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Dr. Jayne R. Wilkinson currently serves as the Medical Director of the VA National Tele-Neurology Program (NTNP) after almost 10 years of experience using video telehealth in clinical practice. She completed her neurology training at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and returned to her undergraduate alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia VA for her fellowship in Movement Disorders. She initially worked as the Clinical Director and fellowship Program Director at the Philadelphia PADRECC (Parkinson's Disease Research, Education and Clinical Center), part of the Perelman (Penn) School of Medicine Graduate Medical Education Program. During this time she founded and Chaired the facility Telehealth Committee. She then completed a Master of Science in Epidemiology at Penn looking at patient satisfaction and other outcomes using Telehealth to treat and serve patients suffering from Parkinson's Disease. She then gained valuable experience working as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Clinical Operations, at the Philadelphia VHA. In this role, she was involved with numerous VA-Penn joint initiatives, and has a long-standing commitment to this important VA-academic partnership. During this experience she also began to appreciate the impact that the scarcity and shortage of general neurology providers, particularly in rural areas, posed to our Veterans. It was facing this challenge locally that led to the collaboration with the VA Office of Rural Health (ORH) to fund and build a multidisciplinary team that leverages telehealth and other innovative technologies to bring neurological care into rural communities. Given her long-standing commitment and work with medical trainees and medical education at Penn and the VA, Dr. Wilkinson hopes to incorporate medical training opportunities and rotations into the National Tele-Neurology Program from a variety of academic partners. This opportunity presents a unique opportunity to create a virtual program with faculty from numerous academic affiliates, uniting resources and expertise across the country to provide Veterans the best care possible.