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Dr. Nighswander has been active in the rural health in Alaska since 1972. The majority of this time has been spent as a Family Practitioner and Emergency Room physician at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Dr. Nighswander's work often required extended travel to the villages and included supervision of community health aides and mid-level practitioners practicing in the remote parts of Alaska. He still sees patients at Southcentral Foundation and is currently the Regional Dean for the Alaska WWAMI program which is part of the University of Washington School of Medicine.

He is the facilitator of the Alaska Telehealth Advisory Council, which was established by the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services in January 1999 to provide high level policy development and coordination of telehealth efforts in Alaska. In addition he is Vice President of the Electronic Health Record Alliance, a physician directed non-profit organized to assist physicians in using office based electronic health records.

He is Vice President of Commonwealth North, a business and community state policy non profit and chaired their recent study of the cost, quality and access to health care in Alaska.

He received his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and did his residency training and received his Masters in Public Health from the University of Washington, Schools of Medicine and Public Health.