



Virtual Primary Care

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Learning Objectives

- Define what virtual primary care is & what visit looks like for patient
- Recall data & evidence related to effectiveness virtual primary care
- ID opportunities & challenges virtual primary care for rural health providers
- Describe how COVID affecting & may affect virtual primary care as service line
- Recognize new non-traditional competitors to rural hospitals using virtual health services
- Give examples of Flex Program support for telehealth efforts in rural hospitals
 & clinics





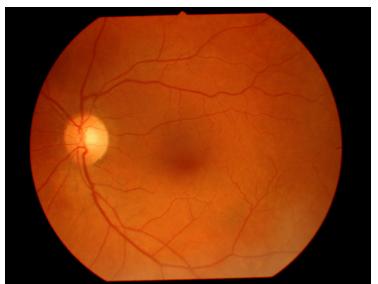
What is Telemedicine/Telehealth/Virtual Care?

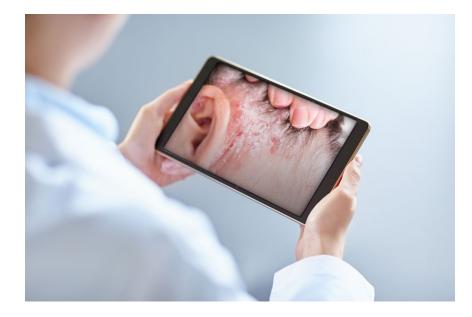
- Use electronic information & telecommunications technologies to support long-distance clinical health care, patient & professional health-related education, public health & health administration using videoconferencing, internet, store-forward imaging, streaming media, terrestrial & wireless communications
- Telehealth refers to broader scope of remote healthcare services including remote non-clinical services, such as provider training, administrative meetings, continuing medical education in addition to clinical services













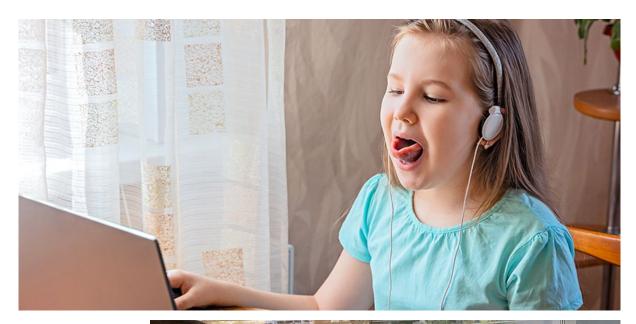
















































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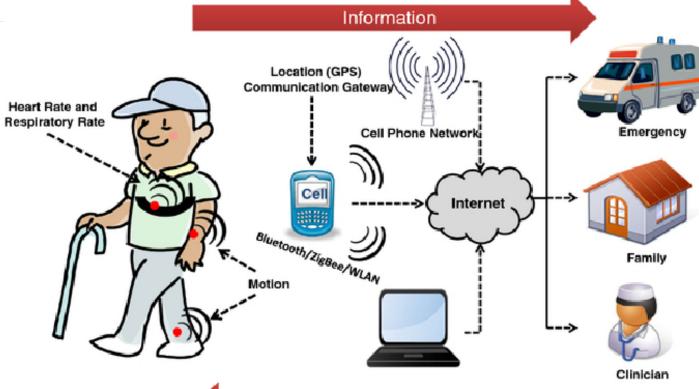










