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 - ☐ Family practice/general practice
 - ☐ Internal medicine
 - ☐ Pediatrics
 - ☐ Other (specify: _____)
3. Do you have a sub-specialty?
 - ☐ Yes (If yes, specify: _____)
 - ☐ No
4. Are you a hospitalist (i.e., is your principal focus hospital medicine)?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

B. Practice Activities

1. Do you currently provide direct patient care in _____?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No (If no, go to Section D)
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	If you do not know the ZIP code, what is the nearest town? _____(TOWN)	If you do not know the ZIP code, what is the nearest town? _____(TOWN)

5. Do you see ambulatory patients at more than 2 locations?
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 - ☐ No

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8. During your last normal week of practice, approximately how many of the following types of patient visits did you have?	Prenatal care: _____ # of visits Well-child: _____ # of visits Minor procedures: _____ # of visits	Prenatal care: _____ # of visits Well-child: _____ # of visits Minor procedures: _____ # of visits
9. During your last normal week of practice, for how many visits did you provide on-site supervision of direct patient care to the following provider types (e.g., as a preceptor or as another legally required supervisor)?	Nurse practitioners: _____ # of visits ☐ N/A. I don't supervise NPs Physician assistants: _____ # of visits ☐ N/A. I don't supervise PAs Students/residents: _____ # of visits ☐ N/A. I don't supervise students/residents	Nurse practitioners: _____ # of visits ☐ N/A. I don't supervise NPs Physician assistants: _____ # of visits ☐ N/A. I don't supervise PAs Students/residents: _____ # of visits ☐ N/A. I don't supervise students/residents

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10. Is this a single or multi-specialty practice?	☐ Single specialty ☐ Multi-specialty	☐ Single specialty ☐ Multi-specialty
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The following questions are about your practice in general:

13. Do you see patients in the office during the evening or on weekends?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
14. During your last normal week of practice, about how many encounters of the following type did you have with patients?

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Hospital visits	_____	☐ N/A
Emergency room/dept visits	_____	☐ N/A
Urgent care facility visits	_____	☐ N/A
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Internet/e-mail consults	_____	☐ N/A

15. Do you currently attend deliveries?

- ☐ Yes (If yes, go to 15a)
☐ No (If no, go to B16)

15a. In the last full year of practice, how many deliveries did you attend?

- ☐ 30 or fewer
☐ 31 or more
☐ Don't know

16. Do you take any call?

- ☐ Yes (If yes, go to B16a)
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16a. How much on-call time did you take in the past month? (If none last month, enter "0")

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17. Do any hospitals in your community use hospitalists for inpatient care?

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C. Patient Characteristics

1. What is your best estimate of the percentage of the patients in your ambulatory care practice who currently have coverage by Medicare or by Medicaid?

Percent of patients covered by:	None	Less than 10%	10-25%	26-50%	More than 50%	Don't know
Medicare	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Medicaid	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

D. Background

1. What kind of medical degree do you hold?
- ☐ MD
☐ DO
☐ Other
2. Please complete the following with information about your medical education.

Where and when did you attend:	Location – If in the U.S., insert two-letter state abbreviation	How much of your clinical training was in a rural location?	Year completed
Medical school?	U.S. state, or → _____ (use two-letter state abbreviation)	☐ Canada, or ☐ A country other than the U.S. or Canada	☐ None ☐ Less than half was in rural sites ☐ Half or more was in rural sites
First residency?	U.S. state _____ (use two-letter state abbreviation)	☐ None ☐ Less than half was in rural sites ☐ Half or more was in rural sites	_____
Most recent residency (If different from above)?	U.S. state, or → _____ (use two-letter state abbreviation)	☐ Not applicable (skip to Q. D3) ☐ None ☐ Less than half was in rural sites ☐ Half or more was in rural sites	_____

3. How many total years have you practiced as a physician (since residency)?
_____ years

D. Background (continued from page 7)

4. How many years have you been in rural practice?
_____ years ☐ N/A. I have not practiced in a rural location
5. In what year were you born? 19__ __
6. What is your sex?
☐ Male ☐ Female

E. Practice Plans

1. Do you have plans to change the location of your practice or retire **within the next two years?**
- ☐ No, I have no plans to relocate or retire
- ☐ Yes, I plan to relocate within the same community
- ☐ Yes, I plan to relocate to another community in this state
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A. Specialty

- Do you currently practice as a physician assistant (PA)?
 - ☐ Yes → Please continue answering the questions.
 - ☐ No → Please **return the questionnaire in the enclosed envelope.** Thank you for your time.
- What is the primary specialty of your supervising physician? (select only one)
 - ☐ Family practice/general practice
 - ☐ Internal medicine
 - ☐ Pediatrics
 - ☐ Other (specify: _____)
- Does your supervising physician have a sub-specialty?
 - ☐ Yes (If yes, specify: _____)
 - ☐ No
- Is your principal focus hospital medicine?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

B. Practice Activities

- Do you currently provide direct patient care in _____?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No (If no, go to Section D)
- Do you directly provide ambulatory care in your work? (Ambulatory care is medical care delivered on an outpatient basis.)
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No (If no, go to Section D)
- Which of the following best describes your typical supervisory arrangement?
 - ☐ My supervising physician is on-site when I practice
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2. How many total years have you practiced as a PA?

_____ years

3. How many years have you been in rural practice?

_____ years ☐ N/A. I have not practiced in a rural location

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- Do you currently practice as a nurse practitioner (NP)?
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- What specialty most closely corresponds to your NP practice position? (select only one)
 - ☐ Adult health
 - ☐ Family health
 - ☐ Pediatrics
 - ☐ Women's health
 - ☐ Geriatrics
 - ☐ Acute care
 - ☐ Other (specify: _____)
- If you work with a collaborating or supervising physician, what is his/her primary specialty?
 - ☐ Family practice/general practice
 - ☐ Internal medicine
 - ☐ Pediatrics
 - ☐ Other (specify: _____)
 - ☐ Not applicable. I do not work with a collaborating or supervising physician
- Is your principal focus hospital-based care?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

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