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## Improving Access to Quality Medical Care

The practice and delivery of healthcare is changing, with an emphasis on improving quality, safety, efficiency, & access to care. Telemedicine can help you achieve these goals! The [University of Arizona Center for Rural Health](#) & the [Southwest Telehealth Resource Center](#) invite you to a **free** webinar on the implementation and practice of telemedicine.

## Telehealth Webinar

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 ~ 11:00am PDT

(11am PDT; 11am Arizona; 12pm MDT; 1pm CDT; 2pm EDT)

“State innovations to assure a health workforce to provide high value, quality care in rural areas”

### Learning Objectives:

1. Understand how state pacesetters are addressing health workforce shortages to assure high value, quality health care in rural and underserved areas.
2. Review state innovations to assure a well-trained and placed health workforce through legislation, regulation and state agency implementation.



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**Daniel Derksen, MD**, is the Walter H. Pearce Endowed Chair & Director of the Center for Rural Health (CRH), and Professor & Chair of the Public Health Policy and Management section at the University of Arizona's Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health. As CRH Director, he oversees the State Office of Rural Health, the Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, and the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program.

Dr. Derksen completed a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship in 2008 with U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman. He researched and drafted federal legislative provisions to improve the nation's supply and distribution of the health workforce that were included in Title V of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act."

Dr. Derksen was president of the New Mexico Medical Society in 2009 and worked on medical homes legislation for the state's Medicaid programs, which was signed into law (HB 710). He serves as chair of the American Academy of Family Physicians Commission on Governmental Advocacy. He serves on the American Hospital Association's Governing Council Section on Rural or Small Hospitals. He was President of the NM Academy of Family Physicians (2000) and the Greater Albuquerque Medical Association (2003).

Dr. Derksen was principal investigator of state, federal, contract and private foundation funding in excess of \$48 million. His health services research interests include improving health care coverage for the uninsured, enhancing access to quality health care, reducing health disparities, and implementing coordinated, community and team-based health services for rural, underserved and vulnerable communities and populations.

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