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### **Medical student learns about rural medicine from local doctor**

LOVELOCK--Rick Falkenberg, a fourth-year medical student at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, began working with Dr. Allan Burnside this month.

Falkenberg, along with all fourth-year students, is required to complete a four-week stay with a family practice physician in rural Nevada. While in Lovelock, Falkenberg, who is from Las Vegas and plans to work as an anesthesiologist, will work side-by-side with Dr. Burnside to learn more about the practice of medicine in a rural community. This is the first student Dr. Burnside has worked with since coming to Lovelock.

Harter's rural rotation, along with those of his 48 classmates, is coordinated by Area Health Education Centers, a federally-funded program that works in partnership with the School of Medicine to provide support services for health professionals in rural Nevada as well as student activities. In addition to the fourth-year rotation, AHEC also coordinates four-week preceptorships with Nevada doctors for first-year students.