

## Dr. Nathan Culmer Interview

- Main Problem: people innovate where there is an incentive, so how do we incentivize innovation in rural healthcare?
  - Health policies are not conducive to telehealth
  - Fractured system of payment
  - County hospitals are closing due to lack of funding
  - Lack of transportation disproportionately affects the overall health of individuals living in rural communities
- Biggest Problems:
  - Insurance and Policy
  - Connectivity
  - Personal Preference
- Quadruple aim of healthcare
  - Quality care
  - Reasonable price
  - Good patient satisfaction
  - Physician well being
- Echo model (potential solution)
  - Communication between physicians that improves quality of care to patients
    - Physicians train other physicians
      - With extra training, they can treat other issues
      - What to recognize, how to treat and when to refer
      - Pseudo-specialization
    - *Driven by people in the field*
    - *It's a community*