

Learning opportunities and work agreements with the health services network and health authorities

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The US Health Care System

The World's Most Expensive, Most Dysfunctional Health Care System

- Hospitals
- Ambulatory care
- Public Health Departments
- Communities

Private Hospitals

- Private for-profit
 - Mostly chains (example: HCA [Hospital Corporation of America], Tenet)
- Private not-for-profit
 - Private University/Medical school
 - Religious (example: Catholic, 7th-Day Adventist, Jewish)
 - “Community” hospitals

Public Hospitals

- Public - local
 - Non-charity
 - **Charity**
- Public – state
 - Public medical school
 - Mental
- Public – federal
 - **Veterans' Affairs**
 - Military
 - **Indian Health Service**

Ambulatory (Outpatient) Care

- Private offices (solo or group)
- Health Maintenance Organizations (example: Kaiser-Permanente)
- Urgent Care Centers
- Community Health Centers
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
 - Public Hospital Satellite Clinics
- Free Clinics

Public Health Departments

- Local – City or County
 - Morbidity and mortality data collection
 - Environmental health
 - Develops local policy
 - Family planning
 - Immunizations
 - Well-child care
 - TB control
 - Health education and promotion
 - Sometimes primary care

Public Health Departments

■ State

- Collect data from local health departments
- Provide support and consultation to local health departments
- Develops state-level policy
- Provide services to the public in some states

Public Health Departments

- Federal - Centers for Disease Control
 - Collects and publishes data
 - Supports state health departments
 - Develops federal policy

Communities

- Community Health Workers
- Church Health Ministries
- Self-help groups
- Schools
- Complementary and alternative health care practitioners
- Pharmacies

Where and how do students learn primary care?

- Doctors' offices/Health Maintenance Organizations
 - Individual patient care
 - Rural life (if rural)

Where and how do students learn primary care?

■ Community Health Centers

- Care of individual underserved patients
- Coordination with public health services, social services, etc.
- Community assessment
- Community outreach
- Rural life (if rural)

Memorandum of Understanding

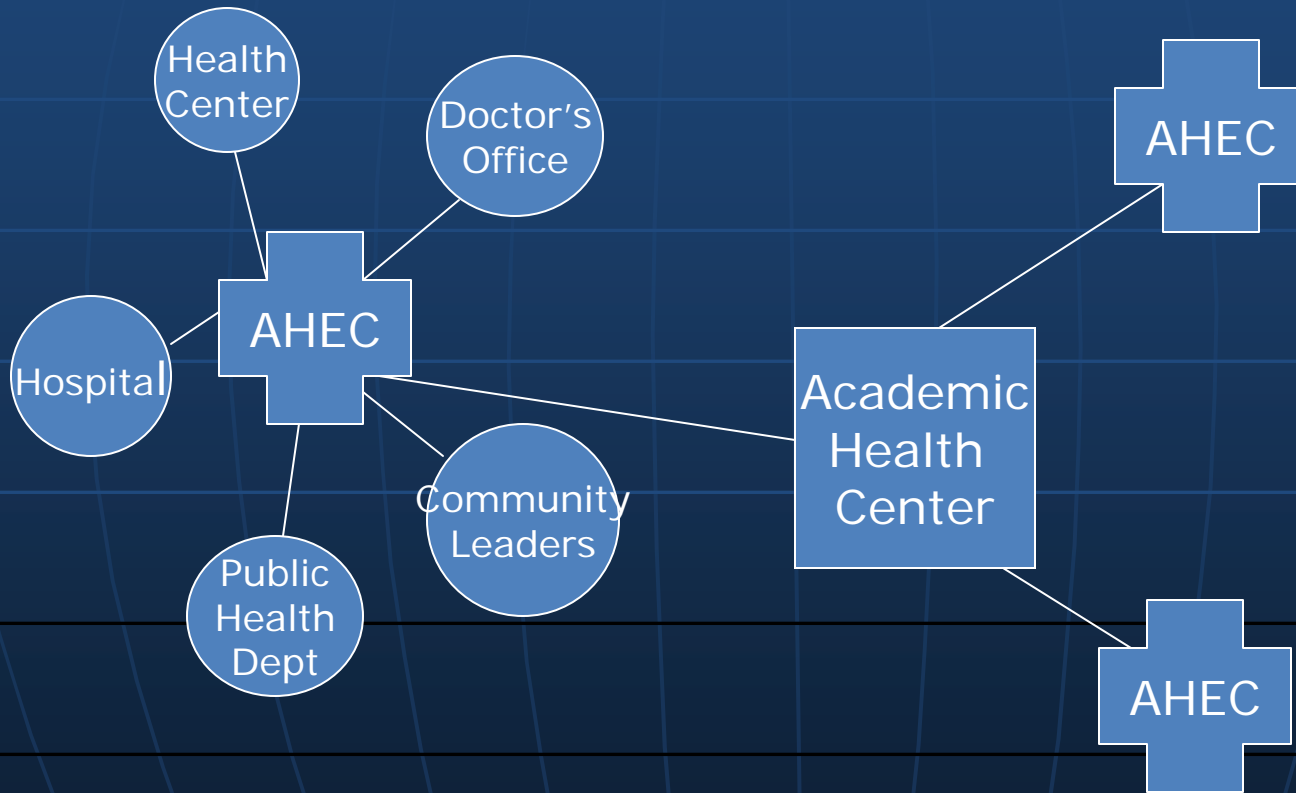
1. Period of Agreement
2. Responsibilities of the Medical School
3. Responsibilities of the Clinical Site
4. Termination
5. Legal Boilerplate (protection against lawsuit)

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■ The Community

- Community health needs assessments
- Health promotion projects
- Consultations with church groups, self-help groups, etc.
- School health projects
- Collaborations with community-based organizations

Area Health Education Centers



Georgia Statewide AHEC Network



The AHEC “Pipeline”

- Recruit youth from underserved communities into medicine and other health professions
 - Provide training in underserved communities
 - Provide post-graduate continuing education
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