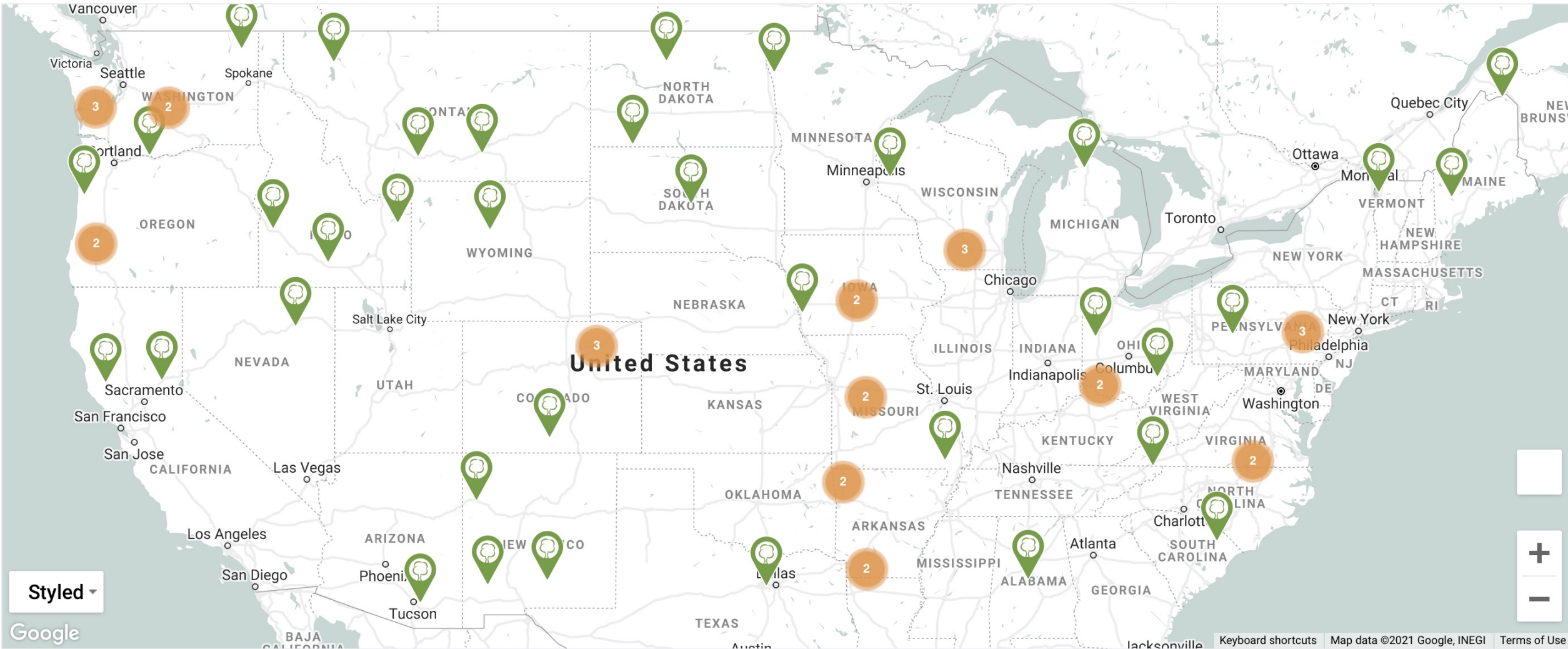
A rural health professions education network and a  
cooperative extension service

**“a community of practice”**

<http://www.rttcollaborative.net>



## Map of Participating Programs



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# Giving Voice to Rural Programs and Rural Communities

Janelle Lee, Port Angeles, WA



# What is a Rural Program?

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- **Rurally located program (>50% training in a rural place)**
- **Rural Track Program (RTP; Integrated RTT; >50%)**
- **Rural tracks (>50%)** and pathways in an urban program
- Longitudinal curricula (e.g. one rural month a year for 3 years)
- Rurally focused urban programs -- >35% placement of graduates into a rural place of practice averaged over 3 years, or >3 graduates per year. See **Rural Graduation Recognition List**.

