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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

April 14

[2009 Virginia Forum on Youth Tobacco Use: Translating Research into Policy and Practice](#)
Richmond, VA

April 17

[Advanced Prevention Training](#)
Manassas, VA

April 17

[HIV Prevention Counseling](#)
Christiansburg, VA

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Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Team Updates

Head for the Hills

DOs and MDs in primary care residencies are invited to GMEC’s annual “Head for the Hills” CME conference this October 16-17 (fall foliage time) at The Breaks interstate park. GMEC picks up for residents their travel and lodging/food expenses—plus those of any immediate family members who stay in the resident’s room. In addition to continuing medical education programs for the residents, there are planned events for spouses and children. Also, GMEC is soliciting 15 minute presentations from any residents willing to speak at this conference (patient case study or academic presentation of interest to rural primary care physicians). For further information, contact Liz Mullins at (276) 328-0289.

Diversity in Medicine

In celebration of Black History Month, Dr. Michael Herndon, a professor in the Interdisciplinary Studies Dept at Virginia Tech, conducted a forum addressing issues of diversity in medicine. Dr. Herndon’s presentation titled “The Hippocratic Oath Revisited: Implications for Social Responsibility” introduced thought-provoking and engaging material regarding the role of physicians in battling the current health care crisis and the injustices present within the current system.





VCOM Study to Provide Greater Access to Healthcare in Montgomery County

In response to the many Montgomery County residents having limited or no access to healthcare services, the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) in Blacksburg is conducting a feasibility study to determine the need for a community health center in the county. According to the Project Director, Dr. Cathy Callahan, a Community Health Center (CHC) in Montgomery County would offer healthcare services to the neediest residents. "We are excited about pursuing the possibility of meeting the medical needs of the underserved in our community. The model we are exploring will offer affordable health care services regardless of a person's ability to pay." Callahan, who also serves as head of the OB/GYN department at VCOM, went on to comment how the mission of the CHC is a perfect complement to the mission of the osteopathic medical college and its desire to reach the underserved community in our region.

2009 Virginia Rural Health Summit A Great Success

The VDH Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy (OMHPPH) partnered with the VDH Office of Emergency Medical Services, Virginia Rural Health Association and Radford University to sponsor the 2nd Annual Virginia Rural Health Summit on March 11-13. The event took place at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, VA. The Summit was packed with content, including a Roundtable Discussion about Rural EMS; an information session about Rural Health Clinics; an overview of Rural Health Policy at the national, state and local levels; a progress report on implementation of Virginia's State Rural Health Plan recommendations; and sessions on integrating primary care with mental/behavioral health. Over 130 people were in attendance during the course of this three-day event, including Delegate David A. Nutter, who was honored with a certificate for his commitment to rural health issues in Virginia.

2009 NHSC Scholarship Online Application

The NHSC Scholarship Program 2009 Application Cycle is open. The application deadline is April 6, 2009. Download the NHSC Scholarship application online, at <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/scholarship>.