

Development and Implementation of a Telemedicine Program at an NCI-Designated Cancer Center

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Overview

- Introduction to Jefferson Health System
- History of telemedicine
- Telemedicine Program within Jefferson Health System
- Outline telehealth opportunities in cancer care
- Discuss unique telehealth practice factors
- Delineate potential future directions for developments in telehealth.



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We Improve Lives.

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital is ranked among the Top 5 in the nation in Ophthalmology and Orthopedics.

Nationally Ranked Specialties

OPHTHALMOLOGY

Wills Eye Hospital

ORTHOPEDICS

Rothman Institute at Jefferson

The Philadelphia Hand to Shoulder Center at Jefferson

CANCER

Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center - Jefferson Health

CARDIOLOGY & HEART SURGERY

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

GASTROENTEROLOGY & GI SURGERY

GERIATRICS

NEPHROLOGY

NEUROLOGY & NEUROSURGERY

Vickie and Jack Farber Institute for Neuroscience – Jefferson Health

UROLOGY





14 Hospitals

- Abington Hospital*
- Abington Lansdale Hospital**
- · Jefferson Bucks Hospital
- Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital*
- Jefferson Frankford Hospital
- Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience*
- Vickie and Jack Farber Institute for Neuroscience
- Jefferson Methodist Hospital*
- Jefferson Stratford Hospital*

- Jefferson Torresdale Hospital
- Jefferson Washington Township Hospital*
- Magee Rehabilitation Hospital
- Physicians Care Surgical Hospital
- Rothman Orthopaedic Specialty Hospital
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital*
 - Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center (NCI-designated)

6,100 physicians/practitioners

7,400 nurses (full/part time)

40+ outpatient and urgent care locations

Over 4.5 million
patient interactions annually

^{*} Magnet® designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center for nursing excellence

^{**} Pathway to Excellence® designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center for sustaining a positive practice environment

Academic Areas of Interest

















Architecture

Business

Design

Engineering

Fashion & Textiles

Health

Science

Campuses

- Center City
- ♥ East Falls
- Abington-Dixon
- Bucks County
- Delaware County at Pennsylvania Institute of Technology
- New Jersey

International Study Locations & Research Centers













10 Colleges + 3 Schools

- College of Architecture and the Built Environment
- College of Biomedical Sciences
- College of Health Professions
- College of Humanities and Sciences
- College of Life Sciences
- College of Nursing
- College of Population Health
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Rehabilitation Sciences

- Kanbar College of Design, **Engineering and Commerce**
- School of Business
- School of Design and Engineering
- Sidney Kimmel Medical College
- School of Continuing and **Professional Studies**

Honors

 Philadelphia University **Honors Institute**

Graduate & Undergraduate programs

63,000 7,400

Students (full/part time)

over \$136 million

in public/private research funding.

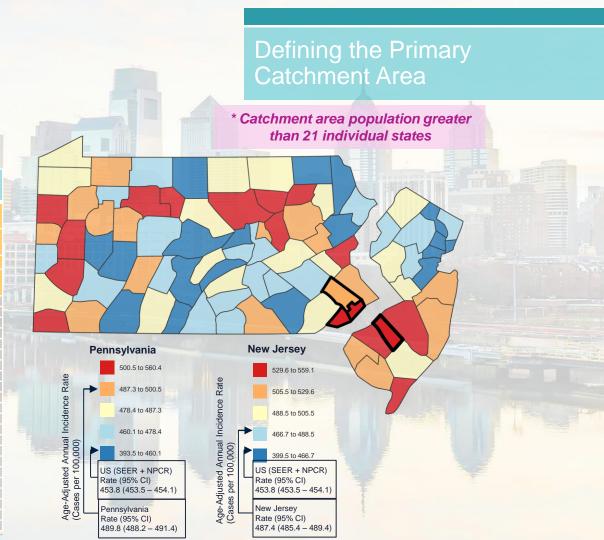
patents for new drugs, software innovations, medical devices and diagnostic tools

Nationally ranked in emergency management, fashion, graphic design, interior design, occupational therapy, physician assistant, primary care, research and strategic leadership.

