

Arizona Telemedicine Council

July 15, 2026

Agenda

- **Call to Order & Welcome ~5- 10 minutes**
 - Robert "Bob" Burns
 - Co-founder, Arizona Telemedicine Program
 - Co-chair, Arizona Telemedicine Council
 - Selina Bliss
 - Co-Chair, Arizona Telemedicine Council
 - Representative, Arizona Legislative District 1
 - Chair of Health & Human Services
 - Joseph Finkelstein, MD, PhD, FAMIA, FACMI
 - Director, Arizona Telemedicine Program
 - Professor of Medicine
 - Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, College of Medicine Tucson
 - University of Arizona
- **The Connected Frontier: Evidence-Based Insights from SEARCH 2026 ~ 20 minutes 11:10 – 11:30**
 - Elizabeth A. Krupinski, PhD, FSPIE, FSIM, FATA, FAIMBE, FAUR
 - Director, Southwest Telehealth Resource Center
 - Associate Director, Evaluation, Arizona Telemedicine Program
 - Professor & Vice Chair for Research, Department of Radiology & Imaging Sciences, Emory University
- **Beyond Telehealth: A Vision for Technology-Assisted Care Delivery in Arizona ~ 20 minutes 11:30 – 11:50**
 - Freya Spielberg, MD, MPH
 - Vice Chair of Research, Department of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine
 - Clinical Professor, College of Medicine – Phoenix, University of Arizona
- **Next-Generation Health Monitoring: Bio-Integrated Technologies for Connected Care 11:50 – 12:10**
 - Philipp Gutruf, PhD
 - Associate Department Head for Biomedical Engineering Undergraduate Affairs
 - Associate Professor Biomedical Engineering College of Engineering
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering
 - Bio5
 - Neuroscience GIDP
- **Interstate Licensure: Opportunities, Challenges, and Emerging Priorities ~ 20 minutes 12:10 – 12:30**
 - Marshall Smith
 - Executive Director
 - Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission
- **Does Telemedicine Increase Access to Neglected Disease and Trauma? An Affirmative Answer ~ 20 minutes 12:30 – 12:50**
 - Rifat Latifi, MD, FACS, FICS, FKCS
 - Professor of Surgery, University of Arizona
 - Vice Chair, International Affairs
- **Arizona Telemedicine Program and Southwest Telehealth Resource Center Updates ~ 5-10 minutes 12:50 – 1:00**
 - Melanie Esher, MAdm
 - Senior Program Coordinator, Education & Outreach
 - Joseph Finkelstein, MD, PhD, FAMIA, FACMI
 - Director, Arizona Telemedicine Program, College of Medicine - Tucson, University of Arizona
- **New Business**
- **Adjournment**