



Health Care Panelists Biographical Information

Stuart M. Speedie, Ph.D. is a Professor of Health Informatics, a Fellow in Minnesota's Institute for Health Informatics and Director of Graduate Studies in Health Informatics at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He holds a B.S. in Computer Science and a Ph.D. in Educational Research from Purdue University and is a Fellow in the American College of Medical Informatics. He was the principal investigator on a long running grant from the Office for Advancement of Telehealth to establish and evaluate the Fairview-University Telemedicine Network. He is currently an advisor to the Minnesota Telehealth Network, the Great Plains Telehealth Resource and Assistance Center, and the FCC funded Minnesota Broadband Initiative for Telehealth. He is a member of the ATA policy committee and has co-authored several policy papers for the group. Dr. Speedie particularly interested in the intersection of telehealth and health information technology. He has worked on several projects to extend the reach of telemedicine into the home that involve home videoconferencing, the internet and home monitoring. His research interests focus on the outcomes of employing information technologies such as these – patient well-being, financial costs and benefits, and impact on the providers of care.

Maureen Ideker, MBA, BSN, RN: For the past 15 years, Ms. Ideker has been involved in collaborative efforts in rural West Central Minnesota to enable the use of e-health technologies. These included telemedicine, telehomecare, telepharmacy, home monitoring, as well as the implementation of the shared electronic health record in hospital, rural clinic and pharmacy settings. She has influenced third party payment for telemedicine as well as rules and standards for its use through involvement and leadership with the MN Telehealth Network, formerly the Fairview University of MN Telehealth Network. Ms. Ideker directed federal and state grants for pioneering these e-health technologies in rural settings. Currently, she is the Associate Administrator of Care Management/Chief Nursing Officer at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar, MN. Her work experience includes hospital bedside and nurse executive roles with an emphasis on rural MN. Ms. Ideker currently serves on the Minnesota e-Health Record Implementation Task Force, the e-Prescribing Work Group, and the MHA Patient Safety Registry & Advisory Council.

Mark Schmidt: Currently the CIO of SISU Medical Systems, with over 30 years of information technology experience. For the past 25 years, his passion has been creating innovative methodologies for providing quality information technology and staffing to rural healthcare facilities. Influential in the design and creation of the original Miller-Dwan Shared Data Center which was started in 1982. Instrumental in the design and creation of SISU Medical Systems. Strong technical background, knowledgeable in healthcare technology. Graduate of University of Minnesota, Duluth with a B.S. in Computer Science and minor in Math.

Karen Welle has been in the position of assistant director of the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care in the Minnesota Department of Health since 1998. In this role, she provides general leadership and policy direction to Office, and has a program focus on communications and health information technology projects and resources. Karen holds a BA in Occupational Therapy from the College of St. Catherine, and a Masters of Arts in Public Administration from Hamline University.



Steven Mulder, MD: Currently an emergency physician and the director of Quality and Clinical Services at Hutchinson Area Health Care, Dr. Mulder is a family physician who practiced several years as a rural primary care provider. Dr. Mulder is committed to rural healthcare and on improving quality, serving as the Chair of the MHA Safety Committee.

Dr. Eduard Michel is the medical director of Virtual Radiologic and is one of the co-founders of the company. Prior to joining Virtual Radiologic, he was engaged in a private neuroradiology practice in Minneapolis and a clinical assistant professor of radiology at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Michel has a CAQ in neuroradiology from the American Board of Radiology. He received his bachelor of science and doctor of medicine degrees from the University of Minnesota, where he completed training in diagnostic radiology and neuroradiology. He has co-authored three book chapters and more than 20 peer-reviewed articles and presented more than 45 scientific seminars at medical conferences around the world.