Primary Catchment

- Greater Philadelphia region
- 1 hour drive from integral academic site (TJUH)
- Majority patient base
- 4 counties

	County	FY16	FY	
		Volume	2016%	
-	Philadelphia	63.155	43.6%	
	County	03,133	43.070	
	Montgomery	19,205	13.3%	
	County			
	Camden County	9,444	6.5%	
4	Delaware	8,262	5.7%	
	County			
	Bucks County	6,872	4.7%	
	Burlington County	6,689	4.6%	
	Gloucester County	5,626	3.9%	
	Atlantic County	4,936	3.4%	
	Chester County	4,034	2.8%	
	Cape May County	2,713	1.9%	
	New Castle County	2,583	1.8%	
ı	Ocean County	2,563	1.8%	
	Mercer County	1,856	1.3%	
	Cumberland County	1,769	1.2%	
	Berks County	1,567	1.1%	
	Monmouth County	674	0.5%	
	Salem County	669	0.5%	
	Lehigh County	479	0.3%	
	Northampton County	395	0.3%	
	Lancaster County	220	0.2%	
	Middlesex County	220	0.2%	
	Somerset County	204	0.1%	
	Kent County	202	0.1%	
	Cecil County	180	0.1%	
	Hunterdon County	175	0.1%	
	Warren County	84	0.1%	

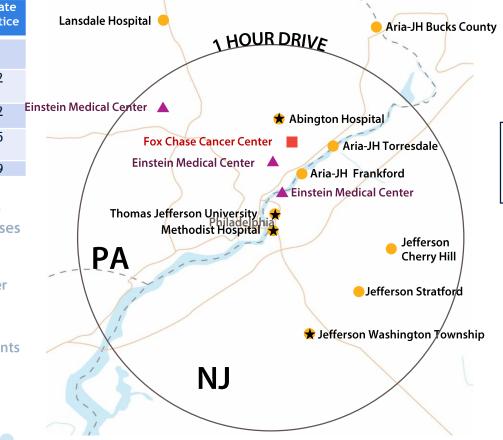


	SKCC Employees	SKCC Physicians	Private Practice	
Center City region	633	81	0	
South Jersey region	70	14	12	
Northern region	113	21	32	
Northeast region	50	8	15	
Total	866	124	59	
SKCC at a glance				

SKCC at a glance:

Clinical Portfolio: SKCC as an enterprise sees approximately 8,900 new index cases annually.

- Center City region ~ 4,800 new cancer patients with ~19% on interventional clinical trial
- ➤ Northern region ~ 2,300 cancer patients
- ➤ Northeast ~ 1,100 cancer patients
- > South Jersey ~ 700 cancer patients





TJU

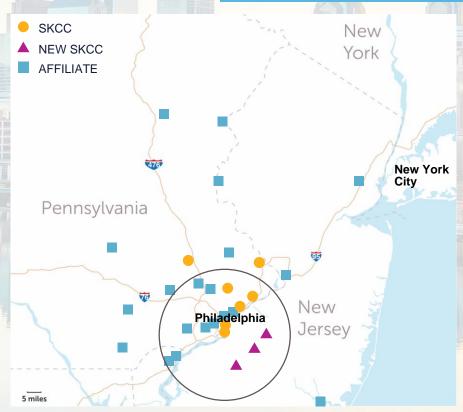
▲ New TJU
FYI

TJU with infusion services

SKCC Network Partners currently accruing to SKCC trials	# Cases	Current # Interventional Trials Active		
Brandywine	188	0		
Delta Medix	n/a	0		
Doylestown	757	0		
Easton	367	0		
Einstein Phila	1163	9		
Holy Redeemer	635	0		
Jennersville	100	0		
Nemours	n/a	0		
Nazha	n/a	2		
Phoenixville	276	0		
Reading	1669	2		
St. Francis	198	1		
Suburban	202	8		
Trinitas	542	5		
Wills Eye	n/a	0		
Mercy (3 sites of care)	692	16		
Pocono	563	21		
Kennedy	1253	6		
Riddle	n/a	0		
Hem & Onc Assoc of NE PA	n/a	31		
Hudson Valley	n/a	6		
NE Rad Onc Ctr	n/a	23		
Sparta	n/a	28		
Total	8605	158		

Community Outreach and Engagement





Telemedicine

The Institute of Medicine defines telemedicine as "the use of electronic information and communications technologies to provide and support health care when distance separates the participants."



History - Telemedicine is not a new phenomenon

- 1906: Dutch Willem Einthoven developed an electrocardiograph that using a string galvanometer and telephone wires was able to transmit and EKG from 1.5km away.
- 1920's: Norwegian physicians provided medical advice to sick ship crew members at sea via a radio link.
- 1967: Dr. Kenneth Bird established a clinic at Mass General Hospital to treat patients at Logan International Airport through an audio-visual microwave circuit.
- 1970's: Term Telemedicine coined. Literally means "healing at a distance."





History Cont.

- 1990s-2000s: Broadband internet and telecommunications infrastructure expands throughout the world connecting remote areas to large medical centers.
 - Video Conferencing between physicians discussing difficult cases (i.e. ECHO model from University of New Mexico).
 - Tele-Stroke model (real time interactive video/monitoring).
 - Tele-ICU model (physician monitoring data from distant site in real time).
 - Teledermatology (store and forward of images).
 - E-Consultation through EMR or third party platform (VA hospital; San Francisco General).





Telemedicine

- Telemedicine is about how to optimize use of technology into daily work flows and operations.
- Telemedicine is a care delivery model.
- The medicine is the same.