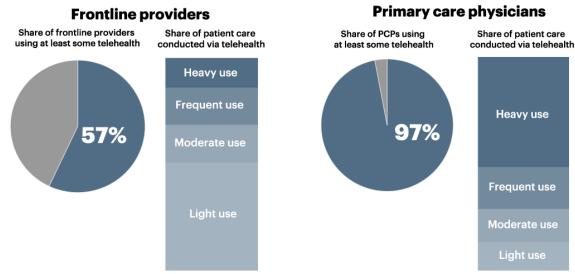


Intervention





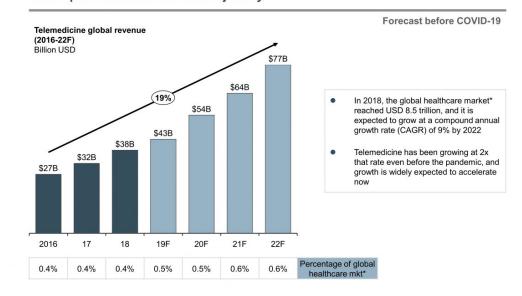
Telehealth becomes the first line of treatment for a majority of US patient care amid Covid-19



Note: Percentages for time spent on telehealth as follows: Light use (11% 25% of patient care), moderate (26% 50%), frequent (51% 75%), heavy (76% 100%)
Source: Frontline of US Healthcare Survey, April 8-13 (n=304), 60% frontline providers (emergency, ICU, infectious disease, hospitalists), 40% primary care physicians and other specialists

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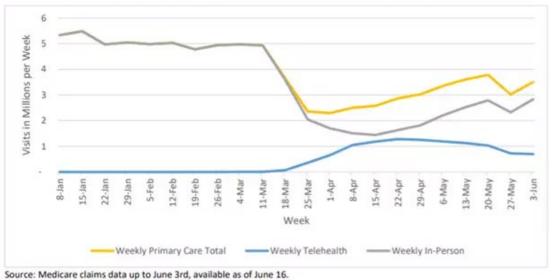
Before COVID-19, telemedicine had been growing at around 19% per year and it was expected to continue this trajectory



*Annual global healthcare market data extrapolated from 2018 values, and estimated CAGR for the 2016-18 and 2018-22 periods Source: Business Research Company: Business Wire

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275,000 300 % change in telehealth encounters 2019 to 2020 250,000 - % change in ED visits 2019 to 2020 CARES Act enacted 250 Mar 27, 2020 225,000 200,000 200 First U.S. case of CMS telehealth waivers First community COVID-19 announced spread of COVID-19 go into effect 175,000 Jan 20, 2020 in the United States Mar 6, 2020 Feb 26, 2020 change 2019 to 150,000 125,000 100,000 75,000 50,000 25,000 10 11 12 13 Surveillance week

Walmart Buys MeMD To Expand Telehealth Effort Nationwide

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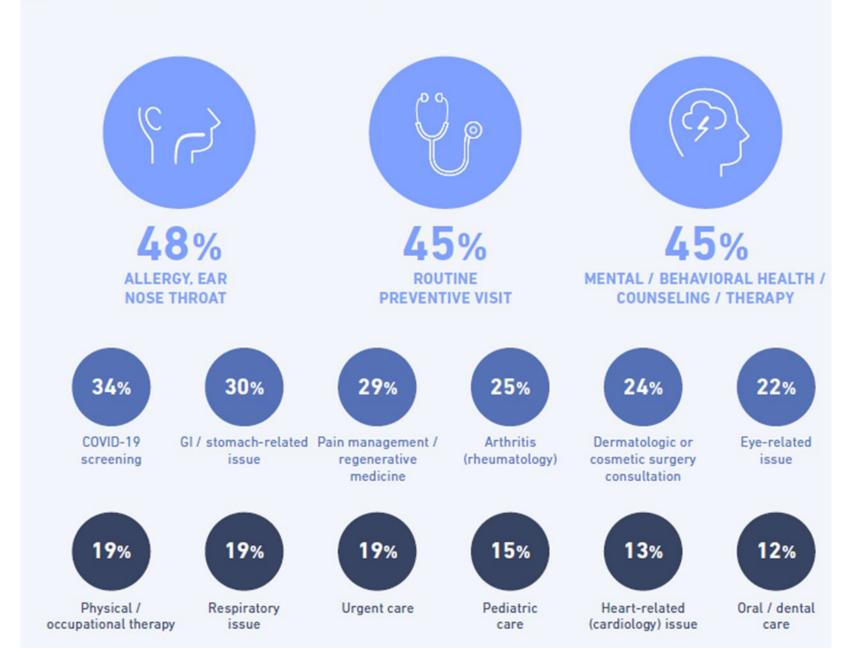
Publix spokesman: Telemedicine kiosks in grocery stores 'a game-changer'

