

# EyeTel™ Phase I

## Specific Aim

The telemedicine services offered by the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Oklahoma are collectively known as EyeTel. The specific aim EyeTel Phase I is to connect two rural Indian Health Service (IHS) sites (Ada and Claremore, Oklahoma) to the Department of Ophthalmology for same day fluorescein angiography interpretation.

## Relevant Experience

The success of nascent projects like EyeTel is dependent on visionaries, individuals who are committed to assure that reality catches up to their dreams. Most new ideas are championed by one individual. This phase of EyeTel is being nurtured by five.

- David W. Parke, II, M.D. is Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology and President of the Dean A. McGee Eye Institute. Dr. Parke is actively developing methods to extending access to Departmental services for all patients in this region of the country.
- Thomas E. Acers, M.D. is a Senior Consultant to the Department of Ophthalmology. He has established an ongoing relationship with the IHS and many of its clinics throughout Oklahoma. Dr. Acers research interest is in evaluating and improving health care delivery to Native people.
- Stephen R. Fransen, M.D. is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology. Digital retinal imaging and telemedicine software and systems development are his major research interests. Clinically he works closely with Dr. Garber and Dr. Lambert in the management of Indian patients referred to the Dean A. McGee Eye Institute. Dr. Fransen has applied for Federal SBIR support to accelerate development of the EyeTel system.
- John Garber, O.D. is the Director of Eye Care for Oklahoma IHS. Located at the Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada, Oklahoma, he is responsible for numerous patients with retinal problems and provides program guidance to the IHS for new initiatives such as EyeTel.
- Jim Lambert, O.D. is responsible for primary eye care at the Claremore Indian Hospital in Claremore, Oklahoma. Dr. Lambert has considerable experience in implementing collaborative projects involving multiple Indian Tribes throughout Oklahoma.