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Clinical Interests

Dr. Nesbitt is responsible for advancing UC Davis Health System's excellence in clinical outreach and technology-enabled models of care. He served as interim Vice Chancellor for Human Health Sciences and Dean of the UC Davis School of Medicine from June 2013 – February 2014.

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.

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Board Certifications
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Community Partnership for Healthy Children
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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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