



Thomas S. Nesbitt, M.D., M.P.H.

Clinical Interests

As associate vice chancellor for strategic technologies and alliances, Dr. Nesbitt advanced UC Davis Health's excellence in clinical outreach and technology-enabled models of care. He also served as interim vice chancellor for human health sciences and dean of the UC Davis School of Medicine from June 2013 to February 2014, and again as interim vice chancellor from spring 2017 to summer 2018.

Dr. Nesbitt is internationally known and highly regarded as a pioneer in using telecommunications technology to deliver a broad spectrum of health-care services and health professional education in rural areas. He established UC Davis' first telehealth link in 1992. Today, thanks to his work, UC Davis (with its Center for Health and Technology) is recognized as a global leader in using telehealth and distance learning to meet the needs of populations in remote and underserved regions.

Together with leaders of the National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center, Dr. Nesbitt launched the UC Davis Cancer Care Network, bringing advanced cancer care and the latest clinical research to Northern California's rural communities, as well as a robust telehealth program that brings UC Davis clinical expertise to patients in dozens of hospitals, clinics and even farm-labor camps throughout the state.

Research/Academic Interests

Dr. Nesbitt has led development of UC Davis' PRIME programs, which prepare physicians to serve in rural and underserved urban areas, and played a significant role in establishing UC Davis' Center for Virtual Care, a training resource for students and working professionals throughout the region. Dr. Nesbitt has authored or co-authored more than 60 journal articles, abstracts and book chapters on the use of telecommunications technology in health care and education, and has received numerous awards for his innovation and leadership.

Title

Emeritus Associate Vice Chancellor for Strategic Technologies and Alliances
Founding Director, Center for Health and Technology

Specialty

Family and Community Medicine, Rural Health Care

Department

[Office of the Dean, School of Medicine](#)
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Center/Program Affiliation

[Center for Health and Technology](#)
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Residency	University of Washington, Spokane, Washington, 1979-1982
Fellowships	University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 1986-1988
Board Certifications	American Board of Family Medicine, 1982
Professional Memberships	American Academy of Family Physicians California Academy of Family Physicians California Telehealth/Telemedicine Coordination Project Community Partnership for Healthy Children Faculty Physician Scholar National Board of Medical Examiners Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Sierra Health Foundation
Honors and Awards	Justin Ford Kimball Innovators Award, American Hospital Association, 2012 Distinguished Achievement Award, Cal Aggie Alumni Association, 2012 Leadership Award for the Advancement of Telemedicine, American Telemedicine Association, 2010 Transformational Leadership Award, UC Davis, School of Medicine, 2009 President's Award, American Telemedicine Association (accepted award on behalf of the UC Davis Center for Health and Technology), 2006 Community Service Award, Serotonin Surge Charity, 2005
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