

## Family and Community Medicine

According to Dr. Julie Phillips, Chair of Family Medicine at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine, Lansing, Michigan, there is a shortage of 862 primary care physicians in the State of Michigan (The Robert Graham Center, a health policy think tank, 1133 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, DC 20036).

A recent study by the Kaiser Family Foundation, 185 Berry Street, San Francisco, CA 94107, as quoted by Dr. Jennifer Aloff (a family physician at Midland Family Physicians, 920 West Wackerly Street, Midland, MI 48640) Michigan has 269 health professional shortage areas, where either the proportions of family physicians and primary care physicians is too low or no primary care physicians whatsoever, e.g., the rural areas of America.

Due to several considerations, the residents of the rural areas of America (23% of Americans live in the rural areas of America) are deprived of the high caliber of medical care as provided to the residents of the urban areas of America.

There is not an urban America and a rural America-there's the United States of America. We must provide the best possible healthcare to all Americans. Yes, we can.

The niggling lack of healthcare in the rural areas of America has been solved by the application of telehealth and artificial medicine. We at TelemedEdu, USA have accomplished this Herculean task by our owned propriety computer programs and association with the highly qualified physicians and paramedical staff.

Our research work and prototype telehealth program for the rural areas of Michigan was presented at several medical meetings.

The "Family and Community Medicine" physicians cannot afford to establish their clinic in the rural areas of America, as they do not live in rural areas or nearby locations. The patient cannot travel long distance to see a physician. The initial examination by a "Family and Community Medicine Physician" for seriously ill patients is very critical for recommendation to a consultant/specialized physician. We have developed our own proprietary computer programs for this purpose.

*Second Opinion:* Consultation between the Attending Physician and an expert in the field of medicine ([www.TelemedVisits.org](http://www.TelemedVisits.org)).

Consultation by a patient with an expert physician via cell phone ([www.talktodoc.org](http://www.talktodoc.org)).

We shall have trained nurses, and all the facilities in the "Mobile Medical" van as available in a primary care physician's office or any medical center in the urban area. A slew of physicians shall be available online for making a prompt evaluation and arrangement of treatment modalities.

We shall have provision in our "Mobile Medical" van to collect the clinical information for the previous hospitalization of the patient in a hospital, x-ray and blood drawing facilities for the laboratory tests.

This entire project of "Family and Community Health in the Rural Areas of Michigan" shall be coordinated with several organizations, e.g., Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Lansing, MI, County Medical Office, County Police Department, local churches, etc.

**Special Note: Copyright has been filed and details of the computer program shall be furnished soon.**