

Big Sky, Small Places: Innovations in Rural Training



The RTT Collaborative Annual Meeting

Wednesday through Friday, April 5-7, 2023

[Holiday Inn – Missoula Downtown](#), 200 South Pattee, Missoula, MT

Call for presentations

This academic year, The RTT Collaborative is completing its tenth year of existence as a nationwide cooperative of rural programs and is happy to announce that the 2023 RTTC Annual Meeting will be hosted by our participating programs in Montana. We reference the Big Sky as we look to the horizon to navigate the future of rural health professions education. With a growing recognition of the need to provide for better rural healthcare, there is a renewed emphasis on rural healthcare training. But what does it mean to provide high quality care and education in and for rural places? With a wide diversity of people and communities across North America, there is an array of healthcare structures and training models to meet local needs.

Surrounded by wildlife and national parks, join us as we explore together the many paths and trails that lead us through our own unique journey of rural medical education.

Join other rural medical educators from rural training programs around the nation, and leave with the knowledge to:

1. Understand different models of healthcare education uniquely suited for rural environments
2. Design or expand a rural training program to serve the broad needs of a community
3. Adapt and implement novel ideas for your own program design and structure
4. Better prepare your program to meet the requirements of accreditation and community needs
5. Implement at least one innovative strategy for teaching learners to provide a broad scope of care
6. Become part of a growing national network of programs and people training health professionals, throughout the continuum of education

Proposal formats:

- Electronic poster (PPT format with or without 5-10 min narration; Submission due Jan 31)
- Lecture-Discussion (25 min)
- Workshop (55 min)
- Themed (or paired) Workshop (2 hours)

Submission Deadline for in-person presentations: Sunday December 4, 2022, 11:59 pm

We are particularly interested in presentations that highlight innovative approaches to both rural healthcare training and providing for the unique aspects of healthcare in rural communities:

- Innovation in rural training or care
 - Use of technology
 - Mobile medical units/home visit programs
 - Local and regional variety and innovation to meet community needs
- Maximizing use of local resources
 - Interprofessional education and team-based care
 - Community engagement in healthcare and education
- Meeting the needs of rural communities
 - Advocacy for rural healthcare needs
 - Population health
- Continuums of training and care
 - Encouraging education in rural communities
 - Route finding through education pathways
- Healing communities
 - Environment and health
 - Conflict management in a small organization
- Presentations by and for program coordinators/administrators and students/residents are encouraged

General Instructions:

1. There are four presentation formats – an electronic poster, 25-minute lecture-discussion, 55-minute workshop, and 2-hour themed workshop. The program committee reserves the prerogative to allocate more, or less, time as appropriate.
2. Application forms for both in-person presentations and electronic posters can be downloaded from the [RTT Collaborative Annual Meeting](#) page. Please complete all shaded fields (except unneeded Secondary Presenters); use NA if any field does not apply
3. Submit the completed presentation proposal form through our [presentation Qualtrics link here](#)
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. Submit the completed poster proposal form through our [poster Qualtrics link here](#)
5. Acknowledgment of receipt of submissions will be e-mailed within 3 business days of your submission; notification of acceptance will be sent electronically to the primary presenter by December 16, 2022.
6. 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. (Poster presenters only need to register if they intend to attend the conference in-person)
7. Presenters may not use any conference presentation to market products or services.
8. 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.

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