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#### **Executive Summary**

#### Introduction of the Issue

Kentucky's Appalachian counties have long been recognized as medically underserved areas, with access to care being limited by a shortage of healthcare professionals in the region. This issue, specifically as it pertains to primary care physicians, has been the focus of many programs hoping to improve access to care in these communities for many years.

#### Problem Statement/Research Question

Is the ongoing effort to recruit and retain primary care physicians in Appalachian Kentucky counties effective?

#### <u>Hypotheses</u>

*Null hypothesis:* The mean number of people per physician in Appalachian Kentucky counties reported in 2013 is equal to the mean number of people per physician in Appalachian Kentucky counties reported in 2023.

Alternative hypothesis: The mean number of people per physician in Appalachian Kentucky counties reported in 2013 is greater than the mean number of people per physician in Appalachian Kentucky counties reported in 2023.

#### Research Design

A two-sample t-test will compare the mean population per 1 physician in Appalachian Kentucky counties at two data points spanning over the past decade. The test will be evaluated at a significance level of .05.

#### **Findings**

The two-sample t-test fails to reject the null hypothesis, reflecting that there has not been a significant change in the average population per 1 physician over the past decade. Kentucky's

physician education programs are a highly valuable resource for the Appalachian region and consistently produce graduates who become Appalachian Kentucky resident physicians.

#### Recommendations and Conclusions

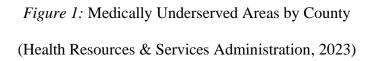
Appalachian Kentucky communities and stakeholders should focus on bolstering efforts in selection, post-vocational training, and financial incentive programs. Continued research into the individual interventions in the region and their effectiveness on a more detailed level is also warranted.

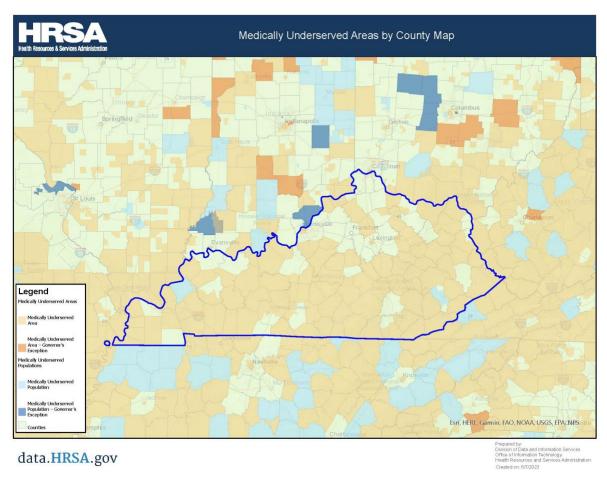
This project's findings demonstrate some slight movement toward a lower regional average population-to-physician ratio, a measurable percentage of graduating physicians remaining in the region for their first years of practice, and the potential for Appalachian Kentucky to continue moving toward a more robust healthcare workforce in the future.

#### Introduction

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) recognizes 54 of Kentucky's 120 counties as part of the United States Appalachian region (Appalachian Regional Commission, 2023). Of those 54 counties, 49 have been designated as Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs) by the Federal Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), depicted in *Figure 1* (Health Resources & Services Administration, 2023). 29 of those MUA-designated Appalachian Kentucky counties received this designation originally in 1978, the earliest year of designation for any county in the nation (Health Resources & Services Administration, 2023). The 20 others have been designated throughout the many years since and all their statuses maintained through periodic updates by the HRSA (Health Resources & Services Administration, 2023). These figures provide insight into one of the greatest struggles of access to necessary healthcare in Appalachian Kentucky that has persisted for decades.

The HRSA indicators for designation as a Medically Underserved Area include the county's provider per 1,000 population ratio, the percentage of the population at 100% of the Federal Poverty Level, the percentage of the population age 65 and older, and the infant mortality rate (Bureau of Health Workforce, n.d.). These indicators are combined to calculate the HRSA's Index of Medical Underservice (IMU) score out of 100 and designate MUA status. An IMU score of 62.0 or less earns an MUA designation (Bureau of Health Workforce, n.d.). MUA-designated Appalachian Kentucky counties, their IMU scores, and their designation dates according to HRSA data are included in Appendix Item 2.





For as long as 45 years, the designated MUAs in Appalachian Kentucky have been aware of their healthcare employee shortages and able to consider their implications. The consequences for medically underserved areas have been consistent though multiple evaluations: healthcare employee shortages result in limited healthcare services and limited healthcare quality (Dall et al., 2021). The American healthcare system is highly complex and, therefore, solving workforce issues is more than a numbers game. However, the known correlation between an inadequate number of healthcare providers to serve an area's population and lower healthcare quality

demands that MUAs attract more health professionals in order to progress toward better patient outcomes (Dall et al., 2021).

Healthcare employee shortages have been identified in other areas across the United States, with most of the nation recognizing a primary care physician crisis in recent years (Dall et al., 2021; Howard, 2021; County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, 2023). The competition between an evolving effort to solve a regionally pre-existing problem in Appalachian Kentucky and a greater realization of that same problem on a national scale begs an assessment and analysis of what is being done to address this issue in Appalachian Kentucky, and what is working.

A myriad of organizations, institutions, and projects combine to form a multifaceted approach to addressing the healthcare employee shortage in Kentucky's Appalachian counties. These programs combine synergistically to educate more healthcare professionals in the region and to attract more trained healthcare professionals to careers in the region.

First is the ongoing effort to make health professional education more accessible in Appalachian Kentucky. This effort has included the development of the Southeast Kentucky Area Health Education Center's (AHEC) Summer Scrubs Camps for middle and high school students; the expansion of the University of Pikeville to include Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Optometry, and soon Dentistry; the regional campus expansion of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine (UKCOM) to include the Rural Physician Leadership Program with a basis in Morehead, Kentucky; and the establishment of new institutions like the Galen College of Nursing's campuses expanding in Appalachian Kentucky counties. AHEC Summer Scrubs Camp has been enrolling students through a competitive admissions process since 2008 (Gross et al., 2012). UPike's College of Osteopathic Medicine, under various names, has

educated students since 1997 with their newer on-campus counterpart, Kentucky's only College of Optometry opening in 2016 (UPIKE, 2022). The UKCOM Rural Physician Leadership Program recently turned over one decade old, after beginning in 2012 (UK College of Medicine, 2022). Galen College of Nursing established the Hazard campus in 2017 (Galen College of Nursing, 2019). Based on these educational programs' durations, consistent availability, and robust nature, they are the most significant programs at work to provide more opportunities for people to be interested in and capable of pursuing healthcare careers across Appalachian Kentucky. Each of these programs has been established in hopes of creating practitioners who will eventually serve the region's patients.

The effectiveness of these programs is evaluated in a few different ways, as they address a few distinct issues underlying the health professional shortage in the region. An immeasurably important component is portraying healthcare careers as visible and attainable to young people in the region. Inspiring and motivating youth to work toward these careers with programs like Summer Scrubs Camp, establishing relationships between Appalachian Kentucky communities and healthcare educational institutions, creating possibilities for Appalachian Kentucky natives to attain higher education within their home region, and enticing aspiring health professionals from around the world to consider attaining their educations within the region are all benefits of increased accessibility to healthcare education in Appalachian Kentucky. Each of these potential effects are means by which health professional education accessibility in the region is a crucial component of addressing its healthcare employee shortage.

A second element of the region's effort is to entice healthcare providers to come to or stay in Appalachian Kentucky to practice after being educated. This approach includes financial incentive programs such as the Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program of the Commonwealth

(HWLRPC), the Kentucky State Loan Relief Program (KSLRP), and the Kentucky Coal County Pharmacy Scholarship hosted by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. The specific requirements and beneficiaries of these programs are all different, but all attempt to minimize the student loan debt burden on healthcare professionals who work in designated service areas. Additionally, health professional residency programs are a component of this effort, giving emerging practitioners opportunities to establish their careers in Appalachian Kentucky counties while gaining advanced training in facilities like the University of Kentucky North Fork Valley Community Health Center or the Appalachian Regional Healthcare hospital system.

Both approaches, training more healthcare providers among the existing population and enticing trained healthcare professionals to careers in rural Appalachian Kentucky, can be highly effective components of solving the healthcare employee shortage in Appalachian Kentucky, and can specifically target the region's need for quality, comprehensive primary care services.

The purpose of this capstone project is to assess whether the aforementioned educational and incentive programs combine to effectively serve Appalachian Kentucky counties. This project will focus on the need for physicians in the region, the impacts of existing educational and financial efforts on the number of physicians in the region so far, and the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine's goal to bring more physicians into the Appalachian Kentucky healthcare workforce. The investigator's goal is ultimately to share this information with Appalachian Kentucky communities so that it may inform the development of new Appalachian-focused programs and the refinement of health professional recruitment efforts in the future.

#### **Literature Review**

Although efforts have been made to resolve the healthcare employee shortage in Appalachian Kentucky, the literature on these efforts specific to this region is limited. This review will focus on identifying and comparing various programs and strategies to recruit health professionals to rural areas across the United States and exploring their implementation in rural Appalachia to the greatest extent possible. This review aims to facilitate a better understanding of why ongoing programs and initiatives to entice health professionals to practice in Appalachian Kentucky are expected to be successful.

Communities across America are struggling with recruiting and retaining healthcare professionals, especially in recent years since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic (Dall et al., 2021; Pearce et al., 2016). A primary care physician shortage has become a focus of discussions around America's healthcare workforce issues on national and state levels. Across America, no geographic area or state is immune to this potential health disparity. Counties, both urban and rural, across the nation are classified as medically underserved as a reflection of their population to physician ratio and the other IMU calculation factors.

A 2021 report reveals that Kentucky would need an additional 246 primary care physicians per year to reach the national 1,104 people to 1 primary care physician ratio by 2029 (Howard, 2022). This same report calculated, according to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, that only 51 PCPs had been added to Kentucky's workforce over the previous two years, indicating a net loss and raising alarm for the state's primary care landscape in the years to come (Howard, 2022). Rural and urban communities alike are experiencing this net loss of primary care physicians in Kentucky, but with rural counties' numbers decreasing more quickly (Howard, 2022).

