



Tel Medicine/Distance Learning Initiatives

How it can improve our lives.

- With this technology an expert in the field at Mayo Clinic (or any other metropolitan hospital) can examine you and consult with your local doctor without you traveling any farther than your local hospital. Local physicians will be able to present a client's case for a peer review with other physicians around the world.
- A child who's been physically or sexually molested can have their physical exam done at their local hospital by an off-site highly qualified physician who specializes in pediatric sexual assaults instead of traveling to DeVos Children's Hospital or other downstate hospitals, which can create a financial hardship on the family and additional apprehension for the traumatized child.
- That same specialist can then testify during Court proceedings off-site saving the Counties travel expenses and increasing prosecution rates.
- Local organizations, agencies and their employees can take advantage of continued education opportunities, peer reviews and conferences without incurring high travel costs and out of office expenses.

Timeline: Our goal is to have this operational by Fall 2008

Cost: \$140,000

This amount includes a 6-site system and supportive technology.

- Hospital grade systems will be housed and maintained at Memorial Medical Center in Ludington and Hackley Lakeshore in Shelby.
- Two additional systems that will be housed and maintained at Mason & Oceana County Court Houses.
- The two additional systems used for continuing education will be located at the Andre' Bosse Centers in Hart & Ludington.

Groups Involved:

The Tel Medicine /Distance Learning Initiative is being spearheaded by the Andre' Bosse Centers in cooperation with all area Law Enforcement Agencies, Department of Human Services, Prosecutor's Offices, Memorial Medical Center, Hackley Lakeshore Hospital and the Courts in both Oceana & Mason Counties.

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**“We shouldn't be at a disadvantage because we live in Mason or Oceana County.”
This initiative uses existing technology to better serve rural America.**