[See website for further information](#)



## Students and Residents

[Rural Life & Practice](#)

[Facts & Myths](#)

[Rural Mentations](#)

[Residency & Map](#)

[Real Stories](#)

[Financial Resources \(RHI Hub\)](#)

[Write Rural Doc](#)

### Rural Residency Fest July 21, 2021

Click [here](#) to find out more and to register – this year for students of any specialty interest. View video of last year's event below, focused on Family Medicine.



### Opportunity for Funding of Scholarly Activity

Microresearch Details

[Learn more about it here](#)

### National and International Groups of Interest, Open to Students

AAFP Rural Health Member Interest group (AAFP Student Members welcome)

[Learn more about them here](#)

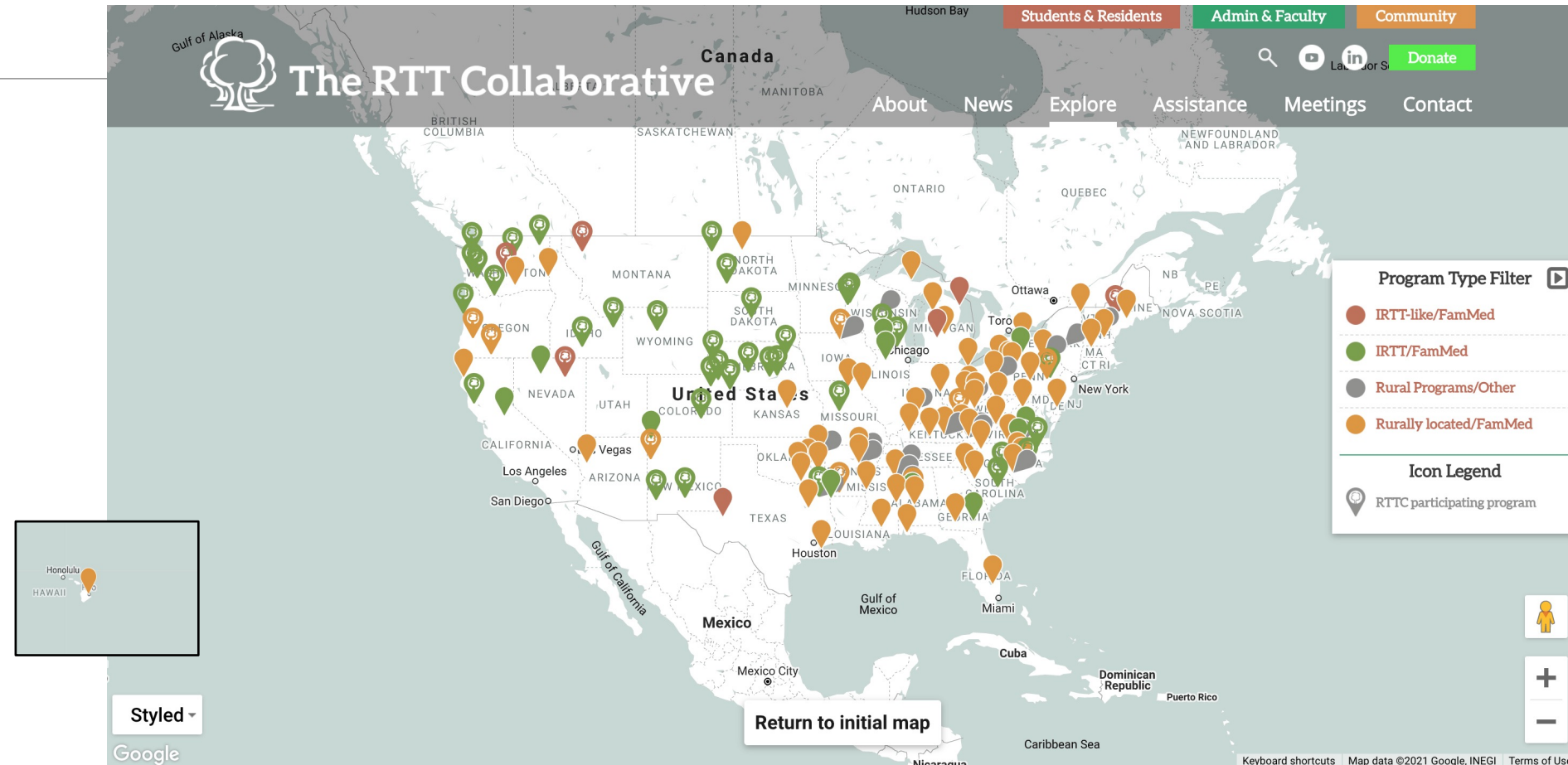
National Rural Health Association Student Constituency Group (Student membership \$16; Residents \$79)