Telehealth

When you're sick and don't want to leave home, MinuteClinic® now offers two options for affordable video-based care treating adults and children over age 2. Compare them here

Live your healthiest life

At Google Health, we want to help everyone live more life every day through products and services that connect and bring meaning to health information. Walgreens Expands Telehealth
Platform to Offer Virtual Doctor
Visits Through MDLIVE via Walgreens
Mobile App



Q: Which factors would help you decide to make a telemedicine appointment?



69% EASY-TO-USE TECHNOLOGY



57%

COMMUNICATION THAT TELEMEDICINE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE



47%
ONLINE
SCHEDULING
OPTIONS



47%
IMMEDIATE
AVAILABILITY



Understanding how my insurance covers telemedicine



A secure communication platform that protects my privacy



Reading reviews from other patients about their telemedicine experience



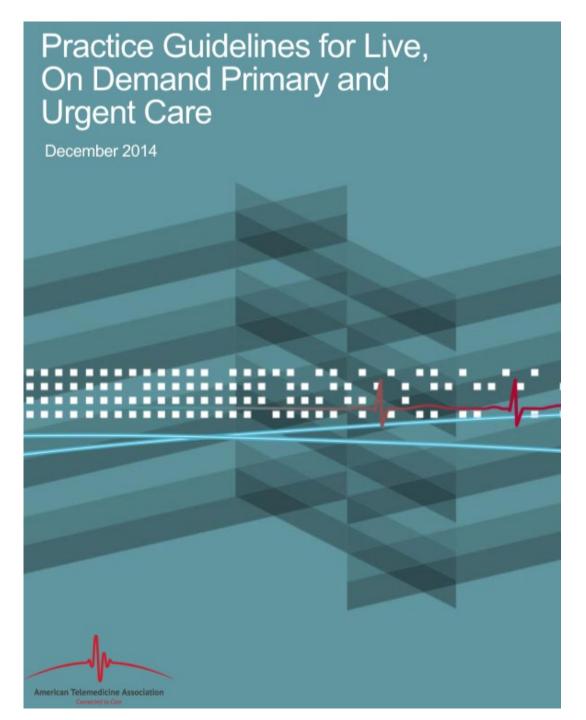
The ability to see the same provider in a practice



Information on what types of services can be provided via telemedicine



Credentials and expertise of the physician / healthcare provider





Practice Guidelines for Live, On Demand Primary and Urgent Care

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Condition	Telemedicine Appropriate Telephone Only*	
Routine Conditions That Are Appropriate For To		
Acid Reflux	Yes	Yes
Acute Conjunctivitis (e.g., uncomplicated viral or allergic)	No	Yes
Allergic rhinitis	Yes	Yes
Anxiety and Depression	Yes	Yes
Assessment of minor wounds	No	Yes
Burns (e.g., minor, sunburn)	No	Yes
Common rashes (e.g., contact dermatitis, shingles)	No	Yes
Constipation	Yes	Yes
Diabetes management (routine and follow-up)	Yes	Yes
Influenza (uncomplicated)	Yes	Yes
Sinusitis (uncomplicated)	Yes	Yes
Skin Infections	No	Yes
Smoking Cessation	Yes	Yes
Upper Respiratory Infections (uncomplicated)	Yes	Yes
Urinary tract infections (uncomplicated in non- pregnant women and in the absence of vaginitis)	Yes	Yes
Weight management	Yes	Yes

