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Dear Practitioner,

We would like to personally invite you to join a webinar series about the benefits of incorporating Telehealth into the patient care continuum. Mobile technologies, expansion of reimbursement, a federal focus on enhancing broadband capacity in rural areas and proven high levels of patient satisfaction have made Telehealth a viable, affordable and time-saving addition to the care you as a practitioner provide in person.

This webinar series, accessible by computer or through the Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network, will take place from 12:15-1:00pm Central Time, in segments that will allow for live interaction between speakers and participants. These sessions will also be made available for streamed viewing through the University of Nebraska Medical Center website at your convenience.

As a rural state, with a majority of counties identified as Health Professional Shortage areas, Telehealth can truly make a difference in providing care to patients. Patients can receive care in a setting close to home potentially allowing them to better manage chronic diseases without undue travel; specialists can expand their outreach practices to serve more patients in a shorter window of time; and, local practitioners can keep their patients in their clinics and hospitals, allowing them to continue to serve their patient's needs.

We hope you will join us for this important webinar series and thank you for your continued commitment to the residents of Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Rick Sheehy,
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