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Why is rural health care such a top priority for our university?

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We were created with the vision of bringing access to health care for all Texans, particularly rural West Texans. And so it's something that as a university, we are deeply committed to. Everything we do is about rural health care and access to care.

What is the value in working together with Texas A&M and what do you want people to know about the collaboration?

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So a vision statement for our university has been innovation through collaboration and by us bringing partners to the table, such as Texas A&M health, it is allowing us to expand our footprint and really build upon the strengths of both of these tier one universities to bring a new level of healthcare to the communities that we serve.