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RVUCOM Announces Three New Educational Tracks

Dr. Bruce Dubin, Dean of Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM) has announced the development of three new medical education curriculum tracks.

A new International Medicine track is being developed to help osteopathic medical students supplement their traditional osteopathic training with increased didactic exposure and clinical rotations throughout the world. The International Medicine track will build upon the already established RVUCOM curriculum to include increased training in international public health, infectious disease, health education, and international health policy. Additional clinical rotation opportunities are anticipated to be available in Asia, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, and Central and South America.

RVUCOM is also developing a Rural/Wilderness Medicine track to help meet the needs of underserved populations in Colorado and throughout the Mountain West region. This track will provide expanded training in the competencies necessary for successful practice in rural and underserved communities. Clinical rotations will occur in both rural and wilderness settings, providing optimal training for the many skills necessary to be a successful rural community physician. The Rural/Wilderness Medicine curriculum will add an additional 20 hours of classroom contact time in addition to the regular curriculum.

With over 50 medical students receiving military scholarships, RVUCOM has the largest number of military physicians in training, outside of the United States military's own Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Based upon significant medical student interest in selecting military service as a professional career path, RVUCOM is also initiating a separate Military Medicine track. This program will insure that medical students who also elect to pursue United States military service will receive the best medical education possible relative to their specific career choice. Building upon RVUCOM's current curriculum, the Military Medicine track will add additional didactic experiences in trauma, disaster life support, infectious diseases and military medicine.

In announcing the addition of the new curriculum tracks Dr. Dubin said, "The addition of these new tracks fulfills a need that students have expressed as well as a need which we believe exists in our

community. We are very pleased to offer these new educational programs. They represent only a few of the many exciting things that are and have been happening at RVUCOM.”

Rocky Vista University is a private health sciences university located in Parker, Colorado. The university currently has more than 300 students pursuing a degree in osteopathic medicine.

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