These numerical reflections of the national, state, and local healthcare workforce status demonstrate the essential nature of further research on this topic and the urgency of developing effective solutions. The statistics also demonstrate a staggering need in Kentucky's rural communities like its Appalachian counties. Strategizing for this region in particular warrants further research into the healthcare workforce, context of the obstacles facing the region including its rurality, and evaluation of the efforts that are already underway to address its healthcare workforce shortage.

The literature includes evaluations of the different strategies and interventions that have been employed in rural and remote communities across the United States. Wilson et al.'s critical review assessed the quality of combined evidence to demonstrate the effectiveness of each strategy to counteract the authors' perceived mismatch of rural areas needing more healthcare professionals, and urban areas attracting them more (Wilson et al., 2009). This review classified interventions discussed in 110 prior articles into categories of: (1) selection, (2) education, (3) coercion, (4) incentives, and (5) support (Wilson et al., 2009). These five over-arching elements were all evaluated for the strength of their evidence in the included 110 articles in the review (Wilson et al., 2009). The categories with examples and their corresponding ratings as reported by the authors are included in *Table 1*.

Selection interventions include focusing on baseline characteristics of potential future healthcare professionals such as geographic origin, ethnicity, gender, career plan at study/program entry, and service orientation when selecting students into health professional training as indicators of propensity toward future rural practice (Wilson et al., 2009). Within this category, male gender and career intent to practice in a rural setting also reportedly demonstrate strong evidence of association with a career in rural primary care practice (Wilson et al., 2009).

Also within the selection category, the single most strongly associated factor with rural medical practice is geographic origin and attendance of primary school in a rural community (Wilson et al., 2009; MacQueen et al., 2018). Gross et al. put this knowledge into action in Appalachian Kentucky with the development of annual summer camp programs designed to expose middle and high school students to healthcare careers (Gross et al., 2012). At the time of this publication, the Summer Scrubs Camp program implemented by the Southeast Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC) four years prior already demonstrated significant benefits in encouraging students from Appalachian Kentucky counties to pursue higher education related to healthcare careers (Gross et al., 2012). This article sheds light on a program in Appalachian Kentucky that may be unique, but wisely built on the acknowledgement that the next generation of rural healthcare providers can likely eb found in today's rural children.

**Education** interventions include presenting content about rural healthcare in curriculum or exposing future health professionals to rural practice settings through clinical rotations and fellowships (Wilson et al., 2009). Clinical rotations and residency and fellowship programs play a role in the training of nearly every emerging healthcare professional. Some rural communities in Appalachian Kentucky and across the nation strategically provide these programs in an effort to develop connections with soon-to-be new practitioners.

Evidence strongly suggests that individuals who complete post-vocational fellowships in rural health and/or primary care settings are more likely to practice in a rural setting afterward (Wilson et al., 2009; MacQueen et al., 2018). This finding could potentially be biased, and is acknowledged by the authors accordingly, as there is a large element of self-selection involved in fellowship and residency placements (Wilson et al., 2009). The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) uses an algorithm colloquially referred to as "The Match" to facilitate a

mutual selection process between prospective residents and programs (NRMP, n.d.). Therefore, for a graduate to match into a specific residency program, the individual must express interest in that same program (NRMP, n.d.). This fact may pollute the fellowship intervention assessment made in Wilson et al.'s article, causing there to be some overlap with it in practice and the "career intent" selection-based variable (Wilson et al., 2009). Additionally, the residency program expresses some mutual level of interest through the matching process, typically after interviewing candidates (NRMP, n.d.). This practice may also allow other variables, like geographic origin and career intent, to confound the fellowship intervention assessment (Wilson et al., 2009). Still, the effectiveness of residency and fellowship programs to recruit physicians to begin, and likely continue, their practice careers in Appalachian Kentucky cannot be overstated.

The **coercion** category of intervention includes imposing requirements such as community service requirements or adding rural practice experience as a pre-requisite to further specialization (Wilson et al., 2009). Limiting foreign health professional recruits to practice in rural settings was found in the systematic review to be the most effective coercion technique, demonstrating moderate evidence (Wilson et al., 2009).

Incentives include scholarships or other financial incentives tied to rural practice (Wilson et al., 2009). Financial incentive programs like these are used even on a national level to address healthcare professional shortages by increasing recruitment and retention. An assessment of state-administered financial incentive programs found that 37 states have some such incentive for primary care providers (Geletko et al., 2014). Three Kentucky programs were included in this research which focused on programs designed for recruiting physicians and mid-level professionals to the primary care workforce across the United States (Geletko et al., 2014). These authors' assessment found that loan repayment programs are the most common financial support

for primary care providers across the nation, elaborating that these programs continue to grow and provide an obligated workforce (Geletko et al., 2014). Financial incentives were found to have moderate evidence of effectively recruiting healthcare professionals to rural areas (Wilson et al., 2009). More recently, loan repayment program recipients were found to be highly effective in retaining professionals in rural areas beyond required service durations (Russell et al., 2021).

Finally, the **support** category includes other personal and professional benefits like continued professional development and schedule flexibility to entice providers to a rural practice site (Wilson, et al., 2009). These elements only demonstrated a weak level of evidence overall but may still be considered important to some emerging health professionals making residency, fellowship, and further employment decisions. For example, the presence of an interprofessional education experience model has an observed modest influence on educational training program recruitment (Deutschlander et al., 2013). This review considered programs in rural and urban areas alike (Deutschlander, et al., 2013). Therefore, the findings of this review communicate that interprofessional education alone is of interest to emerging professionals, regardless of their interest in rural or urban areas. The importance of this factor is not quantified in current literature; however, knowing that the presence of interprofessional collaboration opportunities may be important to applicants can inform improvements to clinical rotation sites and post-vocational training programs in Appalachian Kentucky. Furthermore, being aware of this finding could inform more effective marketing and promotion of Appalachian Kentuckybased training programs and healthcare institutions to their respective applicants. While this is not found to be the most crucial strategy for attracting professionals, effectively communicating additional personal and professional benefits may aid in enticing physicians and other providers to rural practice.

Table 1: Interventions aimed at reducing rural-urban mismatch (Wilson, et al., 2009)

Intervention	Evidence summary	Rating	Comments
<b>Selection</b> Geographic origin	Students with a rural origin are more likely to practice in a rural setting	Strong	Single factor most strongly associated with rural practice Attending a rural primary school seems most relevant
Ethnicity	Students from 'underserved' populations are more likely to practice in these communities	Weak	Not consistent, suggested in 1 study that evaluated underserved inner-city (not rural) areas
Gender	Men are more likely to practice rural medicine than women	Strong	More women entering medicine may worsen rural deployment May change if more accommodating conditions are created for women
Careerintent	Students whose intent at study entry is to practice rural medicine are more likely to do so	Strong	This proved an independent predictor of rural practice in the PSAP+, but 60% of US rural doctors reported no such career intent initially
Service orientation	Students who report involvement in volunteer activities are more likely to practice rural medicine	Weak	Observation at the university of North Carolina that these students are more likely to become generalists, no proof of rural practice
Training Pre-vocational Curriculum content	Emphasizing the theoretical importance of rural health issues influence medical students to consider rural practice	Absent	No evidence that the content of the pre-vocational curriculum influences the decision to enter rural practice
Rural exposure	Clinical rotation in a rural setting influence medical students to consider rural practice	Moderate	Actual clinical exposure (immersion) seems most important, although the perceived impact of rural rotations may be biased by self-selection
		Weak	Pre-vocational rural training, post-vocational training and medical school entry criteria favouring rural students, all are associated with an increased likelihood of being a rural GP
Post-vocational Fellowships	Rural health specialists and family physicians are more likely to practice in a rural setting Pre-vocational students from medical schools that offer generalist fellowships are more likely to become rural doctors	Strong	Results are biased by significant self-selection: No evidence that the creation/availability of these specialties actually reduces the rural—urban mismatch
		Weak	Many potential confounders, impossible to assess the strength of the evidence in the absence of multivariate analysis
Location	Students from medical schools located in rural areas are more likely to practice in a rural setting		Rural placement may only be a surrogate of various other factors, but there seems to be sufficient evidence that rural medical schools do produce more rural doctors
Coercion Registration requirement	Requiring that recently qualified doctors perform 'community service' in a rural area reduces the rural-urban mismatch	Weak	Forced 'community service' definitely addresses short term recruitment, but there is concern that it may alienate people from the profession and from long term rural practice
Prerequisite for specialization	Requiring that doctors spend a minimum number of years in a rural area in order to specialize reduces the rural-urban mismatch	Weak	Practiced in many developing countries, criticized in Indonesia for attracting the wrong 'type' of doctor to rural areas and for reducing the return on investment placed in specialized training
International recruitment	Recruiting foreign doctors, with constraints that limit them to rural practice, reduces the rural- urban mismatch	Moderate	Foreign recruitment is widely practiced, but it often initiates a domino effect in exporting countries
Incentives Bursaries and scholarships	Providing scholarships with an enforceable rural service agreement encourages rural practice	Moderate	Most of the available evidence originate from the USA. Applicability to other countries are not known, or are very limited
Financial compensation	Providing direct financial incentives encourages rural practice	Moderate	Multidimensional programs appeared to be more successful than those relying on financial incentives alone
Support Continuous professional development	Providing sufficient opportunities for continuous professional development encourages rural practice	Weak	Only questionnaire-based data
Specialist outreach support	Providing relevant specialist outreach and support encourages rural practice	Weak	Obligations to ensure that these structures are in place are not met rigorously, and are not always sustainable
Time-off	Providing back-up to allow free time during holidays and weekends encourages rural practice	Weak	The little available evidence indicates a dire need for retention strategies that focus on integration of personal and professional support for rural doctors
Family and lifestyle issues	Addressing the most relevant family and lifestyle issues encourages rural practice	Weak	Implementation of support programs for lifestyles and families of health care professionals are hampered by lack of infrastructural developments, inter alia, in rural areas

†PSAP, Physician Shortage Area Program, Thomas Jefferson University, http://www.tju.edu/psap.

Existing literature points to these multiple strategies all as possible tools to attract healthcare providers to serve rural and medically underserved areas. These findings and multiple types of interventions are being utilized in rural communities across the United States, including in Appalachian Kentucky. The findings presented in the literature reviewed suggest that the most successful effort likely includes multiple component interventions.

#### **Research Design**

With multiple interventions and programs discussed in the previous sections actively underway in Appalachian Kentucky, it becomes clear that the impacts of one program cannot be isolated from the others concurrently active in the physician recruitment and retention ecosystem. This project, therefore, is designed to assess broad trends in physician numbers across Appalachian Kentucky over time.

