# TELEHEALTH IN RURAL WYOMING DEAN W. BARTHOLOMEW, MD, FAAFP MAY 30, 2018

### INTENTIONAL

- As with anything (successful) in medicine, we have to be intentional
- Workflow...and who is in charge to make that work flow.

- CRITICAL to have a single point person (PP) in your office
  - Point of contact for all telehealth inquiries coming in
  - Will know how to contact directly the point person at the consultants office
  - Have the ability to schedule telehealth patients on the providers and nurses schedules

- PP contacts consultants office morning of appt to ensure the patient is scheduled with the consultant
- PP has created a file of preferred intake / history forms for each consultant
- Patient is asked to come in 20 min (or so) early for the actual appt time with the consultant:
  - Complete intake / history form
  - Complete vitals with the nurse and these are usually faxed with the intake/hx form to the consultant PP so that information is in front of the consultant when they sit down for the appt in front of their computer
- PP places the patient in telehealth connection with the consultant PP
- Patient checks out with the PP after the appt to make follow up appts, etc

### Caveats:

- PP has the ability to come grab the PCP out of a room to go speak with the consultant during the telehealth visit
- Origination Site Fee \$25

\*\*\*\* Telehealth will only be successful if the workflow allows for the nurse/MA in the consultants office to point to the computer instead of the exam room saying "HERE IS YOUR NEXT PATIENT". If telehealth takes any more work than that for the provider...it isn't going to work.

# QUESTIONS?

