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### Central Valley Physician shortage

Statistics show a shortage of doctors in the San Joaquin Central Valley.

Federal Government recommends:

60 to 80 Primary Care Doctors (PCP) per 100,000 people

No specific recommendations for specialists

Central Valley:	<b>PCP:</b> 39/100,000	<b>specialists:</b> 65/100,000
Bay Area	64/100,000	138/100,000
LA County	48/100,000	110/100,000
Sacramento	54/100,000	113/100,000

The only worse area is the Inland Empire.

Tuition cost of Medical Education \$50,000 to 75,000 depending of Medical School. Average debt at graduation is about \$300,000.

Paying back this debt is difficult if the doctor chooses a career as a Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Gerontology, Internal Medicine etc.

There are no Medical Schools in the Central Valley.

Health Sciences University is being built at the Clovis CMC campus or nearby. It will have a DO medical School and a Pharmacy School and will eventually expand to other areas.

There is a Fresno Branch of UCSF Medical School at CRMC that takes medical students that want to do their internship year here and does have multiple residencies. The problem with this is that most of the students are **NOT** from the area and once they graduate they want to go back to the area they came from.