



Investigator Spotlight

Robert Gramling, MD, DSc

“My vision is that by learning how to teleconsult well, we can improve the serious illness care of people who are distant from academic medical centers in a way that is convenient for them.”

Background

- Associate Professor, Research Director and Chief of the Division of Palliative Medicine - University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine
- Fulbright Specialist (2014)
- Inaugural Holly & Bob Miller Chair in Palliative Medicine, Department of Family Medicine
- Participant, Northern New England Clinical & Translational Research Network (NNE-CTR)

Research

Research Interest

Prognosis & decision-making conversations in the setting of serious illness, with particular attention to concepts of suffering, compassion, and uncertainty

Research Goal

To demonstrate the feasibility of conducting and studying the process, content and outcomes of palliative care teleconsults with seriously ill patients

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Participation

Received funding through the NNE-CTR to study teleconsulting in palliative care in Maine and Vermont

Benefits

Available pilot funding as a platform for obtaining larger grants to pursue these research ideas.

“I believe the CTR infrastructure will cultivate a strong group of clinical researchers who can take their ideas and run with them. The CTR can help us all with guidance to tell our research story. It’s hard conducting population-based research in a relatively sparse rural population. The CTR, its collaborating institutions, and its endorsement by NIH, show that the work we do to improve our healthcare in our area is important.”

- Dr. Robert Gramling

Learn more

The NNE-CTR Network leverages and coordinates regional resources to conduct collaborative clinical and translation research and disseminate findings to improve both health and healthcare delivery in our region. To learn more or join the NNE-CTR Network, visit: <http://nne-ctr.net/>

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