



specialists. In the case of burn patients who might have difficulty traveling to see a specialist in Lubbock, TTUHSC physician specialists use telemedicine to provide care in El Paso, Texas.

Patients are encouraged to ask their primary health care provider if telemedicine through their personal mobile device or computer is an option.

“Many of our patients have to travel long distances for their appointments,” Santos said. “They can be taken care of in their locality and save the cost associated with travel. It’s also a greener option as well.”

In addition, patients don’t have to miss work and they could save money on child care if necessary.

“Telemedicine is not a replacement for current health care — I want to talk to my patient and examine them — but it is a bridge to make health care more accessible,” Santos said.