The County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, via their own systematic review, expresses their highest level of scientific support for rural training in medical education as a strategy to recruit and retain physicians in rural communities (County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, n.d.). Therefore, after initially evaluating the impacts of ongoing efforts to recruit physicians to Appalachian Kentucky counties, this capstone project will then briefly evaluate the impacts of one medical education program. A case study in the effectiveness of this program compared to others in the Commonwealth will indicate whether the utilization of the education strategy in Appalachia proves to be as effective as existing research from other rural areas suggests. Overall and in tandem, these two assessments will be relevant contributions to the literature on this topic and may inform future research.

#### **Research Question**

Is the ongoing effort to recruit and retain physicians in Appalachian Kentucky counties effective?

#### **Hypotheses**

*Null hypothesis:* The mean number of people per physician in Appalachian Kentucky counties reported in 2013 is equal to the mean number of people per physician in Appalachian Kentucky counties reported in 2023.

Alternative hypothesis: The mean number of people per physician in Appalachian Kentucky counties reported in 2013 is greater than the mean number of people per physician in Appalachian Kentucky counties reported in 2023.

#### <u>Design</u>

To address this research question, the hypotheses above will be tested using a two-sample t-test evaluated at a .05 significance level. The population-to-physician ratio for each Appalachian Kentucky county reported by County Health Rankings & Roadmaps will be simplified to the number of people per 1 physician in the county. These numbers from all 54 Appalachian Kentucky counties will be averaged to find the sample means from data reported in 2013 and 2023. Comparing these mean values is a method to evaluate trends in the physician shortage in Appalachian Kentucky over time and determine whether existing programs in these counties are having their desired impacts. Ultimately, this calculation can suggest whether Appalachian Kentucky counties are making progress in the status quo, or if they will need to adapt their approaches to physician recruitment in the future to be successful.

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (CHR&R) references 2010 data for their 2013 reports and 2020 data for their 2023 reports. CHR&R data definitions and methods were adapted in 2013, such that 2013's report was the first to include the population-to-physician ratio by county using their current criteria. In addition to 2020 being the most recent data currently available, using this year's data is the most effective way to determine the impacts of existing programs in Appalachian Kentucky without the complicating variable of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the healthcare workforce. The ten-year time frame is convenient to use based on the available data, but also is adequate time to potentially see effects of programs like AHEC Summer Scrubs Camp and Appalachia-based medical residencies.

Using the data sets from CHR&R, calculations of sample means and standard deviations, test statistics, degrees of freedom, t-values, and p-values will all be reported within this paper to allow for complete interpretation of results.

Next, a brief case study will compare the residency placements among graduates of the University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM), the University of Kentucky College of Medicine (UKCOM), and the University of Louisville School of Medicine (ULSOM) in recent years. A comparison of the states and counties in which graduates from each of these institutions have pursued residency training provides insight into the impact of physician education programs being located in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and one within an Appalachian county. Although residency placements are complex in nature, as discussed in the introduction, this metric can reflect the success of these institutions in educating individuals who continue beyond the completion of their degrees into healthcare practice within Appalachian Kentucky. Wilson et al.'s finding that rural residency-trained practitioners often continue to practice in rural communities suggests that residency placements in Appalachian Kentucky counties could lead to more physicians practicing in the region even beyond a 3-year program (Wilson et al., 2009).

### **Findings**

#### Primary Analysis

The County Health Rankings & Roadmaps program of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute reports the population-to-physician ratio in every county across the United States. These data for Appalachian Kentucky counties are documented in *Table 2*, with each whole number representing the population number per 1 physician. In other words, the tabulated values could be re-written in population-to-physician ratio form as (value):1.

Table 2: Population per 1 Physician in Each Appalachian Kentucky County (2013, 2023)

COUNTY	POPULATION PER 1	POPULATION PER 1
	PHYSICIAN (2013)	PHYSICIAN (2023)
Adair	2,327	3,260
Bath	11,624	4,160
Bell	1,913	2,320
Boyd	902	1,010
Breathitt	1,543	1,790
Carter	5,541	5,310
Casey	7,980	16,070
Clark	2,095	2,280
Clay	2,413	2,800
Clinton	2,569	2,020
Cumberland	1,714	2,170
Edmondson	6,079	12,240
Elliott	7,848	7,370
Estill	3,672	4,700
Fleming	1,439	2,920
Floyd	1,360	1,750
Garrard	3,386	4,430
Green	5,624	3,670
Greenup	1,678	1,740
Harlan	2,437	2,840
Hart	2,602	3,170
Jackson	13,522	4,450

Johnson	1,463	1,470
Knott	2,332	3,630
Knox	3,542	3,880
Laurel	2,360	2,550
Lawrence	1,589	3,090
Lee	3,938	3,630
Leslie	5,649	4,820
Letcher	1,638	1,630
Lewis	4,624	6,630
Lincoln	1,903	4,080
Madison	1,697	1,890
Magoffin	13,331	3,000
Martin	4,299	5,520
McCreary	3,053	8,540
Menifee	6,314	2,170
Metcalfe	10,126	5,030
Monroe	2,195	2,110
Montgomery	1,769	2,350
Morgan	3,485	4,380
Nicholas	7,127	7,230
Owsley*	4,774	-
Perry	897	880
Pike	1,354	1,140
Powell	12,637	12,220
Pulaski	1,505	1,280
Robertson*	-	-
Rockcastle	1,895	2,090
Rowan	1,062	1,450
Russell	1,754	3,000
Wayne	1,604	1,840
Whitley	1,273	1,070
Wolfe	7,354	7,110
US Average	1,371	1,310
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<sup>\*</sup>Owsley and Robertson Counties omitted from calculations due to lack of data

The values in *Table 2* were averaged for each of the years indicated. These calculated values have been translated to *Table 3* as the Appalachian Average for each respective year to be used for the subsequent calculations documented in *Table 4*.

*Table 3: Appalachian Kentucky Average Populations per 1 Physician (2013, 2023)* 

	2013	2023
	(n = 52)	(n = 52)
Sample Mean	3,923.79	3,888.08

Table 4: Two-Sample t-test Statistical Calculations

	2013	2023
<b>Sample Standard Deviation</b>	3,354.86	3,031.50
<b>Pooled Standard Deviation</b>	3,197.28	
<b>Test Statistic (t-value)</b>	0.057	
Degrees of Freedom (df)	102	
p-value	0.477	

The p-value calculated in *Table 4* fails to reject the null hypothesis, indicating that there is not enough evidence to conclude a significant difference in the mean population per physician in Appalachian Kentucky counties in 2023 compared to 2013. The 52 Appalachian Kentucky counties assessed have sustained an average population-to-physician ratio staggering above the national statistic over the past decade.

It is also worth noting that, based on the data reported in *Table 2*, some individual counties have ratios much more comparable to the United States value. However, Appalachian Kentucky functions mostly on a regional basis. The rurality of many counties in the region lends itself to individuals living, working, having families, going grocery shopping, and/or seeking medical care all in different counties within the region. This validates the sample mean as a worthwhile calculation to best represent the reality of access to physicians across the region.

#### Case Study: Kentucky Schools and Colleges of Medicine

KYCOM publicly reports their residency match data for graduates from the years 2019 to 2022 (UPike 2019c). In this period, 502 students matched to residency sites across the United States. It is relevant to, once again, acknowledge the nature of "The Match" and the fact that a multitude of factors ultimately determine a graduate's residency placement. Some factors, including specialty of interest, could draw a graduate to another state for residency who intends to return to the region to practice later; or to the opposite end, could result in a graduate completing residency somewhere within the region before leaving for the remainder of their career. However, residents provide independent medical care during their programs. Therefore, even if their residency program is the only time that a physician spends practicing in Appalachian Kentucky, it is time that they are contributing to the healthcare needs of the region and can make a calculable impact on the population to physician ratio in their respective counties within the Commonwealth. Additionally, multiple findings from the literature review suggest that residents are likely to remain in the region after completion of their program, extending the duration of their impact on the region's healthcare resources further into their careers.

Of the 502 students who matched somewhere in the country for a residency program, 102 KYCOM graduates matched within the Commonwealth of Kentucky (UPike 2019c). This represents about 20.3% of matched graduates during the referenced period remaining within the state. The 102 Kentucky-matched graduates are further detailed in *Table 5*. This includes the names of the programs and institutions to which they matched, the counties where these programs are located, and the number of graduates who matched to each respective program over this 4-year period. Counties in bold letters in blue rows within the table indicate that the program is based in an Appalachian Kentucky county.

*Table 5: KYCOM 2019-2022 Graduates Matching to Residency in Kentucky* (UPike, 2019c).

PROGRAM	COUNTY	NUMBER OF MATCHES
A-OPTIC/Lake Cumberland	Pulaski	17
Regional Hospital		
Glasgow Family Medicine –	Barren	2
University of Louisville		
Good Samaritan Hospital	Fayette	3
Pikeville Medical Center	Pike	8
St. Claire Regional Medical	Rowan	2
Center		
St. Elizabeth Medical Center	Boone/Kenton/Campbell	8
The Medical Center at	Warren	11
Bowling Green		
University of Kentucky	Fayette	24
Medical Center**		
University of Kentucky	Perry	1
Family Practice/Appalachian		
Regional Healthcare		
University of Louisville	Jefferson	23
School of Medicine		
Whitesburg Appalachian	Letcher	3
Regional Healthcare		
TOTAL KY PLACEMENTS		102
TOTAL APPALACHIAN KY PLACEMENTS		31

<sup>\*\*</sup>KYCOM website reports 27 matches to this site. This figure includes the 3 who are listed as having matched to Good Samaritan Hospital. As such, the Good Samaritan Hospital matches are listed within that row only, and the UKMC count was adjusted to 24 accordingly.

31 of the 102, or 30.4%, Kentucky-matched KYCOM graduates were matched to programs within Appalachian counties (UPike 2019c). This may seem disproportionate on the surface, as 45% of Kentucky's counties are Appalachian. However, Appalachian Kentucky counties account for only about 25.7% of Kentucky's population based on the 2020 Census. Therefore, these 30.4% of Kentucky matches represent a focus on the Appalachian counties within the Commonwealth.

