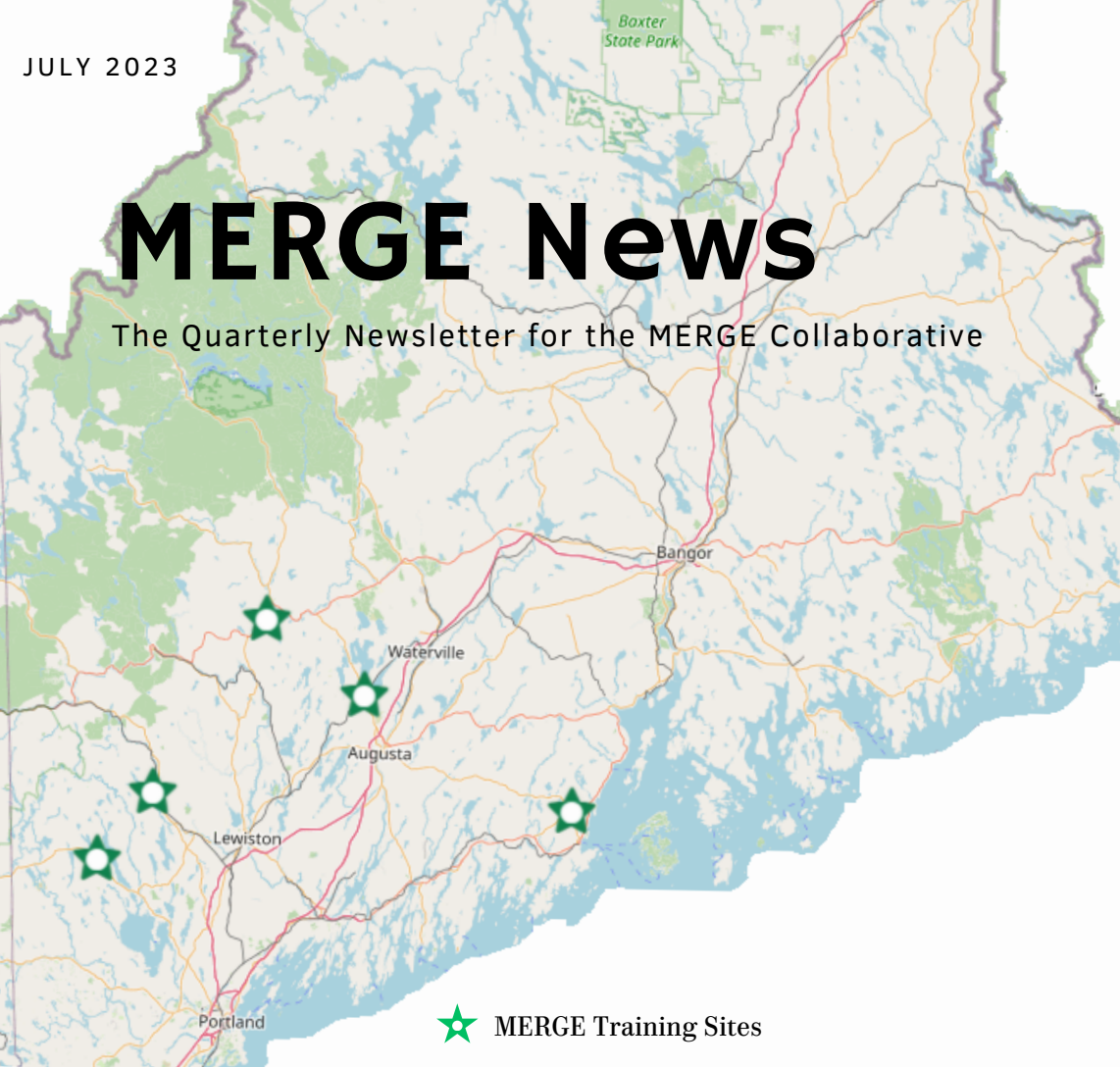


MERGE News

The Quarterly Newsletter for the MERGE Collaborative



★ MERGE Training Sites

CONNECTING WITH THE MERGE COLLABORATIVE

In the beginning of the year, leaders came together from across the state to launch the MERGE Collaborative. In a few short months, this group has laid the groundwork for many new programs designed to improve health outcomes in our rural spaces. In this newsletter you will learn about the work being done to support GME learners with new rural electives, training for new preceptors, and the establishment of our new Rural Education Leadership Academy.