Medical Consultation



Telemedicine

You can do a physical exam.

- You might actually get different information than in an office visit.
 - It is about actionable information.

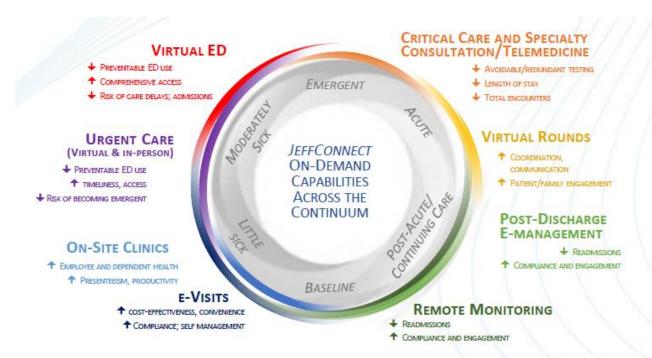


Virtual physical exam





JeffConnect - Scope of Telemedicine at Thomas Jefferson University





Metrics Now Aligned with NQF Measure Framework

Creating a Framework to Support Measure Development for Telehealth

FINAL REPORT AUGUST 31, 2017



Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center Jefferson Health

TABLE 2. DOMAINS AND SUBDOMAINS OF THE TELEHEALTH MEASUREMENT FRAMEWORK

Domain	Subdomain(s)	
Access to Care	 Access for patient, family, and/or caregiver 	
	Access for care team	
	Access to information	
Financial	. Financial impact to patient, family,	
Impact/Cost	and/or caregiver	
	Financial impact to care team	
	Financial impact to health system	
	or payer	
	Financial impact to society	
Experience	Patient, family, and/or caregiver	
	experience	
	Care team member experience	
	Community experience	
Effectiveness	System effectiveness	
	Clinical effectiveness	
	Operational effectiveness	
	Technical effectiveness	

JeffConnect Programs

- Health professional training
 - Mandatory and optional modules
- Telehealth facilitator program
 - Nonprovider support staff
- Pre-health professionals
 - PACU Ambassador & Virtual Rounds
 - Fellowship program

- Undergraduate (medical student) elective
- Graduate medical education (resident) elective
- Fellowship program
- Continuous Medical Education
 - Physical examination skills, simulation
- Institute for Digital Health





Best Practices - Telemedicine training

- Essential, multi-step process
- Overview didactics program
- Hands-on training
- On-site reference number
- Single point of contact
- Intermittent updates
- Checklist







On-Demand (Direct to Consumer) Care

- Access To Care (24/7/365 Jefferson providers)
 - 40% of visits new patients
 - 83% would have sought care elsewhere
- Financial Impact/Cost
 - Savings of approx \$100 per encounter
- Experience
 - Net Promoter Score > 70
 - Time saved over one hour = 87%
 - Already recommended JeffConnect = 81%
- Effectiveness
 - Antibiotic stewardship for sinusitis equal or better than ED/UC
 - Health complaint addressed as hoped the overwhelming majority of the time
 - Most received no further care





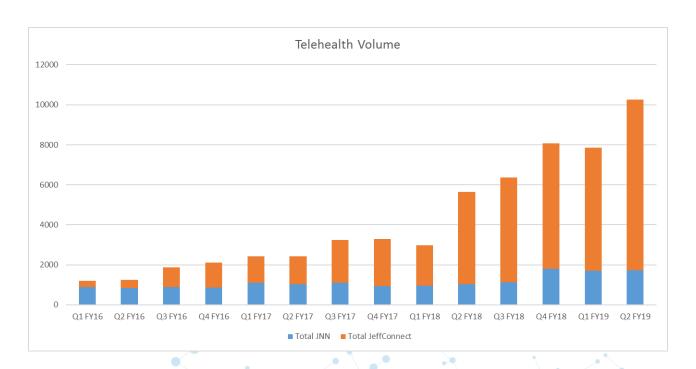
Scheduled Appointments (including Post Discharge)

- Access To Care
 - Over 1000 providers trained
 - > 400 providers regularly engaged
- Experience
 - Net promoter score = 59
 - 85% reported time savings > 1 hour
 - 86% said they were better able to receive care when/where needed
 - Already recommended JeffConnect = 43%
- Effectiveness
 - Same level of care as inperson visit = 83%





Telehealth Growth at Jefferson





Tele-oncology



Tele-Oncology

- Definitions
- Outline telehealth opportunities in cancer care
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What is telemedicine?

 Telemedicine utilizes telecommunications technology as a tool to deliver health care to populations with limited access to care

Telemedicine approaches

- Synchronous:
 - Videoconference, fully interactive
 - Real-time
 - Specific attachments for the exam
 - Schedule: teleconsultant, telepresenter, pt
- Asynchronous
 - Store-forward
 - Review of clinical data at an alternate time
 - Schedule: teleconsultant
- Combination







What Makes a Good Teleconsultation?

