Reaching Rural Areas through Technology

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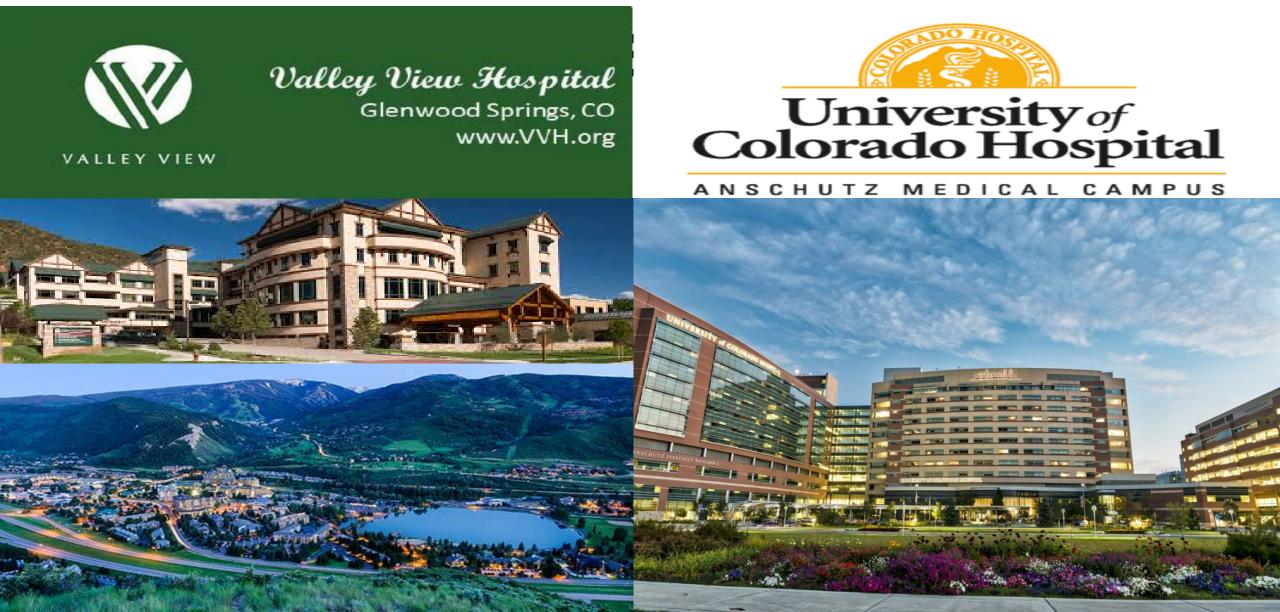


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Expanding Access to Palliative



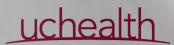


Meet the Needs

Improve the quality of life of people living with serious illness and their loved ones

Value-based goals of care

Match what matters most to the next steps in the person's medical care









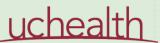
Benefits of Telemedicine



Telehealth Start Up and Resource Guide 2014 https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/telehealthguide_final_0.pdf

Workforce: Non-Traditional PATHWATraining Programs SUSTAINABILITY

- Master of Science in Palliative Care (MSPC)
- Advancing Innovation in Residency Education (AIRE) pilot program



Outcomes

- 19 patients seen in 1st 4 months (Jan May 2018)
- 95% of patients found it helpful
- 26% increase in advance care planning documents
- 30 patients not seen due to limited program availability
 - -2 half days per week



Telemedicine Summary

Access

- Leverage technology to increase the reach of palliative care

Workforce Shortage and Pipeline

- Leverage MSPC and AIRE
- Self-sustaining local interdisciplinary palliative care team

Next Steps

Bring telemedicine to the patient's home



Policy Action Items

Expand

Medicare reimbursement for telemedicine

-Home-based: The Telehealth Enhancement Act of 2015

Add/expand

Benefits for home-based palliative care services

-Include 24/7 crisis response

Eliminate

Cost-sharing so patients don't have co-pays for video visits

Expand

Graduate medical education funding

-Medicare-funded graduate medical education fellowship slots for training interdisciplinary palliative care team specialists

-Grants to support providers in community specialist training programs



Thank you!

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