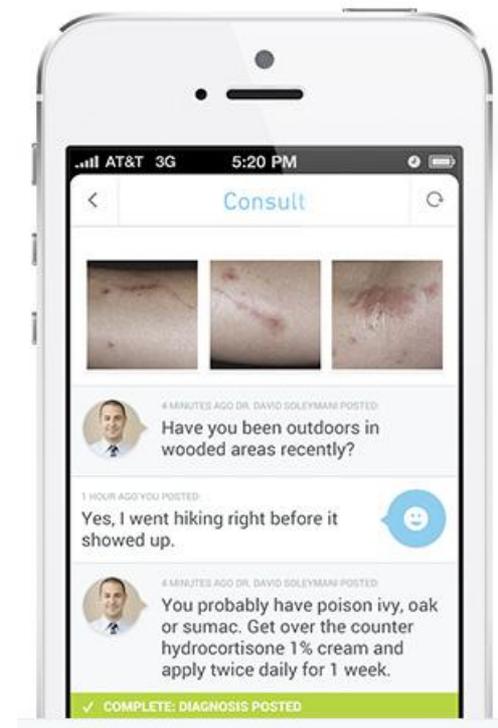


# Starting Up Tele-Dermatology in Primary Care

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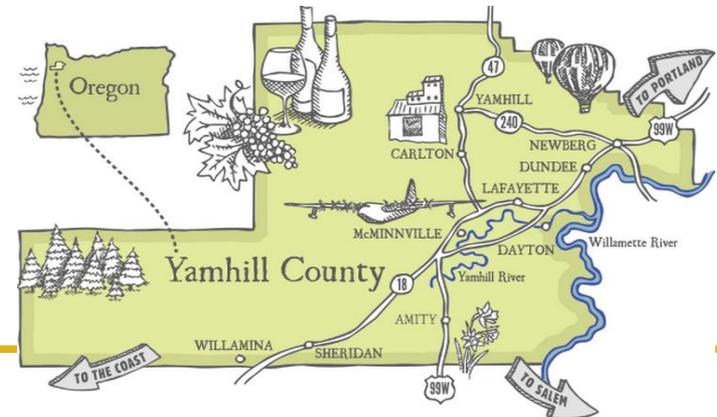
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# Background

- Rural health service area
- Limited dermatology access in Yamhill CCO
- Average wait time in the United States is 45 days
- Single regular local provider
- Reimbursement weighted towards procedures



# Project Aim

**Offer tele-dermatology consultations in primary care clinics using mobile devices**

## Objectives

- Improve access to specialty dermatology care
- Improve the quality of dermatology care
- Reduce the overall costs of dermatology
- Demonstrate telehealth viability in primary care
- Eventually spread service network-wide

# Project Team

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# Project Measures

- Number of clinics with tele-dermatology
- Number of monthly consultations
- Wait times for appointments and services
- Provider and patient satisfaction
- Local dermatologist satisfaction with referrals
- Total cost of dermatology services



# Progress To Date

- Tele-dermatology provider identified
- Provider licensed and credentialed
- Contracting underway
- Primary care clinic partner identified
- Mobile hardware purchased
- Developing communication workflow
- Initial implementation: December 2014