Overall, these 31 graduates represent about 6.2% of residency matching KYCOM graduates over these 4 years immediately entering an Appalachian Kentucky practice setting. This demonstrates a contribution of the College to the region's physician workforce, fulfilling the University of Pikeville's (2019b) mission to "produce graduates who are committed to serving the healthcare needs of communities in rural Kentucky and other Appalachian regions." However, this percentage is a bit lower than some may anticipate for the College since it is based within this very region. Although the College does not enumerate a quantitative goal for this statistic publicly, 6.2% is likely lower than the College's ideal target to optimally fulfill their place-based mission.

The University of Kentucky College of Medicine (UKCOM) has provided a comprehensive list of residency match sites for their graduates over the same 2019 to 2022 period for the purpose of this analysis and comparison to UPike's KYCOM. The full data set is provided in Appendix Item 3. Over those four years, 550 graduates matched to residency programs. 212 of these matches were to Kentucky residency sites, representing 38.5% of matches being to placements within the Commonwealth (UK College of Medicine, 2023b). This represents a greater percentage of Kentucky matches from the University of Kentucky than from KYCOM. UKCOM's Kentucky matches are detailed further in *Table 6*, in the same format as was described for *Table 5*.

Only 6 of UKCOM's Kentucky match placements were to residency program sites located in Appalachian counties (UK College of Medicine, 2023b). These 6 graduates represent 2.8% of the Kentucky-matched group and only 1.1% of UKCOM's 550 total matches. It is further worth noting that 5 of the 6 Appalachian Kentucky matches were to University of Kentucky satellite sites in the region, located in Rowan and Perry counties (UK College of

Medicine, 2023b). This reflects a potential level of loyalty to the institution and the UK HealthCare system that may come into play during the "Match" process, and that may be relevant to consider in ongoing physician recruitment efforts and the development of new residency programs in the future. The University's investment in residency program development in Appalachian Kentucky counties has contributed significantly to the region's growing opportunities for physician recruitment. However, UK's commitment to the region is not equally reflected in the College's post-graduate training placements.

Table 6: UKCOM 2019-2022 Graduates Matching to Residency in Kentucky (UK College of Medicine, 2023b).

PROGRAM	COUNTY	NUMBER OF MATCHES
A-OPTIC/Lake Cumberland	Pulaski	1
Regional Hospital		
St. Elizabeth Medical Center	Boone/Kenton/Campbell	4
University of Kentucky	Fayette	177
Dentistry/Medical Center		
University of Kentucky -	Warren	6
Bowling Green		
University of Kentucky	Perry	1
Family Practice/Appalachian		
Regional Healthcare		
University of Kentucky -	Rowan	4
Morehead		
University of Louisville	Jefferson	19
School of Medicine		
TOTAL KY PLACEMENTS	212	
TOTAL APPALACHIAN KY PLACEMENTS		6

The University of Louisville School of Medicine (ULSOM) reports their 2020 Residency Match Results in a similar format (University of Louisville, n.d.). Publicly available data for other years does not include the same county- and facility-level of specificity. This data set

representing only one year limits its ability to be compared to the 4-year KYCOM and UKCOM data with certainty; however, this data still represents a means to compare all of Kentucky's physician education institutions during an overlapping time frame.

Of 152 ULSOM graduates matching to residency programs in 2020, 47 graduates, or 30.9% of the group, matched to residency programs in Kentucky (University of Louisville, n.d.). This proportion is comparable to the same statistic reported in the above KYCOM data. The Kentucky-matched ULSOM graduates are represented in more detail in *Table 7*.

Table 7: ULSOM 2020 Graduates Matching to Residency in Kentucky

(University of Louisville, n.d.).

PROGRAM	COUNTY	NUMBER OF MATCHES
A-OPTIC/Lake Cumberland	Pulaski	1
Regional Hospital		
Baptist Health Madisonville	Hopkins	1
St. Elizabeth Medical Center	Boone/Kenton/Campbell	1
University of Kentucky	Fayette	4
Medical Center	·	
University of Kentucky	Perry	1
Family Practice/Appalachian		
Regional Healthcare		
University of Louisville	Jefferson	39
School of Medicine		
TOTAL KY PLACEMENTS		47
TOTAL APPALACHIAN KY	2	

Only two of the 47 Kentucky-matched ULSOM graduates, or 4.3% of the subgroup, were matched to programs in Appalachian Kentucky counties (University of Louisville, n.d.). This can also be represented as 2 students out of the 152 residency-matching graduates, or 1.3% of the Class of 2020. These percentages differ significantly from the parallel KYCOM proportions, and

more closely compare with UKCOM proportions. This finding suggests that KYCOM being located in an Appalachian Kentucky county leads to higher proportions of graduates choosing to remain in the Appalachian region for residency training, while UKCOM and ULSOM's locations outside the Appalachian region result in lower proportions of graduates choosing to begin their practice in an Appalachian county.

The University of Kentucky College of Medicine has additionally shared results from the Class of 2023 residency match in March, boasting 81 UKCOM graduates who will pursue a residency program in Kentucky (UK College of Medicine, 2023b). These 81 graduates represent 43% of the UKCOM's largest group of matching students and concurrently the highest percentage of any graduating class in UKCOM history to pursue post-vocational training within the Commonwealth (UK College of Medicine, 2023a). This proportion of Kentucky matches is significantly greater than those reported by KYCOM and ULSOM and is even measurably greater than the 2019-2022 Kentucky-matching figure from UKCOM.

UKCOM gives credit for this achievement to their regional campus expansion (UK College of Medicine, 2023a). The number of 2023 Kentucky-matched residents for the College is more than twice the number of students per year prior to UKCOM's expansion into Western, Northern, and Eastern Kentucky (UK College of Medicine, 2023a).

Further details about these 81 matches, including the institutions and/or counties represented within the Kentucky-matching subgroup of the class, are not yet publicly available from UKCOM, but were also provided for the purpose of this comparative analysis (UK College of Medicine, 2023b). Only 1 UKCOM 2023 graduate matched to any residency program based in Appalachian Kentucky, at the UK Medical Center program based in Morehead (UK College of Medicine, 2023b). This finding, especially among a historically large Kentucky-matching group,

is particularly surprising. A single Appalachian Kentucky matching graduate may be considered when evaluating impacts of UK's Rural Physician Leadership Program or when strategizing for future Appalachian physician recruitment efforts.

Further analysis of all three of these institutions and many more of their classes over time may be even more telling of these programs' contributions to Appalachian Kentucky's physician recruitment efforts. This case study provides a basis for continued research, ideally at an individual level, to explore what specific factors may be correlated with residency placements for Kentucky-educated physicians.

#### **Recommendations and Discussion**

Despite action taken by individuals, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and healthcare facilities to address healthcare workforce challenges, 49 Appalachian Kentucky counties sustain their MUA designations, and many Appalachian people continue to struggle to access the healthcare they need. The duration of both this struggle and the attempted solutions begs the question of whether these efforts have been effective and how the region can continue to expand these efforts for future generations. A two-sample t-test suggests that current programs have not had a statistically significant impact on the physician shortage in Appalachian Kentucky.

First and foremost, continued research into this complex issue in this region is still warranted. Although this project evaluated the region's progress toward addressing the healthcare employee shortage holistically, any program or intervention aimed at increasing the number of physicians practicing in Appalachian Kentucky could benefit from individual evaluation. A clear next step for future research is to study the impacts of these individual programs to identify which ones are most effective, and which ones may not be the best use of the region's resources. Additionally, surveying students, residents, and practitioners across the nation to better understand why they practice either within or outside of an Appalachian Kentucky county could complement existing literature and help organizations optimize their priorities and strategies to ensure future program successes.

Based on a review of existing literature, three specific strategies for physician recruitment and retention in rural areas have strong evidence of success and should be prioritized in Appalachian Kentucky. In terms of the Wilson et al. categories, these are selection, education, and incentives (Wilson et al., 2009). Kentucky's physician education institutions must continue

to prioritize, perhaps even more highly than they already do, recruiting students from Appalachian Kentucky and other rural communities and/or who express intent to practice in a rural primary care setting. Institutions and clinics facilitating post-vocational training in Appalachian Kentucky must effectively promote their programs, recruit applicants strategically, and pursue expansion whenever possible. Finally, the expansion of existing scholarships and loan repayment programs and creation of new funds to attract individuals to the region should be prioritized. As presented in the introduction, each of these strategies are already being utilized in Appalachian Kentucky. The entire region can strive for continued improvement of these efforts and, ideally, will one day witness the beneficial impacts of hard work and strategic innovation within each of these priority areas.

This project's findings numerically may not appear as encouraging for the strides that have been made in the physician shortage in Appalachian Kentucky as one may hope. However, the numbers reported do demonstrate some slight movement in the right direction over the past ten years with a slightly lower regional population-to-physician ratio, a measurable percentage of graduating physicians remaining in the region for their first years of practice, and potential for the region to strategize to continue making strides into the future.

#### Conclusion

Many of Kentucky's 54 Appalachian counties have been recognized as Medically Underserved Areas for decades, with access to care being limited by several factors including geography and socioeconomic status. A shortage of healthcare professionals continues to present challenges for the region's people and patients. However, addressing this specific challenge has been the focus of many programs hoping to improve access to care in these communities.

Is the ongoing effort to recruit and retain primary care physicians in Appalachian Kentucky counties effective? Asking this research question and testing the hypotheses as done in this project would suggest that the answer at this time is "not effective enough." The average population per 1 physician in Appalachian Kentucky counties has not significantly changed in the past decade. The region remains significantly medically underserved and must evaluate how to improve existing programs and consider creating new ones to change this reality.

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#### **Appendix**

#### *Item 1:* Not Human Research (NHR) Designation, pursuant to University of Kentucky

#### Internal Review Board (IRB) protocol

#### NHR Determination - Taylor Williams

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Good morning, Taylor.

On June 8, 2023, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Chair or designee reviewed your attached NHR request form and additional information. Based on the information you provided, it was determined that your proposed project does not require IRB review because it does not appear you will be doing research about a living individual, but about the number of resident physicians being produced among the schools and colleges of medicine in the Commonwealth of Kentucky who start their careers practicing in Appalachian Kentucky counties. As such, the activity does not meet the federal definition of human subject; "a living individual about whom an investigator conducting research obtains (i) information or biospecimens through intervention or interaction with the individual and uses, studies, or analyzes the information or biospecimens; or (ii) obtains, uses, studies, analyzes, or generates identifiable private information or identifiable biospecimens." [45 CFR 46.102(e)(1)].

