# HSRAANZ Webinar Series

## Understanding the potential of telehealth for people in remote locations

**Presented by Dr Anthony Smith, Associate Professor and Director of the University of Queensland's Centre for Online Health.**

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## Abstract

The use of telehealth to support patients living in remote areas is gaining much interest in the Australian health sector.  In the right circumstances, telehealth can save people having to travel extensive distances to access specialist health services.  This is especially important for people living in rural and remote areas of the country, and for people who have difficulty travelling away from home.  This presentation will give an overview of a range of telehealth projects led by the University of Queensland's Centre for Online Health (COH).  Over time, most projects have been successfully translated from a research idea into routine service delivery in Queensland.  Critical steps in establishing these projects will be discussed, as well as key research findings, challenges and lessons learnt.

## Associate Professor Anthony Smith

Dr Anthony Smith is an Associate Professor and Director of the University of Queensland's Centre for Online Health. He also has an Adjunct Professor appointment at the University of Southern Denmark's Centre of Innovative Medical Technology. Dr Smith has more than 16 years of research experience based on investigations of new telehealth applications for the benefit of clinicians

and patients in regional and remote areas of Queensland.  In 2013, Anthony began a role as chief investigator for the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence (CRE) in Telehealth, where he leads two major themes of work involving telehealth applications in small remote communities and Indigenous communities.  Anthony is the scientific committee chair for the International Conference on Successes and Failures in Telehealth (SFT); and past-President of the Australasian Telehealth Society (ATHS).  His frequent work in rural and remote areas of Queensland provides him ample motivation for healthcare innovation and use of telehealth – with the ultimate aim of giving people living in underserved locations, convenient and fairer access to specialist healthcare.

## Useful links:

Centre for Online Health: https://coh.centre.uq.edu.au/

Centre of Research Excellence in Telehealth: http://www.cretelehealth.org.au/

Successes and Failures in Telehealth Conference: http://www.sftconference.com

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