Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health Programs and Services in Elko, NV

Videoconference technology connects rural locales to Cleveland Clinic

Limited access to specialty care often delays early intervention for patients with memory loss and their caregivers in rural locales.

The physicians and nurses from Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health address these factors in a unique way, using videoconferencing technology to connect in local communities and provide memory screening, diagnosis and treatment. Videoconference technology allows for a continuity of care for patients in their own community who would otherwise not have access to high-level specialty care from brain health experts.

For those in rural communities, the benefits of seeing a Cleveland Clinic medical professional in real-time via telemedicine include:

- Enjoying family support in one's own community
- Avoiding difficult travel
- Accessing earlier diagnosis prior to escalated medical episodes
- Receiving patient and caregiver education

For an appointment: 775.738.0100

Contact Us



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To learn more about our center, visit clevelandclinic.org/brainhealth

About Us

Cleveland Clinic

Cleveland Clinic is a nonprofit multispecialty academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. Located in Cleveland, Ohio, it was founded in 1921 by four renowned physicians with a vision of providing outstanding patient care based upon the principles of cooperation, compassion and innovation. Cleveland Clinic has pioneered many medical breakthroughs, including coronary artery bypass surgery and the first face transplant in the United States. U.S.News & World Report consistently names Cleveland Clinic as one of the nation's best hospitals in its annual "America's Best Hospitals" survey. More than 3,000 full-time salaried physicians and researchers and 11,000 nurses represent 120 medical specialties and subspecialties. The Cleveland Clinic health system includes a main campus near downtown Cleveland; eight community hospitals; more than 75 Northern Ohio outpatient locations, including 16 full-service Family Health Centers; Cleveland Clinic Florida; the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health in Las Vegas; Cleveland Clinic Canada; and Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. In 2013, there were 5.5 million outpatient visits throughout the Cleveland Clinic health system and 157,000 hospital admissions. Patients came for treatment from every state and from more than 130 countries. Visit us at clevelandclinic.org. Follow us at twitter.com/ClevelandClinic.

Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health

Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health provides state-of-the-art care for cognitive disorders and for the family members of those who suffer from them. The physicians and staff at the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health work toward early diagnosis and the advancement of knowledge concerning mild cognitive disorders, which could one day delay or prevent their onset. For more information, visit clevelandclinic.org/brainhealth.

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Patient Care

Patients receive the best care from our experts at Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health at a location that is convenient for them. Our treatment program employs a multidisciplinary approach, providing the highest level of patient care while encouraging collaboration among all healthcare providers. Patients receive cutting-edge care based on information from the latest research advances.

Our healthcare providers diagnose and treat dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis. Diagnostic evaluation includes:

- physician evaluation
- memory testing
- treatment
- family care

Thanks to collaboration with our Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health Las Vegas location, patients in Elko have access to experts in evaluation, diagnosis and treatment. Timely diagnosis is the first step to creating an effective treatment program that vastly improves the quality of life of patients with neurological disorders.

Supporting the Caregiver

At the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, Patient and Family Services can help you manage brain disorders and improve coping skills and quality of life. We offer weekly Lunch & Learn seminars as well as special events that can be accessed in Elko via videoconference technology. Our program calendar is updated regularly at keepmemoryalive.org/socialservices. Please contact us at LouRuvoSocialServ@ccf.org to be added to our mailing list and learn where in Elko these programs are being broadcast.

Our Staff

Brent Bluett, DO

Staff Neurologist, Movement Disorders Program



Dr. Bluett graduated from Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine with national honors, completed his neurology residency at UT Southwestern Medical Center Austin and returns to Las Vegas after completing a movement disorders fellowship at the University

of California San Diego. His expertise lies in botulinum toxin injections for dystonia as well as other movement disorders. He is currently conducting research on preventing falls in progressive supranuclear palsy.

Carrie M. Hersh, DO

Staff Neurologist, Cleveland Clinic Mellen Program for MS at the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, Las Vegas



Dr. Hersh completed a neuroimmunology fellowship program at Cleveland Clinic Mellen Center and a master's program in clinical research at Case Western Reserve University. She earned her Bachelor of Science at the University of Florida, graduated with honors from Nova

Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed an adult neurology residency program at Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Hersh is particularly interested in outcomes research and is involved in clinical trials.

Gabriel Léger, MD

Director, Early-onset Dementia Program Director, Fellowship in Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry



Dr. Gabriel Léger completed his training in clinical neurology at the Montreal Neurological Institute, where he also conducted research in imaging of neurodegenerative diseases. He completed a clinical fellowship in cognitive and behavioral neurology at

Northwestern University. Committed to patient care and clinical research, he is also dedicated to medical education. Before coming to Cleveland Clinic, he was assistant professor and director of the neurology residency program at the University of Montreal.

Samantha McLea, MSN, NP-C Nurse Practitioner



Samantha McLea is a board-certified family nurse practitioner. She received her Bachelor of Science in nursing in 2004 from Western Michigan University. She had seven years' experience as a registered nurse prior to completing her Master of Science in nursing/

family nurse practitioner at Western University of Health Sciences in 2012.

Michelle Thompson, PAC Physician Assistant



Michelle Thompson is a board-certified physician assistant. She has 15 years of experience in neurology, internal medicine, surgery and pediatrics. Additionally, she practiced as a nurse for 10 years in both inpatient and outpatient hospital settings. Ms.

Thompson is adjunct faculty at Union College and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She completed her nursing degree and, subsequently, a Bachelor of Science in physician assistant studies in 2001 in her home state of Nebraska.

Dylan Wint, MD

Director, Education NV Energy Chair for Brain Health Education



Dylan Wint, MD, has focused his career on diagnosing and treating neurobehavioral disorders. He is board-certified in both psychiatry and neurology; thus, he has an unusually comprehensive understanding of the whole range of brain disorders. Dr.

Wint is also committed to training the next generation of physicians, and leads the professional education programs at the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health. Dr. Wint most recently served as Assistant Professor and Director, Program in Neurologic Psychiatry, at Emory University Medical School.