

Presenter & Moderator Biographies



Christina Crawford, PT, DPT, GCS
Telehealth Coordinator & Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Geriatric Physical Therapy
Phoenix VA Health Care System

Christina Crawford, PT, DPT is a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Geriatric Physical Therapy, specializing in telehealth services and program development to better serve rural Veterans. As a subject matter expert on fall prevention, she has experience educating patients, families, and staff. She takes a comprehensive approach evaluating and assessing the psychosocial aspects of an individual's care plan before collaborating with them and a team on their health care journey. As a cultured healthcare professional, she has experience coordinating teams, evaluating system needs, managing cases, and advising clients/other professionals through collaboration and transparent communication. She has historic leadership experience focusing on efficient community outreach programming, multidisciplinary integration, and cross-organizational bridging. She also has extensive experience working with diverse populations and providing cost-effective resolutions.



Melanie Esher-Blair, MAdm
Distant Education & Event Coordinator
Arizona Telemedicine Program

Melanie Esher-Blair, MAdm, the newest member of the Arizona Telemedicine Program, is the Distance Education and Event Coordinator. She received her Master of Administration with an emphasis in both Project Management and Construction Management through Northern Arizona University, and her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Minnesota. She has extensive experience coordinating educational conferences and training events over the course of her career for both private and public organizations.



Sara Gibson, MD
Medical Director of Telemedicine
Health Choice Arizona

Sara F. Gibson, MD, is Medical Director of Telemedicine for Health Choice Arizona in Flagstaff, Arizona, overseeing the north-central Arizona telemedicine network for mental and physical healthcare integrated systems. As Medical Director and Psychiatrist for Little Colorado Behavioral Health Centers, she has provided comprehensive psychiatric services to rural Apache County solely via telemedicine for over 25 years, including over 23,000 direct patient services over telemedicine, encompassing all ages and diagnoses. She is passionate about providing both highest quality and timely medical services to underserved persons and places.

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Tim Hunter, MD
Professor Emeritus
University of Arizona, Department of Medical Imaging

Tim B. Hunter, MD, MSc is former Head of the Department of Radiology at The University of Arizona College of Medicine. He retired in 2014 and now is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Medical Imaging (formerly Department of Radiology). Dr. Hunter received his medical degree from Northwestern University in 1968. After serving in the U.S. Navy from 1969 until 1971, he completed his residency in diagnostic radiology at the University of Michigan in 1974. He joined the faculty here in 1975. Dr. Hunter's areas of special interest in radiology are musculoskeletal imaging and medical devices.



Stephen Klotz, MD
Medical Director
Arizona Telemedicine Program

Stephen Klotz, MD, is Professor of Medicine and Community and Family Medicine, University of Arizona. He is Medical Director for the Arizona Telemedicine Program. He is former Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and currently divides his time between HIV care, basic research and clinical telemedicine. He is the Principal Investigator on two grants dealing with HIV, the Ryan White Program HIV/AIDS and the Arizona AIDS Education and Training Center. His interests in research are disseminated candidiasis, Chagas disease, HIV and frailty. He is in charge of Clinico-Pathologic Conferences (a Medical Grand Rounds) for the Department of Medicine. He has conducted an HIV/Infectious Diseases Telemedicine Clinic monthly since 2006 to the Department of Corrections here in Arizona.



Elizabeth Krupinski, PhD, FATA
Co-Director
Southwest Telehealth Resource Center

Dr. Krupinski is a professor at Emory University in the Department of Radiology & Imaging Sciences and is vice-chair of research. She is also Associate Director of Evaluation for the Arizona Telemedicine Program and Co-director of the Southwest Telehealth Resource Center. She is past president of the American Telemedicine Association, president of the Medical Image Perception Society, and past chair of the Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine. She serves regularly as a grant reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, and other federal, state, and international funding agencies and has served as a member of a number of Food and Drug Administration review panels. Dr. Krupinski and Dr. Weinstein have been doing research, and publishing scholarly on telemedicine papers, together for over 25 years. They are currently co-directors of the federally-funded Southwest Telehealth Resource Center, headquartered here at the University of Arizona. Dr. Krupinski frequently commutes back and forth “virtually” between Tucson and Atlanta over Zoom.

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Janet Major, BS
Associate Director, Education & Facilities
Arizona Telemedicine Program and Southwest Telehealth Resource Center

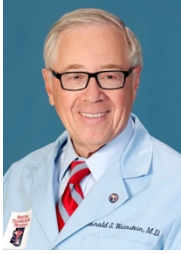
Janet Major, BS, earned her bachelor's degree in Telecommunications from Northern Arizona University with her major emphasis in producing and directing. She has been employed by Arizona Telemedicine Program for almost 25 years. As Associate Director of Education & Facilities, her current responsibilities include the planning, development and installation of the teleconferencing and telemedicine peripheral equipment used in rural telemedicine sites. She also provides training to healthcare professionals in the effective use of teleconferencing for both clinical and educational applications. She is active both locally and nationally as an advocate for broadband and distance learning for telehealth. She is currently the Chair of the United States Distance Learning Association and also serves on the board of the Arizona Telecommunications & Information Council.



Kimberly Shea, RN, PhD, CHPN
Clinical Associate Professor, Assistant Professor of Practice
UArizona College of Nursing, UArizona Department of Biomedical Informatics

Kimberly Shea RN PhD CHPN is a Clinical Associate Professor at the UArizona College of Nursing and Assistant Professor of Practice at the UArizona Department of Biomedical Informatics. She has been funded for her program of research in home-based telehealth since 2004. Her clinical experience and certification are in hospice and palliative nursing. Her research studies have examined, 1) relationship building when technology moderates interactions among patient, nurse and caregiver; 2) patient integration of telemonitoring data into lifestyle choices, 3) Usability of iPad technology for symptom management, and currently, 4) Best practices using the Comprehensive Patient Assessment for Telehealth in the Home (CPATH) framework. Dr. Shea has presented locally, nationally and internationally on telehealth, in general and telepalliative care, more specifically. She serves as the Associate Director of Telenursing for the Arizona Telemedicine Program.

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Ronald S. Weinstein, MD, FCAP, FATA
Director
Arizona Telemedicine Program

Ronald S. Weinstein, MD, FCAP, FATA, is the founding director of the Arizona Telemedicine Program. Dr. Weinstein is a Massachusetts General Hospital-trained pathologist who is regarded as a pioneer in telemedicine. He rendered his first telemedicine diagnosis, at the MGH in Boston, in April 1968. Dr. Weinstein has served as president of six professional organizations including the American Telemedicine Association where he is President Emeritus. He has received the Distinguished Service Award of the Arizona Medical Association; the Distinguished Service Award of the Association of Pathology Chairs; the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Association for Pathology Informatics; and the Lifetime Teaching Award of the University of Arizona College of Medicine. Dr. Weinstein has been inducted into the United States Distance Learning Association Hall of Fame for innovations in education over telemedicine networks. He has over 300 professional publication including frequently cited papers on both telemedicine and telepathology.