

Mayo Clinic Minute

Bringing health care to the patient

Video	Audio
	"People want their health care to occur where they are rather than having to stop their lives to get health care."
	Mayo Clinic is developing new ways to deliver digital care that's more convenient, affordable and accessible to patients.
	One way is to let providers use electronic consultations called eConsults, rather than phone or face-to-face meetings.
Steve Ommen, M.D. Center for Connected Care Mayo Clinic	"Think of it as the medical version of texting but in an official, secure way."
	Another way is through teleemergency video visits, which provide emergency care to patients in rural settings when Mayo Clinic specialists can't physically be there.
	"We also do nonemergency video visits where a patient might have had an operation at Mayo Clinic, they're recovering at home, and rather than having them come back within three to six weeks for a wound check, we can do that by video and save that patient lots of logistic hassles."
	Dr. Ommen says the potential for this type of care is great.
	"This provides the opportunity for us to match the intensity of care delivery to the intensity of the need."
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Joel Streed.