

Educational Opportunities through Telehealth

Linking Communities for Health

Consulting with a specialist or other health care provider no longer means a long journey to a distant medical centre for rural and remote residents of Saskatchewan. Patients can now 'see' medical specialists in their home communities through the two-way video communication of Telehealth Saskatchewan's Clinical Services.

Telehealth Saskatchewan's Educational Services have been used to deliver health education throughout the province. We deliver continuing medical education, nursing education, diabetes clinics, and many other services to Saskatchewan professionals and residents.

Telehealth Saskatchewan is a Saskatchewan Health program endorsed by The Action Plan for Saskatchewan Health Care as an effective approach to improve access to health services. Telehealth Saskatchewan uses communication and information technology to support the delivery of clinical care and professional education services.

Using live, two-way videoconferencing, health care providers can apply the latest tele-diagnostic instruments, including digital stethoscopes, patient examination cameras, and digital imaging, to enable a remote patient to 'visit' an out-of-town health care provider from their home community rather than having to travel. Health care providers can use Telehealth Saskatchewan for appropriate clinical appointments, consultations, follow-ups, meetings, and education sessions.

Telehealth Saskatchewan not only connects sites within its own provincial network, but it can link with other select sites provincially, nationally, and internationally.

Vision

"...Linking Communities for Health..."

Our Mission Statement

Telehealth Saskatchewan's mission is to improve the quality and accessibility of health services and health information for all people in our province. We achieve this through the strategic integration of advancing audiovisual technologies with Saskatchewan Health, the regional health authorities, and their partners.

Goals

Telehealth Saskatchewan's goals are to:

- Improve access to health services and health care providers;
- Enhance rural practice support;
- Encourage optimal use of health care providers;
- Provide continuing education and health information to patients and the public; and
- Support provincial and regional service and education networks.

In 2014 there are over 235 Telehealth sites currently operating in provincial, regional and northern hospitals in Saskatchewan. Telehealth can also link with other select sites provincially, nationally and internationally.

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/telehealth>