Conditions That May Be Appropriate for Telemedicine Management				
Asthma	No	Yes		
Bronchitis (mild symptoms, pneumonia not suspected)	Yes	Yes		
Essential Hypertension	Yes	Yes		
Migraine headache (diagnosis established, uncomplicated)	Yes	Yes		
Musculoskeletal issues muscle strains and joint sprains	No	Yes		
Pain control (mild to moderate for known conditions)**	Yes	Yes		
Rash (generalized without fever or systemic symptoms)	No	Yes		
Viral gastroenteritis (uncomplicated)	Yes	Yes		

Acute abdominal pain	No	No
Acute neurologic symptoms	No	No
Altered mental status and inability to communicate history or symptoms	No	No
Anaphylaxis or severe allergic reaction	No	No
Chest pain	No	No
Diarrhea and vomiting (severe and with at least moderate dehydration)	No	No
Immune-compromised patient in which condition poses significant added risk	No	No
Procedure required for treatment	No	No
Rash (disseminated with fever and systemic symptoms)	No	No
Acute, or chronic shortness of breath	No	No
Trauma (moderate to severe of one or multiple sites)	No	No
UTI or kidney stone (complicated)	No	No
Vision disturbance due to eye trauma, peri-orbital infection	No	No

Annual Wellness Visits Via Telemedicine

- Allows care teams proactively engage patients
- Identifies & meets care needs before become acute enough to require patient access an in-person healthcare setting
- Assists identifying & counseling on risky health behaviors
- Provides opportunity remind/schedule screening exams
- Creates opportunity care teams identify patients who would benefit from Chronic Care Management (CCM) which is especially important during periods of shelter-in-place orders Providers should clearly document visit & any limitations in medical record
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Telehealth Physical Exam

Performing a physical exam via telehealth can seem challenging, especially if the patient is in their home where assessment tools, such as a blood pressure cuff or digital stethoscope, may not be available. But with some thoughtfulness, cooperation of the patient, and adequate lighting and camera, providers are able to examine several organ systems. And, as Osler reminds us, let's not forget our most keen diagnostic tool: a thorough patient history.

"Listen to your patient, he is telling you the diagnosis." - Sir William Osler

EYES

- Appearance of conjunctiva and lids (lid droop, conjunctival injection)
- Appearance of pupils (egual, round, extraocular
- Assessment of vision (seeing double)

EARS, NOSE, MOUTH, AND THROAT

- External appearance of lesions, masses)
- (able to hear, asks to repeat questions)
- Inspection of lips, mouth, teeth and gums (color
- · Gross inspection of throat (tonsillar enlargement exudate) Appearance of face
- (symmetric, appropriate movement of mouth. no drooling or labia flattening, ability to raise evebrow, frown/smile close eyes, show upper lower teeth, puff out
- patient palpates sinuses or ears

NECK

External appearance of the neck (overall appearance, symmetry, tracheal position, gross evidence of lymphadenopathy, jugular venous distention)



RESPIRATORY

- Assessment of respiratory use of accessory muscles. diaphragmatic movement. pursed lip breathing, speaking in full sentences or limited due to shortness of breath)
- Audible wheezing Presence and nature of cough (frequent, occasional,
- wet, dry, coarse) Determine Roth Score¹

CARDIOVASCULAR

- Presence and nature of weeping) Capillary refill
- Temperature of extremities per patient/other measure

CONSTITUTIONAL

- · Vital signs (heart rate and respiratory rate; if available, temperature, blood pressure, weight)
- disheveled/unkept)

CHEST

ABDOMEN

abdomen

Examination of the

Tenderness on self

by attendant

palpation or palpation

Observation of patient

jumping up and down

· Examination of gait and

use of arms to push off chair, steady gait, broad/narrowed

Inspection of digits and nails

conditions, petechiae, pallor)

(capillary refill, clubbing,

 Extremity exam may include Alignment, symmetry, defects, tenderness on

self-palpation

· Range of motion, pain

· Muscle strength and

abnormal movements

Presence and nature of

edema, temperature

Ottawa ankle and knee rules

Self-Assessment using

MUSCULOSKELETAL

- Inspection of the breasts
- Chest wall or costochondra Cyanosis, diaphoresis tenderness with self-palpation

