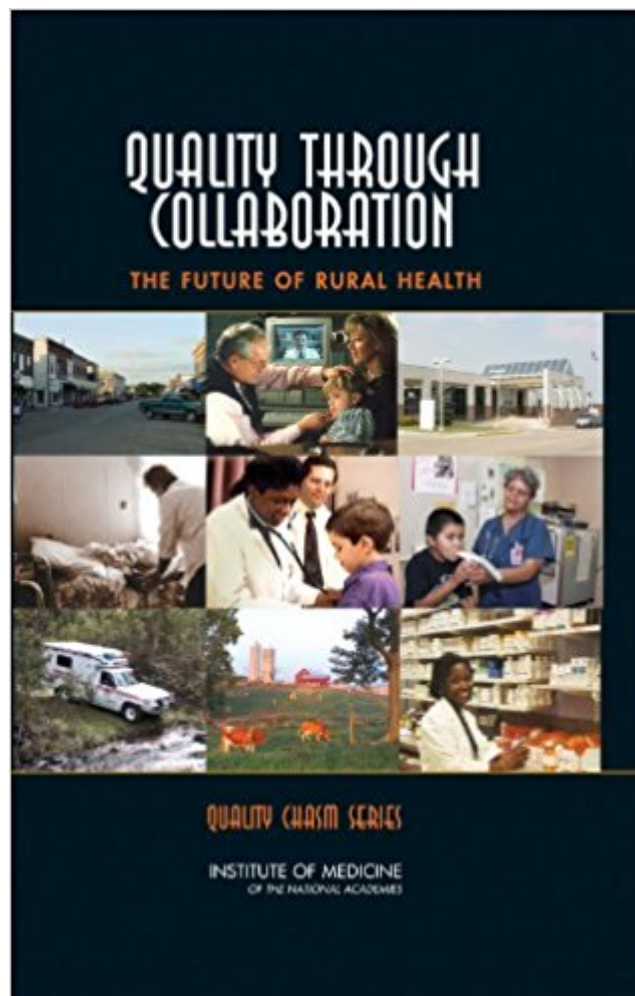




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Synopsis

Building on the innovative Institute of Medicine reports *To Err Is Human* and *Crossing the Quality Chasm*, *Quality Through Collaboration: The Future of Rural Health* offers a strategy to address the quality challenges in rural communities. Rural America is a vital, diverse component of the American community, representing nearly 20 % of the population of the United States. Rural communities are heterogeneous and differ in population density, remoteness from urban areas, and the cultural norms of the regions of which they are a part. As a result, rural communities range in their demographics and environmental, economic, and social characteristics. These differences influence the magnitude and types of health problems these communities face. *Quality Through Collaboration: The Future of Rural Health* assesses the quality of health care in rural areas and provides a framework for core set of services and essential infrastructure to deliver those services to rural communities. The book recommends:

- Adopting an integrated approach to addressing both personal and population health needs
- Establishing a stronger health care quality improvement support structure to assist rural health systems and professionals
- Enhancing the human resource capacity of health care professionals in rural communities and expanding the preparedness of rural residents to actively engage in improving their health and health care
- Assuring that rural health care systems are financially stable
- Investing in an information and communications technology infrastructure

It is critical that existing and new resources be deployed strategically, recognizing the need to improve both the quality of individual-level care and the health of rural communities and populations.

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