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U.S. Distance Learning Association Inducts Ronald S. Weinstein, M.D. into Hall of Fame



Ronald S. Weinstein, MD, founder and director of the Arizona Telemedicine Program, has been inducted into the United States Distance Learning Association Hall of Fame.

The association cited Weinstein's success in developing the Arizona Telemedicine Program (ATP), starting in 1996, into one of the top academic telemedicine and distance learning programs in the country.

"I'm deeply honored to receive this award," Weinstein said, after being honored at the U.S. Distance Learning Association's national meeting in St. Louis, Mo. "Our team has worked on developing innovative programs in distance learning for a number of years and it's a great honor to be recognized for the activities of our Arizona Telemedicine Program team."

Through state-of-the-art video-conferencing, the Arizona Telemedicine Program connects physicians and other experts based at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson with physicians and patients in rural communities.

The ATP also is used extensively to provide distance-learning opportunities to patients and health care professionals at 160 sites in 70 communities throughout Arizona. Examples of distance learning include self-care classes for patients with diabetes in rural communities; grand rounds and continuing medical education classes for doctors and other health professionals across the state; and informational classes on housing for people with disabilities, broadcast simultaneously from the UA campus to Sierra Vista, Nogales, Phoenix and Flagstaff.

The Arizona Telemedicine Program additionally provides educational services for U.S. Indian Health Service Sites, community health centers, and prisons, as well as other healthcare networks and satellite sites for Arizona's busiest health-care providers.

The ATP has attracted more than \$25 million in external funding, and received more than a dozen national and international awards for excellence in patient care, education, and clinical research, and is recognized as one of the top telemedicine programs in the country.



About Dr. Weinstein

Ronald S. Weinstein, MD, is a national award-winning clinician, researcher, teacher and creator of innovations in education, science and health-care delivery systems.

A professor and former chair of the department of pathology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson, his many honors and awards include being the first UA physician to receive the College of Medicine’s “Basic Science Teacher-of-the-Year Lifetime Teaching Award,” in 1996, and the UA’s “Technology Innovator-of-the-Year” award in 2012.

He has been the recipient of the Arizona Medical Association’s Distinguished Service Award for his pioneering work in telemedicine in Arizona; the Association of Pathology Chairs Distinguished Service Award, for leadership in modernizing medical school and pathology resident curricula; and the Association for Pathology Informatics Lifetime Achievement Award for his work leading to the creation of tele-pathology services around the world, via remote laboratory diagnostics.

He has been president of six medical organizations, including the U.S. and Canadian Academy of Pathology and the American Telemedicine Association. He has more than 540 professional publications on topics ranging from cancer biology to distance education.

He is founding director of the Arizona Telemedicine Program, headquartered at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson, and is executive director of the T-Health Institute at the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix.

