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Physician Shortage Spikes Demand in Several Specialties

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This is what the overall shortage looks like, based on the <u>Association of</u> <u>American Medical Colleges</u>' recently updated projections: By 2025, the country will have a shortfall of between 61,700 and 94,700 physicians. The shortage range AAMC predicts is 14,900 to 35,600 in primary care, and between 37,400 and 60,300 in non primary care specialties.

The AAMC report indicates that under even conservative scenarios, the surgical specialties shortfall will reach at least 25,200 by 2025 but might hit 33,200. Although that prediction is cause enough for concern, the maldistribution of physicians higher concentrations in urban areas and a relative dearth in rural ones makes shortages particularly acute in some specialties.....A recently published HRSA report developed by the firm IHS, which conducts research on the physician workforce, projected a 41% shortfall in urology by 2025. The report also predicted a deficit of 2,970 general surgeons, 6,180 ophthalmologists

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