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## Doctors wanted in northern New York

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LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. (AP) - Health care administrators, doctors and government officials plan to meet in Lake George on Thursday to try to find ways to recruit and keep physicians in northern New York.

Doctor John Ruge, founder and CEO of Hudson Headwaters Health Network, says it's a crisis that needs immediate attention.

Ruge came to the Adirondacks in 1974. The network handles 250,000 patient visits annually in the Adirondacks.

Stephens Mundy, president of CVPH Medical Center in Plattsburgh, says his 400-bed hospital is scrambling to fill 20 openings for physicians, more than 10% of his medical staff.

Mundy tells the Albany Times Union there is a problem with "burnout," and most doctors are chained to their beepers on nights and weekends.

One study shows 258 primary care doctors in northern New York in 2005, a loss of 20 from five years earlier.

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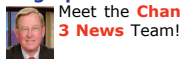
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