We look forward to staying connected with our GME community around the state of Maine. For regular updates, be sure to visit our website at www.mergecollaborative.org or visit us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)!

NETWORKING AT SAMOSET

Thank you to the Maine Hospital Association for inviting MERGE to the annual summer forum in June, held at the Samoset Resort in Rockland, ME. We enjoyed meeting hospital leaders from around the state and sharing our efforts to create GME opportunities.



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Internal Medicine in Farmington, ME

Psychiatry in Farmington, ME

Primary Care in Farmington, ME

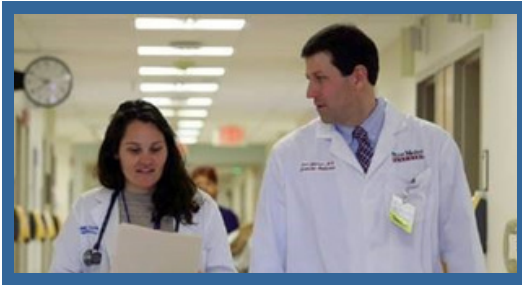
Hospitalist IM in Bridgton, ME

Primary Care - SUD in Belgrade, ME

Primary Care - Geriatrics in Belgrade, ME

Direct Primary Care in Rockport, ME

FACULTY TRAINING TO MEET YOU WHERE YOU ARE



Whether you've been guiding GME learners for years or you haven't thought about residency since you completed your rotations 20 years ago, the MERGE Collaborative has training opportunities for you. MERGE offers a 1-hour CME-accredited course that lays the groundwork for successful precepting with updates on ACGME milestones, case studies, and good common sense. If you would like to host or attend a "GME Slam" please contact us at the MERGE Collaborative website [here](#).

ELECTIVE ROTATION SPOTLIGHT: RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICINE IN FARMINGTON, ME

Nestled in the foothills of the Western Maine Mountains, with a population of 7,500, Farmington is a thriving community with college-town energy and access to some of the best skiing Maine has to offer. Physicians that work at Franklin Memorial Hospital will tell you how much they appreciate getting to know their community. One opportunity to get involved is the Emergency Medicine MERGE rotation at Franklin Memorial Hospital, led by Dr. Jodi Conrad.

Dr. Conrad is a previous West Virginia native with a deep understanding of the culture and healthcare deficits of rural Appalachia. In this rotation, residents will gain knowledge in the diagnosis and management of a broad variety of pathology in a rural emergency department. Residents will learn how to get the patient to the appropriate resources while still providing equitable care for others awaiting treatment and disposition. This rotation is open to any PGY2 or above in Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatric, Internal Medicine, and Surgery. Anyone interested in this opportunity can contact MERGE through our website [here](#).



Dr. Jodi Conrad, DO, Emergency Medicine,
Franklin Memorial Hospital

A Message from Dr. Jim Jarvis, DIO EMMC-Northern Light



Gone are the days of the country doctor who spends the majority of their life serving a small town. Few medical students have had the pleasure of seeing a patient in their homes or even being recognized outside of the hospital or clinic. But exposure to rural medicine can help physicians in training connect with a community and engage with the broader healthcare system.

By placing resident physicians, even if only for a short time, in a rural setting, the MERGE collaborative seeks to overcome the biases that can occur near urban centers. Rural training can show how rewarding it is to know and be known by the community in which you serve. By welcoming physicians in training, rural communities may be welcoming their future country doctor.