

America's Best in Medicine Spotlights Laurie Beam, APRN, FNP-BC, AGACNP-BC, ENP-BC, CVNP-C: Founder of Summit HealthLink

Advancing Rural Healthcare Access Through Emergency Medicine Expertise, Cardiovascular Care, and Innovative Telemedicine Solutions



Alexander, Arkansas May 12, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - Laurie Beam, APRN, FNP-BC, AGACNP-BC, ENP-BC, CVNP-C, is a highly accomplished dual-certified Family and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner specializing in emergency and cardiovascular medicine. With 17 years of nursing experience and five years practicing as a nurse practitioner, Laurie has built a reputation for delivering confident, compassionate, and evidence-based care in some of healthcare's most demanding environments.

Currently serving as an Inpatient Cardiology Nurse Practitioner at Mercy Hospital Fort Smith, Laurie continues to provide emergency medicine services throughout Arkansas and Oklahoma while also leading innovative efforts to improve healthcare accessibility in underserved rural communities. Her extensive clinical background includes emergency department leadership, hospitalist medicine, and advanced acute care management.

A Board-Certified Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP-BC) with a postgraduate cardiovascular subspecialty certification, Laurie possesses advanced procedural training in intubation, central line placement, lumbar puncture, and comprehensive acute care interventions. Her ability to manage high-acuity cardiovascular patients while responding decisively in emergency situations reflects the depth and versatility of her expertise.

Laurie earned her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of South Alabama, where she completed focused preparation leading to her Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Emergency Nurse Practitioner, and Cardiovascular Nurse Practitioner certifications. In addition to her clinical practice, she has also served as a Legal Nurse Consultant, assisting with medical record review and clarification for legal cases.

Driven by firsthand experience witnessing the challenges rural patients face in accessing timely healthcare, Laurie recently launched Summit HealthLink, a telemedicine practice designed to bridge critical gaps in care throughout rural communities. Living in an area where patients often travel more than an hour for treatment of relatively minor conditions, she recognized the urgent need for a more accessible and patient-centered healthcare model.

Summit HealthLink was built around the principles of trust, compassion, accessibility, innovation, collaboration, and wellness-centered care. Through her telemedicine platform, Laurie empowers individuals and families to take greater control of their health journeys while receiving convenient, high-quality care from the comfort of their homes.

“What I enjoy most is being able to help people in my rural community get the care they need without having to drive an hour to a hospital for minor issues,” Laurie explained. “Currently, I am located in a very rural area with diminishing healthcare, where accessibility is limited. In today’s elderly community, believe it or not, they do rely on technology more today than they would admit to in the past. With this knowledge to my advantage, my telemedicine business is set up for simplicity to allow even the most technologically unsavvy person the ability to access healthcare at their fingertips.”

Laurie has also worked closely with local farmers, extending healthcare access to seasonal agricultural workers who may otherwise face limited medical resources. Feedback from patients has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly regarding the ease and simplicity of the telemedicine system she carefully designed to accommodate patients of all ages and technical abilities.

Currently licensed in both Arkansas and Oklahoma, Laurie plans to expand her services into Mississippi and Tennessee in the future. Her long-term mission centers on reducing unnecessary emergency room visits, improving access to quality healthcare in underserved communities, and creating sustainable healthcare solutions that prioritize both patient outcomes and provider well-being.

Through her leadership, clinical expertise, and commitment to innovation, Laurie Beam continues to redefine what accessible rural healthcare can look like—bringing compassionate, comprehensive medical care directly to the communities that need it most.

Learn more about Laurie Beam:

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