Although your project does not require IRB review, please contact the Office of Research Integrity before making any changes to your project because some changes may make the project eligible for IRB review.

If you have any questions regarding the IRB's/designee's decision or if any of the information listed above is incorrect, please contact the Office of Research Integrity at 859-257-9428.

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Item 2: Federal Health Resources & Services Administration-designated Medically Underserved Areas Among Appalachian Kentucky Counties (MUA Find, 2023) (continued on next page)

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		Service Area Name	Designation Type	Primary State Name	County	Index of Medical Underservice Score	Status	Rural Status	Designation Date	Update Date
Primary Care			Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Adair County, KY	55	Designated	Rural	02/01/2019	10/11/2022
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Drimary Care	Kentucky 1219678135	Adair Bath County	Adair Medically Underserved Area	Single County Kentucky	21001 Bath County, KY	Rural Kg	Decimated	Dural	02/07/2011	10/12/2022
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			Bath	Single County		Rural				
Primary Care			Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Bell County, KY	53	Designated	Rural	09/20/2017	04/09/2021
	Component State Name		Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
			Bell	Single County		Rural				
Primary Care			Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Boyd County, KY		Designated	Non-Rural	05/19/1994	05/19/1994
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Primary Care	Kentucky 1218195895	Boyd Breathitt County	302 Medically Underserved Area	Census Tract	21019030200 Breathitt County, KY	Non-Rural	Designated	Dural	02/23/1999	10/13/2022
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	Kentucky		Buckhorn	County Subdivision	2119390408	Rural				
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	Kentucky		Carter	Single County	21043	Rural				
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	Kentucky	Cumberland	Cumberland	Single County		Rural				
Primary Care	1213903055	Edmonson County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Edmonson County, KY	54	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	04/10/2023
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Primary Care			Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky		45	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	04/10/2023
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Primary Care		Garrard County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Garrard County, KY	61	Designated	Rural	10/19/2020	10/19/2020
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	Kentucky	Green	Green	Single County	21087	Rural				
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	Kentucky		Hart	Single County	21099	Rural				
Primary Care	1211126189		Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Jackson County, KY	50	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	10/19/2020
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			Jackson	Single County	21109	Rural				
Primary Care	1212029395		Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Johnson County, KY	60	Designated	Rural	03/18/2020	03/18/2020
			Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status	l			
			Johnson	Single County		Rural			-	
Primary Care			Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky		49	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	10/19/2020
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			Knox	Single County		Rural	1			
Primary Care			Medically Underserved Area				Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	10/19/2020
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			Lee	Single County	21129	Rural	İ			
Primary Care	1215597785	Leslie County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Leslie County, KY	54	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	05/24/2021
		Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Leslie	Leslie	Single County	21131	Rural				
Primary Care			Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky		48.2	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	11/01/1978
			Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status	ļ			
			Letcher	Single County	21133	Rural			to - W	
Primary Care			Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky			Designated	Kural	05/25/2007	10/19/2020
		Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				+
Drimor : C-	Kentucky 1211248124	Lincoln County	Lewis Medically Underserved Area	Single County Kentucky		Rural 52	Declarete '	Dural	05/26/2017	05/24/202
			Medically Underserved Area  Component Name			Component Rural Status	Designated	nurai	05/20/201/	05/24/2021
			Lincoln			Rural	l .		-	+
Primary Care			Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky			Designated	Rural	04/21/1995	04/21/1999
			Component Name			Component Rural Status	⊳esig⊓ate0	riul al	04/21/1993	24/51/138
			Madison	Single County		Rural	i			
Primary Care			Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky		61.5	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	02/01/2019
. ,			Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				,,
	Kentucky	Magoffin	Magoffin	Single County		Rural				
Primary Care	01271	Martin County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Martin County, KY	58.9	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	04/09/2014
			Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status	L			
	Kentucky	Martin	Martin	Single County		Rural				

Primary Care	1213733792	McCreary County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	McCreary County, KY	50	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	10/19/2020
	Component State Name	Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	McCreary	McCreary	Single County	21147	Rural				
Primary Care	1216589307	Menifee County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky		49	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	10/19/2020
	Component State Name	Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Menifee	Menifee	Single County	21165	Rural				
Primary Care		Metcalfe County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Metcalfe County, KY	53	Designated	Pural	11/01/1978	10/19/2020
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	Kentucky			Single County	21169					
Primary Care		Monroe County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Monroe County, KY	62	Designated	Rural	05/12/2017	05/12/2017
	Component State Name	Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Monroe	Monroe	Single County	21171	Rural				
Primary Care	01277	MONTGOMERY SERVICE AREA	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Montgomery County, KY	55.1	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	11/01/1978
	Component State Name	Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Montgomery	Montgomery	Single County	21173	Rural				
Primary Care		Morgan County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Morgan County, KY	54	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	10/19/2020
. Timidi y cure		Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status	Designated	Italiai	11/01/13/0	10/15/2020
					21175	Rural				
	Kentucky	Morgan	Morgan	Single County						
Primary Care		Nicholas County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky		51.4	Designated	Rural	02/01/2019	02/01/2019
	Component State Name	Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Nicholas	Nicholas	Single County	21181	Rural	l			
Primary Care	1218785723	Owsley County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Owsley County, KY	49	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	10/19/2020
		Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Owsley	Owsley	Single County	21189	Rural	Ī			
Primary Care		PIKE SERVICE AREA	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky		44.4	Designated	Pural	11/01/1978	11/01/1978
r i i i i ai y care			<del>`                                    </del>				Designated	Kurai	11/01/1378	11/01/1976
		Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Pike	Pike	Single County	21195	Rural				
Primary Care	1212442088	Powell County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Powell County, KY	60	Designated	Rural	01/10/2011	10/19/2020
	Component State Name	Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Powell	Powell	Single County	21197	Rural	ĺ			
Primary Care	01289	PULASKI SERVICE AREA	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Pulaski County, KY	58	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	11/01/1978
, , , , , , , ,		Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status			,,	11,01,10
	Kentucky	Pulaski	Pulaski	Single County	21199	Rural				
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Primary Care		Robertson County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky		46	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	05/24/2021
		Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Robertson	Robertson	Single County	21201	Rural				
Primary Care	01291	Rockcastle County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Rockcastle County, KY	59.8	Designated	Rural	11/01/1978	08/26/2013
	Component State Name	Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Rockcastle	Rockcastle	Single County	21203	Rural				
Primary Care	1213520884	Russell County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Russell County, KY	59	Designated	Rural	12/04/2015	10/19/2020
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	Kentucky	Russell	Russell	Single County	21207	Rural				
Primary Care		Southwest Lawrence Service Area	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Lawrence County, KY	53.8	Designated	Rural	08/19/2009	08/19/2009
	Component State Name	Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Lawrence	9302	Census Tract	21127930200	Rural				
	Kentucky	Lawrence	9303	Census Tract	21127930300	Rural				
	Kentucky	Lawrence	9304	Census Tract	21127930400	Rural				
	Kentucky	Lawrence	9305	Census Tract	21127930500	Rural				
Primary Care		Wayne County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Wayne County, KY	56	Designated	Pural	11/01/1978	06/10/2021
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		Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status	1		_	_
	Kentucky	Wayne	Wayne	Single County	21231	Rural				-
Primary Care		Williamsburg/South Whitley County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Whitley County, KY	58.4	Designated	Rural	10/03/2013	10/03/2013
	Component State Name	Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Whitley	9205	Census Tract	21235920500	Rural	Ī			
	Kentucky	Whitley	9206	Census Tract	21235920600	Rural				
	Kentucky	Whitley	9207	Census Tract	21235920700	Rural				
	Kentucky	Whitley	9208	Census Tract	21235920700	Rural			-	
Driman, Cr.						61.4	Decimat	Dural	11/01/1070	11/16/2016
Primary Care		Wolfe County	Medically Underserved Area	Kentucky	Wolfe County, KY		Designated	nurai	11/01/1978	11/16/2016
		Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
	Kentucky	Wolfe	Wolfe	Single County	21237	Rural				
Primary Care	06103	Low Inc - Hazard Service Area	Medically Underserved Population	Kentucky	Perry County, KY	60.1	Designated	Rural	07/29/1999	07/29/1999
	Component State Name	Component County Name	Component Name	Component Type	Component GEOID	Component Rural Status				
						Rural				
		Perry	Hazard	County Subdivision	2119391648					
	Kentucky	Perry	Hazard Viner	County Subdivision	2119391648					
	Kentucky Kentucky	Perry	Viper	County Subdivision	2119393576	Rural				
	Kentucky			County Subdivision	2119393576 2119391032					

*Item 3:* University of Kentucky College of Medicine Residency Matches for Graduating Classes of 2019-2023 (referenced as UK College of Medicine, 2023b)

Obtained via email communication with Drs. Michelle Lineberry and Elizabeth Berry Seelbach

### Class of 2019:

Specialty	Program				
Internal Medicine	Appalachian OPTIC-KY				
Family Medicine	St Elizabeth Med Ctr-KY				
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Denistry				
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Denistry				
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Denistry				
Anesthesiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Anesthesiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Anesthesiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Family Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Family Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Family Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Family Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
General Surgery	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
General Surgery	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Medicine-Pediatrics	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Medicine-Pediatrics	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Medicine-Pediatrics	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Medicine-Preliminary	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Medicine-Primary	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Medicine-Primary	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Medicine-Primary	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Medicine-Primary	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Medicine-Primary	U Kentucky Med Ctr				
Neurological Surgery	U Kentucky Med Ctr				

Orthopaedic Surgery U Kentucky Med Ctr Orthopaedic Surgery U Kentucky Med Ctr Orthopaedic Surgery U Kentucky Med Ctr Orthopaedic Surgery U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr Peds/Psych/Child Psych U Kentucky Med Ctr U Kentucky Med Ctr Plastic Surgery (Integrated) Psychiatry U Kentucky Med Ctr **Psychiatry** U Kentucky Med Ctr Radiology-Diagnostic U Kentucky Med Ctr Radiology-Diagnostic U Kentucky Med Ctr

Family Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr - Hazard

Anesthesiology
Child Neurology
U Louisville SOM-KY
Emergency Medicine
U Louisville SOM-KY
Family Medicine
U Louisville SOM-KY
General Surgery
U Louisville SOM-KY
Internal Medicine
U Louisville SOM-KY
U Louisville SOM-KY
U Louisville SOM-KY

