

## Why Choose a Rural Geriatrics Fellowship?

- As the number of older adults in the U.S. rapidly increase over the next few decades, it is imperative that healthcare providers are better equipped to meet the needs of rural elderly. This new, innovative program reflects the changing face of geriatric medicine and the new opportunities available in geriatrics.
- Affiliation with VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System and Mount Sinai Medical School, one of the oldest and most prestigious academic medical centers.
- A variety of unique learning opportunities:
  - ◊ Focus on systems change
  - ◊ Use of telehealth and teleconsultation modalities of care, including SCAN/ECHO method
  - ◊ Rotational model of training with placement at VA facilities and rural Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in Hudson Valley, NY
  - ◊ Opportunities for competency-based Quality Improvement Projects
  - ◊ VISN 3 GRECC resources
- Inclusion on interdisciplinary teams at all training sites
- Formal career mentoring program
- Structured clinical research training
- Free attendance to Geriatrics CME Board Review Course
- Formal training in teaching and curriculum development

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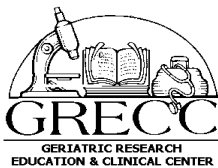
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(GRECC)



## ADVANCED FELLOWSHIP IN RURAL GERIATRICS



## JJP VAMC Rural Geriatrics Training Program



The VISN 3 GRECC at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center is one of 19 VA centers of excellence in geriatrics, research, education, and clinical models of

care. The VISN 3 GRECC is offering a new and exciting one-year fellowship program in rural geriatrics beginning July 2014. This fellowship program is geared towards board-certified physicians who have already completed an AC-GME-accredited Fellowship in Geriatrics.

The **mission** of this Advanced Fellowship in Geriatrics is to:

- Prepare geriatricians to become distant consultants to rural providers
- Educate others on the unique needs of rural older adults
- Remove the barrier of medical practice isolation through telemedicine modalities
- Develop competency in establishing geriatrics programs in rural areas
- Participate in a quality improvement research project relating to rural health issues

## One Year Fellowship

This innovative program is the first of its kind in the United States and may be tailored to personal career goals including:

- Health Systems
- Clinician-Educator Programs
- Clinical Research
- Health Policy & Administration



***“The practice of rural medicine is filled with excitement, rewards, and growth.”***

Dr. Eron G. Manusov, MD

The Rural Health Care Dilemma,  
A Physicians View



## Clinical Training

Fellows in this program will acquire the necessary clinical skills to provide quality care to older adults across various healthcare settings in rural areas:

- Telemedicine consultation
- Primary/Ambulatory care
- Home care
- Community Based Outpatient Clinics
- Inpatient

## Teaching Activities

Fellows will have an opportunity to participate in several faculty development workshops to improve their teaching and evaluation skills. They will also serve as mentors to the VISN 3 GRECC associated health interdisciplinary trainees.

## Research Program

Approximately 50% of this one-year fellowship will be geared towards research, evaluation, and quality improvement. Fellows will have an opportunity to work with GRECC and Mount Sinai faculty on various projects relating to rural health issues.



***Training future leaders in rural health care***