



President John D. Stobo (left) recently met with and welcomed Alexander H. Vo, the recently appointed executive director of the AT&T Center for Telehealth Research and Policy at UTMB, a division of UTMB's Electronic Health Network.

The mission of the AT&T Center for Telehealth Research and Policy is to operate sponsored programs in experimental telehealth, perform outcomes studies, and undertake policy development in the areas of telemedicine, telehealth, and technology-supported medicine. The center studies the operational telemedicine programs of UTMB, as well as the telehealth industry as a whole. It also is an information clearinghouse on telehealth issues nationally and internationally. Critical research on outcomes, effectiveness, and best practices in telehealth take place in the Center, whose staff also develops, promotes, and communicates policies relating to telehealth.

Prior to joining the Center, Vo served as the science director for the Henry Jackson Foundation-Comprehensive Neuroscience Program (CNP) in Bethesda, MD. There, he coordinated all clinical research endeavors for CNP at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and National Naval Medical Center, which included clinical neuroscience research in the areas of neuromuscular diseases, epilepsy, headache, stroke, and neurosurgery. In addition, Vo served as an officer in the U.S. Army at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), Division of Neuroscience. Vo received his bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from Loyola University of Chicago and finished his doctorate in the same discipline at the University of Denver.

The AT&T Center for Telehealth Research and Policy at UTMB, the only center devoted entirely to the scientific study of telemedicine and the development of telehealth policy in the United States, was founded in 2002 with a generous grant from the SBC Foundation (now the AT&T Foundation).