

Program: Rural Medicine Program and Rural Health Leadership Fellowship

Affiliated Hospital: Massachusetts General Hospital

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About: The MGH Rural Medicine Program and Rural Health Leadership Fellowship were founded in 2016 in response to a request from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe for physician staffing and physician leadership of the local federally-operated health system. In 2019, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe honored the program by proclaiming “Boston Doctors Day,” a holiday at the annual Rosebud Fair. Today, the program has supported improvements in clinical operations and care quality at the local federal health system, assisted with expansion of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe’s community health programs, and helped support the Rosebud Sioux Tribe’s self-determination efforts for the health system. Back in Boston, the team has supported programs across Harvard Medical School with a similar focus, hosted student and resident rotations for over 50 Harvard affiliates, and mentored Harvard affiliates in projects and in career development.