The nursing community is continually challenged with expanding the empirical knowledge base that informs rural nursing practice. This 26th volume of the prestigious Annual Review of Nursing Research --Focus on Rural Health--addresses this challenge.

Contributors have developed creative and effective strategies to identify relevant research and present them in the context of the rural delivery system.

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* Improving Systems, Quality of Care & Patient Safety
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