NEUROLOGIC

SKIN

Dermatomal distribution of numbness or pain Examination of sensation (by touch

Rashes lesions ulcers



or pin) **PSYCHIATRIC**

- · Orientation to time. place, and person
- Recent and remote memory
- Mood and affect Pressured speech





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- General appearance (ill/well appearing, (un) comfortable, fatigued, attentive, distracted,

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Constitutional

- · Vitals (ex. temp, weight, RR, HR, BP) (if parent/patient can obtain these or if provider can count respirations)
- · General appearance of patient (no acute distress, sitting comfortably, etc.)

- · No eye injection, no eyelid swelling, no icterus
- No eye discharge
- EOMI

Ears, nose, mouth and throat

- Normocephalic
- · Mucus membranes moist, no lip cracking
- No nasal drainage
- OP no exudate on tongue, no tonsillar enlargement, no petechiae on palate

· Range of motion, suppleness

- · No pedal edema (if able to observe on video) Capillary refill, cyanosis

Respiratory

- · No retractions, no nasal flaring, overall work of breathing
- · No audible wheezing, stridor, cough

- Nondistended abdomen
- Nontender per parent exam
- Pain with jumping

- Normal un-/circumcised penis without rashes or discharge
- Scrotum no visible erythema or swelling
- No CVA tenderness per parent/patient exam*

Female GU

- External genitalia no skin lesions, no rashes, no visible discharge
- No CVA tenderness per parent/patient exam*

Musculoskeletal

- Normal gait
- Digits no clubbing, no cyanosis
- . Moving all extremities well, good/symmetric strength throughout
- Specific joint full/limited ROM, deformity

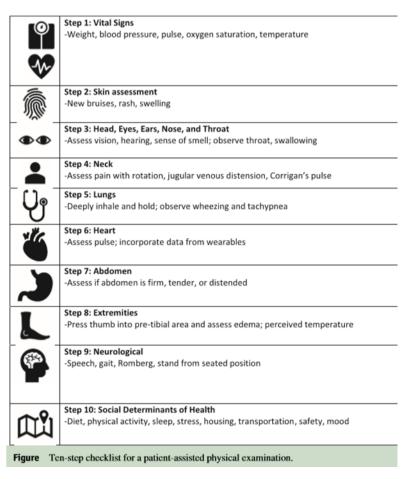
- No rashes, bruising or other skin lesions
- No visible edema
- OK to have parent send photos

Neuro

- Cranial nerves are intact as per the following exam: II-vision grossly normal, PERRLA, III/IV/VI- EOMI, VII-hearing grossly normal, V-clench jaw, VII- raise eyebrows bilaterally; smile/frown intact and symmetric, able to bar teeth and puff out cheeks, XII- Able to protrude tongue and move it side to side, IX/X- swallow intact; says "Ah"
- · Rapidly alternating movements: no dysdiadochokinesis
- · Gait: forward, toe, heel and tandem all normal
- Pronator drift: none
- Romberg: negative
- Rises from a seated position without difficulty or limitation
- Overall mental status/alertness

Psych

- · Affect: euthymic, sad, anxious, fearful, angry, cheerful, appropriate/inappropriate
- Cooperativeness: cooperative, friendly, reluctant, hostile



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Regionals















































Nationals









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https://telehealthresourcecenter.org/

Summary

- Telemedicine is here to stay & will impact not only those directly involved in patient care but broader community as whole
 - Some waivers, codes & TH expansions during COVID will remain, but others will sunset
- Every specialty is/will be using telemedicine to some degree & providers will require infrastructure & support to effectively & efficiently deliver high quality care
- We need to start training future workforce to truly realize full potential of telemedicine & have integrated seamlessly into our healthcare systems, homes & lives





Thank You!!



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