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**2007 PFIZER/AAFP Foundation Visiting Professorship  
Program in Family Medicine Award Recipient**

**SUNY Upstate Medical University DFM – Syracuse, New York  
Visiting Professor: Howard Rabinowitz, MD  
Jefferson Medical College**

**Summary of Program:**

The program at SUNY Upstate seeks to enhance its Rural Medical Education Program. Dr. Howard Rabinowitz is a national leader in this area who comes from a neighboring state with similar demographics making much of his information easily transferable. The objectives for the visit include:

- Develop specific strategies to identify and recruit applicants to the medical school from rural underserved areas.
- Design medical student educational programs and extracurricular activities that develop and nurture interest in family and/or rural medicine.
- Explore how this family medicine residency program can more effectively recruit students from upstate New York and provide training experiences in regional rural communities.
- At the institutional level, inform the leadership and faculty of the potential for a program modeled after the Jefferson Medical College Physician Shortage Area Program as a means to address physician workforce issues in the University's catchment area.