[Learn More](#)

[Membership Information](#)



# Interactive Map - Rural Residency Programs



<https://rttcollaborative.net/rural-programs/residency-map/>

# My Advice

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- Download the [Student Edition Newsletter 2021](#) and a list of rural programs in FM, IM, Psych, General Surgery
- Explore the landscape of rural residencies through The RTT Collaborative student resident page and interactive map: <https://rttcollaborative.net/students/med-students-residency/>  
See **Questions to Ask a Residency Program** and **Finding Rural Programs in Other Specialties**.
- Visit The RTT Collaborative booth at **National Conference, #1196**, and download a list of participating programs exhibiting at the conference from our virtual booth, and visit them

# Bottom Line

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“When looking for the right residency for you, look at where the graduates (of that program) practice and what they do, not what the program promises.”

Rebecca Pfaff, family physician, June 28, 2020


Best wishes!



# Panelists and Residents

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- Rural General Surgery – Michael Sarap MD, Cambridge, Ohio  
Surgery residents, Anfin Erickson and Colin Kennedy, from Cooperstown, NY
- Rural Family Medicine – Rob Epstein MD, Port Angeles, WA  
FM residents, Carol Johansen, from Colville, WA, and Michael Gonzales, from Port Angeles, WA
- Rural Internal Medicine – Joseph Weigel MD, Somerset, KY  
IM residents, David Jordan, from Chillicothe, OH, and Randy-Kylie Rice, from Somerset, KY
- Rural Psychiatry – Arunditi Xantus MD, Tyler and Pittsburg, Texas  
Psych residents, Timothy Stanfield, from Chillicothe, OH, and Sonja Johnson, from Vincennes, IN

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Comments? Questions?



# Specialty Breakouts

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- 1. Rural General Surgery** – Michael Sarap MD, Cambridge, Ohio  
Surgery residents, Anfin Erickson and Colin Kennedy, from Cooperstown, NY
  - 2. Rural Internal Medicine** – Joseph Weigel MD, Somerset, KY  
IM residents, David Jordan, from Chillicothe, OH, and Randy-Kylie Rice, from Somerset, KY
  - 3. Rural Psychiatry** – Arunditi Xantus MD, Tyler and Pittsburg, Texas  
Psych residents, Timothy Stanfield, from Chillicothe, OH, and Sonja Johnson, from Vincennes, IN
- Rural Family Medicine** – Rob Epstein MD, Port Angeles, WA, and Randy Longenecker, Athens, OH  
FM residents, Carol Johansen, from Colville, WA, and Michael Gonzales, from Port Angeles, WA



Thanks for your  
participation!

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evaluation and  
feedback form

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**Or Follow Link in the the Program or Chat**

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Join us for **The RTT Collaborative**  
**Rural Residency Fair** for  
participating programs in our  
cooperative, in Family Medicine,  
**Wednesday, August 4, 2021**  
8:30-10:00 p.m. ET (7:30-9:00  
p.m. CT, 6:30-8:00 p.m. MT, 5:30-  
7:00 p.m. PT)



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