Summer 2015 Preceptorship Orientation

GOALS:

The goal of the preceptorship is for you to have an "out of Denver" primary care experience in the summer between the first and second years of medical school. You all have some life experience and/or interest in rural life, but may have a limited understanding of what the day-to-day life of a physician is like in a rural area or small community. In addition, now that you are well-into medical school, the reality that YOU will soon be a physician will bring a new sense of reality to your experience.

The overall goal is for you to experience a physician's practice and life. The specific goals are:

1. Gain medical experience and knowledge.
2. Experience the life and work of a rural physician.
3. Acquire experience and knowledge about health issues in a rural community.
4. See how various kinds of healthcare providers work together in a rural setting.
5. Be aware of the impact of culture/language on the health of a community.
6. Briefly analyze a community health issue.
7. Document your experiences and thoughts and share them with your peers online.

EXPECTATIONS:

✓ Make sure that your preceptor knows that you have completed your first year of school, have some physical diagnosis and "problem-based learning" experience, as well as a brief hospital experience, but are a clinical beginner. On your first day/week, sit down with your preceptor to discuss your goals and their expectations of you. The more enthusiastic you are, the more you'll get to do.

✓ In addition to experiencing your preceptor’s practice and life, you should seek to investigate and understand how the larger healthcare system in the area works. This may mean visiting other healthcare providers and community leaders, and learning about the healthcare and civic infrastructure of the town. The document “Things to do in a small town” contains ideas and is posted on Canvas.

✓ During the summer preceptorship experience, students are expected to complete the weekly readings, post to the discussion board, and submit assignments in Canvas.

✓ The “deliverables” for this preceptorship are:
  o Your participation in the weekly discussion posts
  o A reflective writing paper based on your summer experience
  o Log of your clinical experiences and contact log of interaction with other types of providers
  o A PowerPoint presentation on your experience
  o Completing an online evaluation of your experience and your preceptor