General Surgery Ascension St John Hosp-MI Rad-Diag/Research Barnes-Jewish Hosp-MO

Psychiatry Butler Hospital/Brown Univ-RI

Psychiatry Carilion Clinic-Virginia Tech Carilion SOM

Psychiatry Carolinas Med Ctr-NC

Case Western/Univ Hosps Cleveland Med Ctr-

Pediatrics OH

Urology Cleveland Clinic Fdn-OH
Neurology Duke Univ Med Ctr-NC
Neurology Duke Univ Med Ctr-NC
Emergency Medicine Eastern VA Med School-VA
Internal Medicine Eisenhower Army MC
Radiology-Diagnostic Florida Hosp-Orlando-FL

Internal Medicine Greenville Health Sys/Univ of So Carolina Internal Medicine Greenville Health Sys/Univ of So Carolina Medicine-Pediatrics Greenville Health Sys/Univ of So Carolina

Neurology Hosp of the Univ of PA

Psychiatry Indiana University SOM - Vincennes

General Surgery Jackson Memorial Hosp-FL
Internal Medicine Johns Hopkins Hosp-MD
Internal Medicine Johns Hopkins Hosp-MD

Internal Medicine Kaiser Permanente-Los Angeles-CA
Plastic Surgery (Integrated) Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-AZ

Dermatology Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-MN
Internal Medicine Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-MN
Neurology Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-MN
Phys Medicine & Rehab Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-MN

Internal Medicine Medical College of Georgia
Otolaryngology Medical College of Georgia

Internal Medicine MedStar Georgetown Univ Hosp-DC

Emergency Medicine Mercy St Vincent Med Ctr-OH
General Surgery Methodist Hospital-Houston-TX
Neurological Surgery Methodist Hospital-Houston-TX

Family Medicine Mountain AHEC-NC

Pediatrics Nationwide Childrens Hosp-OH
Pediatrics-Primary Nationwide Childrens Hosp-OH

Obstetrics-Gynecology NMC Portsmouth

Emergency Medicine
Pathology
Northwestern McGaw/NMH/VA-IL
Neurology
Ohio State University Med Ctr
Urology
Ohio State University Med Ctr
Medicine-Pediatrics
Penn State Hershey Med Ctr-PA
Family Medicine
Phoebe Putney Mem Hosp-GA
Emergency Medicine
Presence Resurrection Med Ctr-IL

Emergency Medicine Rush University Med Ctr-IL Internal Medicine Rush University Med Ctr-IL

Medicine-PreliminarySan Antonio USHECInternal MedicineSt Louis Univ SOM-MOInternal MedicineSt Louis Univ SOM-MO

Internal Medicine Summa Health/NEOMED-OH

Pediatrics Tripler Army MC
Transitional Year Tripler Army MC
Radiology-Diagnostic Tulane Univ SOM-LA

Anesthesiology U Alabama Med Ctr-Birmingham
Pediatrics-Medical Genetics U Alabama Med Ctr-Birmingham
General Surgery U Arkansas COM-Little Rock

Internal Medicine U Arkansas-Fayetteville Comm Progs

Medicine-Preliminary U Florida COM-Shands Hosp
Pediatrics U Florida COM-Shands Hosp
Plastic Surgery (Integrated) U Florida COM-Shands Hosp
Anesthesiology U Iowa Hosps and Clinics
Internal Medicine U Minnesota Med School
Radiology-Diagnostic U Minnesota Med School

Internal Medicine U South Florida Morsani COM-Tampa
Medicine-Pediatrics U South Florida Morsani COM-Tampa
Emergency Medicine U Tennessee COM-Chattanooga

Medicine-Pediatrics U Tennessee COM-Memphis **Pediatrics U** Tennessee COM-Memphis Obstetrics-Gynecology U Tennessee Grad SOM-Knoxville U Texas Southwestern Med Sch-Dallas Internal Medicine Interventional Radiology U Texas Southwestern Med Sch-Dallas (Integ) Family Medicine U Toronto Internal Medicine UC Davis Med Ctr-CA University Hosps-Columbia-MO Ophthalmology **General Surgery** University of Hawaii Neurology University of Virginia Radiology-Diagnostic University of Virginia Family Medicine Valley Med Ctr-WA Internal Medicine Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr-TN Transitional Year William Beaumont Army MC Internal Medicine Wright Patterson AFB Internal Medicine Wright State Univ Boonshoft SOM-OH Wright State Univ Boonshoft SOM-OH Internal Medicine York Hospital-PA **General Surgery** 

### Class of 2020:

Specialty	Program	
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Dentistry	
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Dentistry	
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Dentistry	
Anesthesiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
Anesthesiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
Anesthesiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
<b>Emergency Medicine</b>	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
<b>Emergency Medicine</b>	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
<b>Emergency Medicine</b>	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
<b>Emergency Medicine</b>	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
<b>Emergency Medicine</b>	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
Family Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
General Surgery	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
General Surgery	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr	

Medicine-Pediatrics U Kentucky Med Ctr Medicine-Pediatrics U Kentucky Med Ctr Medicine-Preliminary U Kentucky Med Ctr Medicine-Primary U Kentucky Med Ctr U Kentucky Med Ctr Medicine-Primary Medicine-Primary U Kentucky Med Ctr U Kentucky Med Ctr Neurology Obstetrics-Gynecology U Kentucky Med Ctr Ophthalmology U Kentucky Med Ctr Ophthalmology U Kentucky Med Ctr Pathology U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr Plastic Surgery (Integrated) U Kentucky Med Ctr **Psychiatry** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Psychiatry** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Psychiatry** U Kentucky Med Ctr Radiology-Diagnostic U Kentucky Med Ctr Radiology-Diagnostic U Kentucky Med Ctr Radiology-Diagnostic U Kentucky Med Ctr Surgery-Preliminary U Kentucky Med Ctr Surgery-Preliminary U Kentucky Med Ctr

Family Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr - Morehead

**Pediatrics** U Louisville SOM-KY U Louisville SOM-KY Psychiatry **Emergency Medicine** Advocate Health Care-IL Obstetrics-Gynecology Albert Einstein Med Ctr-PA **General Surgery** B I Deaconess Med Ctr-MA Internal Medicine Barnes-Jewish Hosp-MO Medicine-Primary Barnes-Jewish Hosp-MO Medicine-Primary Barnes-Jewish Hosp-MO Internal Medicine Baylor Coll Med-Houston-TX Radiology-Diagnostic Boston Univ Med Ctr-MA Anesthesiology Brigham & Womens Hosp-MA Radiology-Diagnostic Brookwood Baptist Health-AL

Plastic Surgery (Integrated) Carilion Clinic-Virginia Tech Carilion SOM

Internal Medicine Carolinas Med Ctr-NC

Internal Medicine Case Western/MetroHealth Med Ctr-OH

Neurology Cleveland Clinic Fdn-OH
Neurology Cleveland Clinic Fdn-OH
Family Medicine Deaconess Hospital-IN
Medicine-Pediatrics Detroit Med Ctr/WSU-MI
Internal Medicine Emory Univ SOM-GA

Internal Medicine Emory Univ SOM-GA
Psychiatry FAU-Schmidt COM-FL

Obstetrics-Gynecology Good Samaritan Hosp-Cinn-OH
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Obstetrics-Gynecology Good Samaritan Hosp-Cinn-OH

Obstetrics-Gynecology Indiana University SOM Radiology-Diagnostic Indiana University SOM General Surgery Jewish Hospital-OH

Child Neurology Loma Linda University-CA
Internal Medicine Marshall University SOM-WV

Dermatology Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-FL
General Surgery Memorial Health-Univ Med Ctr-GA
Psychiatry Naval Medical Center Portsmouth
Obstetrics-Gynecology New Hanover Reg Med Ctr-NC
Internal Medicine NYP Hosp-Weill Cornell Med Ctr-NY

General Surgery

Ohio State University Med Ctr

Pediatrics

Penn State Hershey Med Ctr-PA

Family Medicine

St Ritas Medical Center-OH

Transitional Year Tripler, Honolulu, HI
General Surgery Tulane Univ SOM-LA

Internal Medicine U Alabama Med Ctr-Birmingham Radiology-Diagnostic U Alabama Med Ctr-Birmingham

Internal Medicine U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH Internal Medicine U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH Ophthalmology U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH U Florida COM-Shands Hosp **Pediatrics** U Florida COM-Shands Hosp **Psychiatry** Medicine-Pediatrics U Illinois COM-Chicago Internal Medicine U Illinois COM-Peoria OSF U Illinois COM-Peoria OSF Medicine-Pediatrics Obstetrics-Gynecology U Kansas SOM-Kansas City Internal Medicine U Maryland Med Ctr

Internal Medicine U Maryland Med Ctr
Anesthesiology U North Carolina Hospitals
Anesthesiology U North Carolina Hospitals
Psychiatry U North Carolina Hospitals

Internal Medicine U Tennessee COM-Chattanooga

Emergency Medicine U Texas Southwestern Med Sch-Dallas

Radiology-Diagnostic UC San Francisco-CA

Interventional Radiology

(Integ)
Univ of Chicago Med Ctr-IL
Family Medicine
University at Buffalo SOM-NY
Internal Medicine
University at Buffalo SOM-NY
University of Utah Health
University of Virginia
Pathology
University of Virginia

Emergency Medicine

Emergency Medicine

UT St Thomas Hospitals-TN

UT St Thomas Hospitals-TN

UT St Thomas Hospitals-TN

UT St Thomas Hospitals-TN

Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr-TN

Medicine-Pediatrics Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys **Pediatrics** Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys **Pediatrics** Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys Internal Medicine Wake Forest Baptist Med Ctr-NC Internal Medicine Wake Forest Baptist Med Ctr-NC Obstetrics-Gynecology Wake Forest Baptist Med Ctr-NC Wake Forest Baptist Med Ctr-NC Ophthalmology **Emergency Medicine** West Virginia University SOM

Internal Medicine Wright State Univ Boonshoft SOM-OH

General Surgery Wright-Patterson
Internal Medicine Wright-Patterson
Internal Medicine Wright-Patterson

Psychiatry Zucker SOM-Northwell Mather Hosp-NY

Research Research

### Class of 2021:

Specialty	Program	
Family Medicine	St Elizabeth Med Ctr-KY	
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Dentistry	
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Dentistry	
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Dentistry	
Anesthesiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
Anesthesiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr	
Anesthesiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr	

