



College of Medicine

**UA's Arizona Center on Aging Receives AzGEC Equipment Grant**

**HRSA awards nearly \$300K for telemedicine equipment for team training**

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**The Arizona Geriatric Education Center (AzGEC)**, housed within the **Arizona Center on Aging** at the **University of Arizona College of Medicine**, has received a \$299,200 telemedicine equipment grant from the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to train health professionals throughout the state in team care of older adults.

Led by co-Directors **Jane Mohler, RN, MPH, PhD**, and **Karen D'Huyvetter, ND, MS**, the grant provides telemedicine equipment to expand Arizona's interprofessional geriatric education and training programs. These state-of-the-art stationary and mobile telemedicine units will support AzGEC activities, building an expanded, diverse and prepared geriatric workforce to care for Arizona's rapidly aging population. The AzGEC equipment grant will enable the Arizona Geriatric Education Center to link health professionals at the UA's Arizona Health Sciences Center with Arizona State University and other sites across the state to engage in innovative geriatric team training and patient care. Sites receiving telemedicine units include:

- Arizona Center on Aging at the UA
- Arizona State University College of Nursing and Health Innovation (Phoenix)
- ASU College of Social Work (Phoenix and Tucson)
- UA College of Medicine, Tucson
- UA College of Pharmacy (Tucson)
- UA College of Nursing (Tucson)
- UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health (Tucson)
- UA College of Medicine - Phoenix
- UA College of Pharmacy (Phoenix)
- Pima Council on Aging (Tucson)
- Tohono O'Odham Nursing Home (Sells)

“In our rapidly aging society, all health-care professionals must be prepared to work together to provide safe and quality care for seniors, especially those with complex health-care needs,” says Dr. Mohler. “This grant will provide the telemedicine equipment needed to link sites across our state so that providers of all types can learn to provide team-based care.”

AzGEC will partner on this grant with the UA Institute for Advanced Telemedicine and Telehealth – a division of the Arizona Telemedicine Program – which specializes in the creation of innovative interprofessional health-care education programs. This partnership will enhance AzGEC's capacity to train health-sciences students and physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists and social workers to provide quality care to Arizona's older adults.

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