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### **2019 National Telehealth Research Symposium Strengthens Research Partnerships for Connected Health Leaders Abstract submissions accepted through June 28**

**Chicago, IL** — The 2019 National Telehealth Research Symposium will take place September 11-13, 2019 in Chicago. The three-day meeting will bring together connected health researchers, academicians, and telehealth visionaries to share findings and foster research partnerships.

The symposium will focus on topics relevant in both adult and pediatric telehealth, including connected health models in value-based care, regulatory and policy research, advancing health IT for community health centers, and measurement frameworks and research tools. It will be held at the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

"This is an exciting opportunity to hear from national influencers in telehealth and learn about the latest cutting-edge research in telemedicine, telehealth, mHealth and other health care technologies," said Dr. Curtis Lowery, President of the Society for Education and the Advancement of Research in Connected Health (SEARCH). "Attendees will hear from expert panels, learn of novel healthcare strategies for pediatric and adult populations, and connect through networking opportunities."

Researchers and clinicians are welcome to submit abstracts on relevant presentations or poster topics by June 28, 2019. Register and submit abstracts for the symposium at <https://www.luriechildrens.org/telehealth2019>.

"We are thrilled to partner with SEARCH to provide attendees with opportunities to advance their knowledge of evidence-based telehealth strategies, and engage with quality telehealth research efforts benefiting patients, their families, and the entire healthcare system," said Dr. David McSwain, Chair of the Section on Telehealth Care, American Academy of Pediatrics.

The symposium is supported by the Society for Education and the Advancement of Research in Connected Health (SEARCH), the Supporting Pediatric Research on the Outcomes and Utilization of Telehealth (SPROUT) collaborative, and the National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers. The SPROUT-CTSA Collaborative Telehealth Research Network is funded by the National Institutes of Health and supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"We're looking forward to seeing the latest evidence-based research demonstrating the value of connected health technologies," said Dr. John Chuo, Chair of the Supporting Pediatric Research on the Outcomes and Utilization of Telehealth (SPROUT) collaborative. "This symposium has the ability to drive national connected health research priorities."

For more information about the event, please visit <https://searchsociety.org/2019-telehealth-research-symposium/> or email [telemedicine@luriechildrens.org](mailto:telemedicine@luriechildrens.org).

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## **About SPROUT**

The [Supporting Pediatric Research on the Outcomes and Utilization of Telehealth \(SPROUT\)](#) collaborative is an established network of institutions and pediatric providers operating within the American Academy of Pediatrics to promote, develop, and disseminate value-driven pediatric telehealth research. SPROUT recently completed the nation's first broad assessment of pediatric telehealth infrastructure across the country and is currently operationalizing a SPROUT-CTSA Collaborative Telehealth Research Network through a multiyear award from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences.

## **About SEARCH**

The [Society for Education and the Advancement of Research in Connected Health \(SEARCH\)](#) is comprised of connected health researchers with a common goal of promoting connected health programs using evidenced-based research. SEARCH promotes discussion about telemedicine research, findings, and national priorities with the goal of sharing the findings and fostering research collaborations among researchers and organizations who wish to define and develop the field of connected health research. For more information, visit [SEARCHSociety.org](#).

## **About National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers**

The National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers (TRCs) provides assistance, education, and information to organizations and individuals who are actively providing or interested in providing health care at a distance. The TRC charter from the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth is to assist in expanding the availability of health care to underserved populations. For more information, visit [telehealthresourcecenter.org](#).