Diagnostic Radiology U Kentucky Med Ctr Diagnostic Radiology U Kentucky Med Ctr **Diagnostic Radiology** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Diagnostic Radiology** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Emergency Medicine** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Emergency Medicine** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Emergency Medicine** U Kentucky Med Ctr Family Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr **General Surgery** U Kentucky Med Ctr **General Surgery** U Kentucky Med Ctr Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr Medicine-Pediatrics U Kentucky Med Ctr Medicine-Primary U Kentucky Med Ctr Medicine-Primary U Kentucky Med Ctr Medicine-Primary U Kentucky Med Ctr Neurology U Kentucky Med Ctr Neurology U Kentucky Med Ctr Neurology U Kentucky Med Ctr Obstetrics-Gynecology U Kentucky Med Ctr U Kentucky Med Ctr Ophthalmology Ophthalmology U Kentucky Med Ctr Ophthalmology U Kentucky Med Ctr Orthopaedic Surgery U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr Plastic Surgery (Integrated) U Kentucky Med Ctr U Kentucky Med Ctr **Psychiatry** Psychiatry/Adult Child Integ U Kentucky Med Ctr Surgery-Preliminary U Kentucky Med Ctr Surgery-Preliminary U Kentucky Med Ctr

Family Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr - Morehead Family Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr - Morehead Family Medicine
U Louisville SOM-KY
Family Medicine
U Louisville SOM-KY
Internal Medicine
U Louisville SOM-KY
U Louisville SOM-KY
Otolaryngology
U Louisville SOM-KY
Pediatrics
U Louisville SOM-KY

Medicine-Primary

Internal Medicine

Diagnostic Radiology

B I Deaconess Med Ctr-MA

Barnes-Jewish Hosp-MO

Boston Univ Med Ctr-MA

Campbell University-NC

General Surgery Carilion Clinic-Virginia Tech Carilion SOM

Emergency Medicine Carolinas Med Ctr-NC

Case Western/Univ Hosps Cleveland Med Ctr-

Emergency Medicine OH

Int Med/Leadership in Med Case Western/Univ Hosps Cleveland Med Ctr-

Ed OH

Pediatrics Childrens National Med Ctr-DC

Child Neurology Cincinnati Childrens Hosp Med Ctr-OH
Research/Industry did not enter match - entering industry

Surgery-Preliminary East Tennessee St Univ
Diagnostic Radiology Eastern VA Med School-VA

Family Medicine Eglin Air Force Base

Obstetrics-Gynecology Good Samaritan Hosp-Cinn-OH

Transitional Year Hurley Medical Ctr-MI
Pediatrics Inova Fairfax Hospital-VA
Family Medicine LewisGale Med Ctr-VA

Pediatrics Madigan Army Medical Center

Neurology Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-FL
Internal Medicine Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-MN

Medicine-Pediatrics Med Coll Wisconsin Affil Hosps
Pediatrics Med Coll Wisconsin Affil Hosps

Pediatrics Med Ctr Navicent Health/Mercer SOM-GA

Neurology Medical University of SC

Obstetrics-Gynecology MedStar Washington Hosp Ctr-DC
Internal Medicine Montefiore Med Ctr/Einstein-NY
Pediatrics Montefiore Med Ctr/Einstein-NY

Family Medicine Mountain AHEC-NC

Obstetrics-Gynecology New Hanover Reg Med Ctr-NC

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Internal Medicine Northwestern McGaw/NMH/VA-IL
Ophthalmology NY Presb. Hosp-Weill MC/Cornell U

Medicine-Preliminary NYU Long Island

General Surgery Penn State Hershey Med Ctr-PA

**Pediatrics** Penn State Hershey Med Ctr-PA Medicine-Primary Prisma Health-U of SC SOM Columbia **Pediatrics** Prisma Health-U of SC SOM Columbia

Internal Medicine Rush University Med Ctr-IL St Elizabeths Hospital/DBH-DC **Psychiatry** 

Internal Medicine St Louis Univ SOM-MO Internal Medicine Thomas Jefferson Univ-PA

Internal Medicine Training in Scotland

Internal Medicine Tripler Army Medical Center **Emergency Medicine** U Arizona COM-Tucson Internal Medicine U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH Internal Medicine U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH

Medicine-Primary U Connecticut School of Medicine

**General Surgery** U Florida COM-Shands Hosp Otolaryngology U Florida COM-Shands Hosp Diagnostic Radiology U Kansas SOM-Kansas City Medicine-Psychiatry U Kansas SOM-Kansas City Orthopaedic Surgery U Kansas SOM-Kansas City Internal Medicine

U Maryland Med Ctr

Family Medicine U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor Obstetrics-Gynecology U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor **Emergency Medicine** U North Carolina Hospitals Family Medicine U North Carolina Hospitals **Psychiatry** U North Carolina Hospitals Otolaryngology U Oklahoma COM-OK City **Family Medicine** U South Alabama Hospitals

Medicine-Pediatrics U Texas Southwestern Med Sch-Dallas

UC San Diego Med Ctr-CA **Psychiatry General Surgery** UIC/Mt Sinai Hosp Med Ctr-IL **Emergency Medicine** University Hosps-Jackson-MS

University of Virginia Family Medicine

**UT Ascension St Thomas-TN Emergency Medicine UT Ascension St Thomas-TN Emergency Medicine Emergency Medicine** Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr-TN Internal Medicine Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr-TN Surgery-Preliminary Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr-TN

**Emergency Medicine** Vidant Med Ctr/East Carolina Univ-NC **Pediatrics** Wright State Univ Boonshoft SOM-OH

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# Class of 2022:

Specialty	Program
Family Medicine	St Elizabeth Med Ctr-KY
Family Medicine	St Elizabeth Med Ctr-KY
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Dentistry
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Dentistry
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Dentistry
Anesthesiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Diagnostic Radiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Diagnostic Radiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Diagnostic Radiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Emergency Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Emergency Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Emergency Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Family Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Family Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
General Surgery	U Kentucky Med Ctr
General Surgery	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Medicine-Pediatrics	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Medicine-Preliminary	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Medicine-Primary	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Neurological Surgery	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Neurology	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Obstetrics-Gynecology	U Kentucky Med Ctr

Ophthalmology U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr Peds/Psych/Child Psych U Kentucky Med Ctr Phys Medicine & Rehab U Kentucky Med Ctr Phys Medicine & Rehab U Kentucky Med Ctr U Kentucky Med Ctr **Psychiatry** Psychiatry/Adult Child Integ U Kentucky Med Ctr Psychiatry/Adult Child Integ U Kentucky Med Ctr Surgery-Preliminary U Kentucky Med Ctr Surgery-Preliminary U Kentucky Med Ctr

General Surgery

Obstetrics-Gynecology

Obstetrics-Gynecology

U Kentucky Med Ctr - Bowling Green

U Kentucky Med Ctr - Morehead

Diagnostic Radiology U Louisville SOM-KY
Family Medicine U Louisville SOM-KY
Family Medicine U Louisville SOM-KY
Obstetrics-Gynecology U Louisville SOM-KY

Neurology B I Deaconess Med Ctr-MA

Diagnostic Radiology Baptist Mem Med Education-TN

Emergency Medicine Carolinas Med Ctr-NC General Surgery Carolinas Med Ctr-NC

Pediatrics Case Western/Univ Hosps Cleveland Med Ctr-OH
Pediatrics Case Western/Univ Hosps Cleveland Med Ctr-OH

Pediatrics Cincinnati Childrens Hosp Med Ctr-OH
Pathology Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr-NH

Internal Medicine Duke Univ Med Ctr-NC
Diagnostic Radiology Emory Univ SOM-GA

Medicine-PediatricsGeisinger Health System-PAObstetrics-GynecologyGood Samaritan Hosp-Cinn-OHSurgery-PreliminaryGood Samaritan Hosp-Cinn-OH

Research Fellowship Harrington Heart and Vascular Institute in Cleveland

Internal Medicine HCA Healthcare/TriStar Nashville-TN
Psychiatry HCA Healthcare/TriStar Nashville-TN

Transitional Year HCA Healthcare/USF Morsani GME Blake-FL

Dermatology Indiana University SOM
General Surgery Indiana University SOM
Internal Medicine Indiana University SOM
Medicine-Pediatrics Indiana University SOM
Transitional Year Intermountain Med Ctr-UT

Psychiatry ISMMS Mount Sinai Beth Israel-NY

Pathology Johns Hopkins Hosp-MD

Internal Medicine Legacy Emanuel/Good Samaritan-OR

Psychiatry Marshall University SOM-WV

Psychiatry Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-MN

Medicine-Pediatrics Med Coll Wisconsin Affil Hosps
Pediatrics Medical College of Georgia
Anesthesiology Medical University of SC
Diagnostic Radiology Medical University of SC
Emergency Medicine Medical University of SC
Pediatrics Medical University of SC

Family Medicine Mount Carmel Health System-OH

Obstetrics-Gynecology Mt Sinai Med Ctr-Miami-FL Emergency Medicine Northeast Georgia Med Ctr

General Surgery NYU Grossman School Of Medicine-NY

Medicine-Primary
Psychiatry
Ohio State University Med Ctr
Ohio State University Med Ctr
Ohio Health-Grant Med Ctr
OhioHealth-Grant Med Ctr
OhioHealth-Grant Med Ctr
Emergency Medicine
Oregon Health & Science Univ
Internal Medicine
Oregon Health & Science Univ

Research Fellowship

Research Fellowship

Orthopaedic Research Fellowship at UAB

Orthopaedic Research Fellowship at UAB

Internal Medicine

Prisma Health-U of SC SOM Columbia

Prisma Health-U of SC SOM Greenville

Internal Medicine

Prisma Health-U of SC SOM Greenville

Prisma Health-U of SC SOM Greenville

Prisma Health-U of SC SOM Greenville

Medicine-Pediatrics

Prisma Health-U of SC SOM Greenville

Emergency Medicine San Diego Naval Medical Center
Family Medicine Self Regional Healthcare-SC
Internal Medicine U Alabama Med Ctr-Birmingham
Internal Medicine U Alabama Med Ctr-Birmingham

Orthopaedic Surgery U Arizona COM-Phoenix
Obstetrics-Gynecology U Arkansas COM-Little Rock
Diagnostic Radiology U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH
Internal Medicine U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH

