

Rural Healthcare Team (RHT)

- Sustainable Rural Physician Workforce
- Rural: Definition (related to resources requirements, responsibility)
- Current Graduates as Solo Healthcare Providers: < 20%
- Rural Healthcare Team
 - Practice vs team
 - Members
 - Recognized as professionals
- Practice as a Team
 - Increased efficiency
 - Improved quality of care
 - Improved patient outcomes
 - Decreased workload; coverage
 - Decreased clinician burnout/turnover

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- Optimal Team Based Care Framework
 - Function within a well-defined construct
 - Foster mutual trust and physical and psychological support and safety
 - Clarify roles and expectations
 - Practice effective communications
 - Track a set of shared measurable goals
- Team Training
 - Specific training: TeamSTEPPS
 - Specialty-specific training: Specific rotations, fellowships
 - Setting: Rural
- Expanding the Rural Team
 - Facility: Critical Access Hospitals
 - Community
 - Patients



<https://www.ahrq.gov/teamstepps/index.html>