


FREE RURAL HEALTH INFORMATION RESOURCES

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Agenda

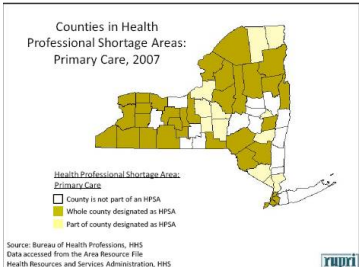
- Rural health information needs
- Rural health resources
 - Rural Assistance Center
- Consumer health resources
 - MedlinePlus
 - Household Products Database
- Clinical resources
 - PubMed
- Public health resources
 - PH Partners



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Rural Health in NY


Counties in Health
Professional Shortage Areas:
Primary Care, 2007



**Health Professional Shortage Areas:
Primary Care**

- County is not part of an HPSA
- Whole county designated as HPSA
- Part of county designated as HPSA


Source: Bureau of Health Professions, HHS
Data accessed from the Area Resource File
Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS



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Rural Health Information Needs



- Long term care/elderly/aging
- Chronic medical conditions, including cancer and diabetes
- Dental health
- H1N1 flu and other public health conditions
- Telemedicine
- Health care quality
- Statistics and research
- Funding



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Rural Health Resources


- Rural Assistance Center (www.raconline.org)
 - Established in 2002 as rural health and human services information clearinghouse
 - Funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
 - Health information resources
 - Programs, funding, news, and research on rural health
 - Contact: 800-270-1898, M-F 8am-5pm CT



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Consumer Health Resources

- MedlinePlus (www.medlineplus.gov) 
 - 750+ Health Topics
 - Drugs, Herbs, and Supplements
 - Illustrated Medical Encyclopedia
 - Medical Dictionary
 - Interactive Health Tutorials
 - Easy to Read Articles
 - Low Vision Materials
 - Daily Health News
 - En Español and other languages



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MedlinePlus

Consumer Health Resources

- Household Products Database (hpd.nlm.nih.gov/)
 - ▣ Health effects of common household products
 - ▣ Cleaners, home maintenance, yard/landscaping, pesticides, auto care, hobby products, cosmetics, pet care, home office
- ToxTown (toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/)
 - ▣ Teaching tool for environmental health
 - ▣ Farm environment + 4 others

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Clinical Resources

- PubMed (www.pubmed.gov)
 - ▣ Scholarly journal articles in medicine and related fields
 - ▣ 19 million+ articles from 1965-present
 - ▣ Most article information is abstract level only
 - ▣ For full text articles, contact me to learn about Loansome Doc

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Public Health Resources

- PH Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce (<http://phpartners.org>)
 - Health promotion and health education
 - Public health statistics
 - Healthy People 2010
 - Grants and funding
 - Continuing education
 - Conferences
 - News



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Find More Rural Health Resources

- Rural Health Research Gateway (<http://www.ruralhealthresearch.org/>)
- Rural Policy Research Institute (<http://www.rupri.org/>)
- Rural Information Center (<http://ric.nal.usda.gov>)



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Conclusion

- Thank You!
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