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Thank you for subscribing to "PPOVA Updates," a service that provides updates about opportunities posted on Virginia's FREE healthcare recruitment website, [Primary Practice Opportunities of Virginia](#).

Current Opportunities

For a list of current opportunities in Virginia, please [visit our page on 3RNet](#). We currently have 56 opportunities listed in Virginia.

Upcoming Events

March 13

[Models of Care - Primary Care & Mental/Behavioral Health Integration](#)

Abingdon, VA

March 17

[Sexually Transmitted Infections \(Webinar\)](#)

March 19

[Behavioral Health Services for Rural Immigrants \(Webinar\)](#)

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Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Team Updates

National Health Service Corps Has a New Website Address
The National Health Service Corps has a new website address (URL): <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/>. Please note that the old website address (<http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/>) will remain active indefinitely with the identical information, so current NHSC documents/publications with the old URL will not be adversely affected. They plan to keep both URLs active and identical until early 2010, at which time the old URL will be terminated and users will be automatically forwarded to the new URL. Please bookmark the new NHSC web address.

DRMC Partners with Blacksburg Medical School to Bring Physicians to the Dan River Region

The Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) and Danville Regional Medical Center (DRMC) announced plans to begin medical residency programs at Danville Regional Medical Center in July 2010 to help address the shortage of physicians in the Dan River Region.

The United States is facing a severe shortage of physicians. Jerel Humphrey, CEO of Danville Regional Medical Center stated: "The recruitment of physicians required to meet the healthcare needs of our patients is getting harder and harder everyday as the demand for physician services is far exceeding the supply. By training our own physicians we will greatly increase our ability to attract and retain physicians to serve the Dan River Region." According to the Council on Graduate Medical Education the United States will face a shortage of approximately 100,000 physicians by 2020.

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Request for Abstracts - Improving Health WITH Communities: The Role of Community Engagement in Clinical and Translational Research

Academic faculty, trainees, community based health care providers and community researchers interested in participating in the poster sessions are invited to submit abstracts for poster presentation on community engagement in clinical and translational research (e.g. community/academia partnerships, community and practice research partnerships, practice research and academic partnerships, education and training of academic researchers and community partners).

Audience for this conference will include community researchers, practice based researchers and academic researchers interested in community engagement and partnerships in research as well as those interested in community engaged research.

DEADLINE: March 19, 2009

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Share Your Stories on Our Blog

The Virginia Office of Rural Health has established a blog, ["Emergency Medical Services in Rural Virginia,"](#) as one way to keep the issues at the forefront.

We Want To Hear Your Stories!

The good, the bad and the ugly!

- How has EMS made a difference in your rural community?
- Who are some EMS providers who have been true heroes in your eyes?
- What are some of the unique challenges you face as a rural EMS provider?

Shoes for Honduran Kids

During a rotation to the Dominican Republic, a VCOM student noticed that many of the kids didn't have shoes. As she planned another rotation to Honduras, she asked students, faculty and others to donate shoes.

Tanya shares:

"We went to a tiny village called Vino today. This was the only school for about 50 miles and it goes up to 6th grade. The dirt road that let to the school went for almost 2 miles and was extremely rocky. Kids have to walk this road everyday to get to school. Most of the kids had worn out shoes and some didn't even have shoes. We lined up the kids, youngest first and we fitted them to a pair. We ran out of sizes but we gave shoes to many kids. (about 65 children) Next week we are going to try to give the remaining ones to an orphanage we are visiting next week. I am extremely thankful for everyone's help and support! It was not possible without you...be thankful for everything you have in life!"



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