

A Message from the Innovation Core

Innovative work happens every day across UW Medicine. We are excited to have recently **launched** the **UW Medicine Innovation Core** — a central, strategic hub to accelerate innovation and impact across the enterprise. Every other month, the Roundup will spotlight bold ideas, game-changing advances, and powerhouse teams driving impact through innovation.



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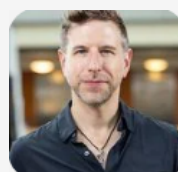
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New Roles & New Faces



Dr. Shawn Murphy, MD, PhD
UW Medicine Chief Research Information Officer (CRIO)

Starting in February 2026, Dr. Murphy will serve as the new UW Medicine CRIO, informatics lead of the Institute for Translational Health Sciences ([ITHS](#)), and Director of the Institute for Medical Data Sciences ([IMDS](#)). Dr. Murphy is a faculty member in the departments of Biomedical Informatics and Medical Education ([BIME](#)) and [Neurology](#).



Noah Smith, PhD
UW Vice Provost for AI ([AI@UW](#))

Noah Smith, a professor in the Allen School and senior director of natural language processing research at the Allen Institute for AI, was **appointed** as the University of Washington's first vice provost for artificial intelligence and Charles and Lisa Simonyi Endowed Chair for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies.

Innovation in Action



Epic Actionable Follow-Ups for Radiology ([AFUR](#)): Closing Critical Safety Gaps

The innovation

We're using AFUR to ensure that clinically important imaging follow-up recommendations are reliably identified, tracked, and completed. AI language models extract follow-up recommendations from radiology



Harborview: Research and Care at the Front Door

The innovation

We've launched a dedicated **Clinical Research Center** inside Harborview's main entrance, placing innovation right where patients arrive.

reports, with human-in-the-loop validation.

The impact

Early results indicate a higher capture of recommendations, increased patient-provider satisfaction, and earlier cancer diagnosis.

[Nathan Cross](#), Vice Chair of Informatics & Specialty Clinical CIO, Radiology

The impact

Designed for multidisciplinary impact, the Center brings clinicians and researchers together in an integrated, patient-centered space. By embedding research into clinical workflows, we are expanding access and accelerating cutting-edge care.

[Nathan White](#), Associate Dean, RGE HMC



Are you using UW Medicine Chat?

It is approved for use with PHI and other UW Medicine Data. Learn more: [UWM Chat](#)



[Learn more](#) on Vitals' Special Topic section on innovation and AI at UW Medicine.

Innovation Spotlight

Same-day care for opioid use disorder

UW Medicine leading statewide expansion of "Telebupe" Hotline

2024

Launched as a pilot program

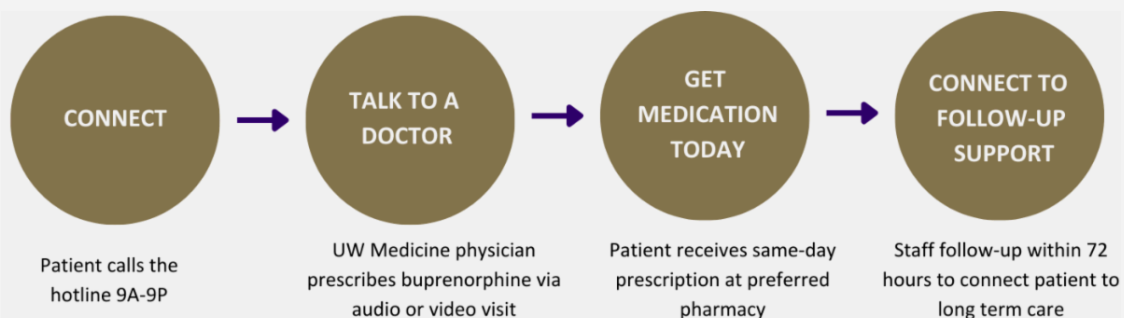
Jan '26

Scaled statewide across Washington

1,400+

People served to date

Through Telebupe, patients connect by phone or video with **UW Medicine Emergency Physicians** trained in addiction care, who can provide immediate critical assessment and **prescribe buprenorphine**. Follow-up support helps link patients to longer-term care in their communities.



Can I Use AI for that?

UW Medicine has an enterprise-wide policy on the use of AI. The policy is broad, applies to a variety of settings beyond the clinical environment, and includes guidance on when internal review and approval is required (and when it is not). Please [take a read](#) and share with your colleagues!