Orthopaedic Surgery

Phys Medicine & Rehab

U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH

Internal Medicine U Illinois COM-Chicago

Anesthesiology
U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor
U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor
U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor
U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor
U Morth Carolina Hospitals
U North Carolina Hospitals
U North Carolina Hospitals
U f Flordia, Gainsville
U South Alabama Hospitals

Emergency Medicine U South Florida Morsani COM-Tampa Internal Medicine U South Florida Morsani COM-Tampa

Obstetrics-Gynecology U Southern California

Obstetrics-Gynecology U Tennessee Grad SOM-Knoxville

Emergency Medicine U Texas HSC-San Antonio
Emergency Medicine U Texas Med Sch-Houston

General Surgery

General Surgery

U Texas Southwestern Med Sch-Dallas
U Texas Southwestern Med Sch-Dallas
U Texas Southwestern Med Sch-Dallas
U Texas Southwestern Med Sch-Dallas
UMass Chan Medical School-MA

Emergency Medicine Unity Health-AR

Emergency Medicine Univ of Chicago Med Ctr-IL Internal Medicine Univ of Chicago Med Ctr-IL

Anesthesiology University of Virginia Medicine-Primary University of Virginia Pediatrics University of Virginia

Urology Research Fellowship at Case Western

Research Fellowship Reserve

Internal Medicine UT Ascension St Thomas-TN
Anesthesiology Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr-TN

Obstetrics-Gynecology Virtua-NJ

Internal Medicine Wake Forest Baptist Med Ctr-NC Psychiatry Wake Forest Baptist Med Ctr-NC

Internal Medicine Walter Reed Pediatrics Walter Reed

Medicine-Pediatrics West Virginia University SOM

Internal Medicine Wright Patterson

Internal Medicine Wright State Univ Boonshoft SOM-OH

# Class of 2023:

Specialty	Program
Family Medicine	St Elizabeth Med Ctr-KY
Family Medicine	St Elizabeth Med Ctr-KY
Family Medicine	St Elizabeth Med Ctr-KY
Family Medicine	St Elizabeth Med Ctr-KY
Family Medicine	St Elizabeth Med Ctr-KY
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Dentistry
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Dentistry
Oral Surgery	U Kentucky Dentistry
Anesthesiology	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Child Neurology	U Kentucky Med Ctr
<b>Emergency Medicine</b>	U Kentucky Med Ctr
<b>Emergency Medicine</b>	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Emergency Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Family Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Family Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
General Surgery	U Kentucky Med Ctr
General Surgery	U Kentucky Med Ctr
General Surgery	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Internal Medicine	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Medicine-Pediatrics	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Medicine-Pediatrics	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Medicine-Pediatrics	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Medicine-Primary	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Medicine-Psychiatry	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Neurology	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Obstetrics-Gynecology	U Kentucky Med Ctr
Obstetrics-Gynecology	U Kentucky Med Ctr

Ophthalmology U Kentucky Med Ctr **Orthopaedic Surgery** U Kentucky Med Ctr U Kentucky Med Ctr **Orthopaedic Surgery Orthopaedic Surgery** U Kentucky Med Ctr U Kentucky Med Ctr Otolaryngology U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pathology** Pathology U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr **Pediatrics** U Kentucky Med Ctr Phys Medicine & Rehab U Kentucky Med Ctr Plastic Surgery (Integrated) U Kentucky Med Ctr **Psychiatry** U Kentucky Med Ctr Psychiatry/Adult Child Integ U Kentucky Med Ctr Psychiatry/Adult Child Integ U Kentucky Med Ctr Radiology-Diagnostic U Kentucky Med Ctr Radiology-Diagnostic U Kentucky Med Ctr Radiology-Diagnostic U Kentucky Med Ctr Urology U Kentucky Med Ctr

U Kentucky Med Ctr - Bowling Green **General Surgery** Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr - Bowling Green Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr - Bowling Green U Kentucky Med Ctr - Bowling Green Internal Medicine Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr - Bowling Green Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr - Bowling Green Internal Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr - Bowling Green Obstetrics-Gynecology U Kentucky Med Ctr - Bowling Green Family Medicine U Kentucky Med Ctr - Morehead

Anesthesiology U Louisville SOM-KY Dermatology U Louisville SOM-KY **Emergency Medicine** U Louisville SOM-KY **Emergency Medicine** U Louisville SOM-KY Family Medicine U Louisville SOM-KY Internal Medicine U Louisville SOM-KY Obstetrics-Gynecology U Louisville SOM-KY U Louisville SOM-KY Ophthalmology **Pediatrics** U Louisville SOM-KY U Louisville SOM-KY **Psychiatry** Radiology-Diagnostic U Louisville SOM-KY

Family Medicine
U Louisville SOM-KY-Glasgow
Family Medicine
U Louisville SOM-KY-Glasgow
Psychiatry
Akron Gen Med Ctr/NEOMED-OH
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Ascension St Vincent Hosp-IN

Neurology Barnes-Jewish Hosp-MO

Surgery-Preliminary Case Western/Univ Hosps Cleveland Med

Pediatrics Case Western/Univ Hosps Cleveland Med Ctr-OH

Case Western/Univ Hosps Cleveland Med, Leadership in

Internal Medicine Med/Ed

Pediatrics Childrens Hospital-Boston-MA

Internal Medicine Christ Hospital-OH
Internal Medicine Christ Hospital-OH
Internal Medicine Christ Hospital-OH
Internal Medicine Christiana Care-DE

Pediatrics Cincinnati Childrens Hosp Med Ctr-OH
Pediatrics Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr-NH

Internal Medicine Detroit Med Ctr/WSU-MI **Pediatrics-Medical Genetics** Detroit Med Ctr/WSU-MI Detroit Med Ctr/WSU-MI Surgery-Preliminary **Pediatrics** Eastern Virginia Med School Medicine-Pediatrics ECU Health Med Ctr-NC Internal Medicine Emory Univ SOM-GA **Pediatrics Emory Univ SOM-GA Pediatrics Emory Univ SOM-GA** Family Medicine Franciscan Health-IN

Obstetrics-Gynecology Good Samaritan Hosp-Cinn-OH Neurology Harbor-UCLA Med Ctr-CA

Internal Medicine HCA Healthcare/TriStar Nashville-TN
Neurology HCA Healthcare/TriStar Nashville-TN
Psychiatry HCA Healthcare/TriStar Nashville-TN

Internal Medicine HCA Healthcare/USF Morsani GME-Trinity-FL

Internal Medicine Indiana University SOM
Neurological Surgery Indiana University SOM
Obstetrics-Gynecology Indiana University SOM
Pediatrics Indiana University SOM

Otolaryngology ISMMS Mount Sinai Hospital-NY

Internal Medicine ISMMS Mount Sinai Morningside-West-NY

Internal Medicine Johns Hopkins Hosp-MD
Internal Medicine Kettering Health Network-OH

Medicine-Pediatrics Loyola Univ Med Ctr-IL

Family Medicine Marshall University SOM-WV
General Surgery Marshall University SOM-WV
Internal Medicine Marshall University SOM-WV

Dermatology Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-MN

General Surgery Med Coll Wisconsin Affil Hosps
General Surgery Med Coll Wisconsin Affil Hosps
Medicine-Pediatrics Med Coll Wisconsin Affil Hosps

Pediatrics Med Coll Wisconsin Affil Hosps

Family Medicine Medical University of SC

Radiology-Diagnostic Memorial Health-Univ Med Ctr-GA
Obstetrics-Gynecology Methodist Hospital-Houston-TX
Psychiatry Mission Community Hosp-CA
Internal Medicine Mount Carmel Health System-OH

Internal Medicine Mountain AHEC-NC

Child Neurology
Pediatrics
Nationwide Childrens Hosp-OH
Naval Medical Center, San Diego
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Northwestern McGaw/NMH/VA-IL
Psychiatry
Ohio State University Med Ctr
Family Medicine
OhioHealth-Grant Med Ctr

Surgery-Preliminary Prisma Health-U of SC SOM Columbia
Family Medicine Prisma Health-U of SC SOM Greenville
Internal Medicine Prisma Health-U of SC SOM Greenville
Medicine-Pediatrics Prisma Health-U of SC SOM Greenville

Family Medicine Providence Hospital-AK

Emergency Medicine San Antonio Military Medical Center Orthopaedic Surgery San Antonio Military Medical Center

Pediatrics-Medical Genetics St Louis Childrens Hosp-MO
Surgery-Preliminary St Louis Univ SOM-MO
Internal Medicine Temple Univ Hosp-PA
Emergency Medicine Texas Tech U Affil-El Paso

General Surgery U Alabama Med Ctr-Birmingham Medicine-Pediatrics U Alabama Med Ctr-Birmingham

Anesthesiology U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH Internal Medicine U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH Internal Medicine U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH Internal Medicine U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH Neurology U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH Neurology U Cincinnati Med Ctr-OH **General Surgery** U Florida COM-Shands Hosp Internal Medicine U Florida COM-Shands Hosp Phys Medicine & Rehab U Florida COM-Shands Hosp Medicine-Psychiatry U Iowa Hosps and Clinics

Phys Medicine & Rehab U Miami/Jackson Health System-FL

Anesthesiology U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor Obstetrics-Gynecology U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor Otolaryngology U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor

Ophthalmology U of Flordia, Gainsville
General Surgery U South Alabama Hospitals
Pediatrics U Tennessee COM-Chattanooga

Pediatrics U Tennessee COM-Chattanooga
Anesthesiology U Tennessee Grad SOM-Knoxville
Obstetrics-Gynecology U Tennessee Grad SOM-Knoxville
Emergency Medicine U Texas Med Branch-Galveston
Medicine-Pediatrics U Texas Med Sch-Houston

Medicine-Pediatrics U Texas Southwestern Med Sch-Dallas Plastic Surgery (Integrated) U Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics

Orthopaedic Surgery Univ of Vermont Medical Center

Dermatology University of Mississippi
Obstetrics-Gynecology UT Ascension St Thomas-TN
Anesthesiology Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr-TN
Emergency Medicine Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr-TN
Obstetrics-Gynecology Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr-TN

Anesthesiology Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys Internal Medicine Wake Forest Baptist Med Ctr-NC

Surgery-Preliminary Walter Reed

Emergency Medicine West Virginia University SOM
General Surgery West Virginia University SOM
Internal Medicine West Virginia University SOM
Psychiatry West Virginia University SOM

Neurology Wright State Univ Boonshoft SOM-OH