- Understand the goal of the consultation
 - Increase access to specialty care
 - Confirm diagnosis
 - Assist in triage
- Assure complete data and diagnostic images
- Build in quality review





Teleoncology

Use of telehealth technology in cancer care.

- Multidisciplinary in nature:
 - Prevention, early detection, diagnostic consultation, surgical oncology, medical oncology, radiation oncology evaluation, clinical trial education and evaluation, supportive care and follow-up, palliation, tumor board and chart review models of care.



Why telemedicine? Why telehealth? Why tele-onc?

 Space Technology Applied to Rural Papago Advanced Health Care (STARPAHC)





Populations that benefit from tele-oncology

- Remote:
 - Rural
 - Frontier
 - Incarcerated
- Difficult access
 - Urban





Is telemedicine as effective as in-person care?

- Overall, studies demonstrate equivalency
 - HIPAA compliant technology
- Some studies show improved outcomes
- Fairly uniform high level of patient and clinician satisfaction
- How can we best use tele-applications in oncology care?





Rationale for tele-oncology

- Virtually redistribute oncology workforce to meet healthcare needs:
 - Shortage of oncologists
 - Maldistribution of health care
 - Greying of the population
 - Direct to "consumer" care
- Provide care when needed
- Consider: diagnostic question dictates technology use
 - Transmission of images/sounds
 - Where the "talk is the treatment"
 - The right technology for the diagnostic question





Tele-genetics, Tele-survivorship, Tele-behavioral health



Bundling of tele-oncology services

- Oncology care is multidisciplinary
- Evaluate:
 - Rash, Supportive care (nutrition, physical activity, support group), Pain, Medication review, Hospice care
 - Technology to fit the diagnostic question
- Bundled services: may include in-person
 - Tele-radiology
 - Tele-pathology
 - Tele-oncology
 - Tele-nursing: patient education
 - Tele-navigation
 - Tele-symptom management

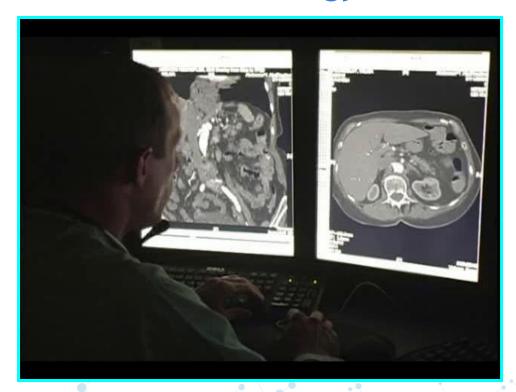




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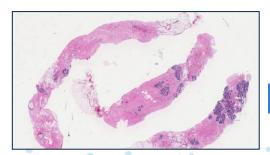


Teleradiology



Telepathology

- Common area of need
- Barriers:
 - Inability to review all the tissue
 - Length of fixation
 - Cumbersome nature of robotic microscopy



Virtual Slide

Digital Scanning

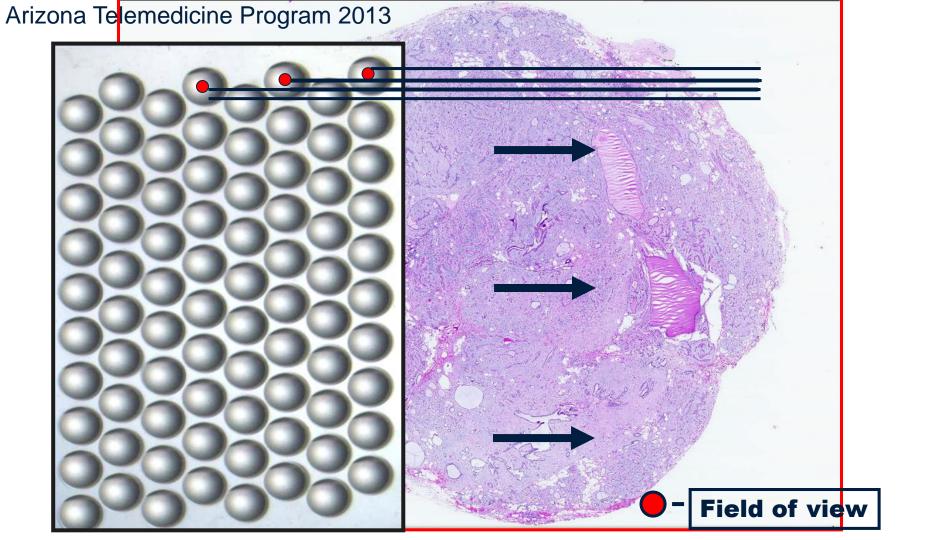
"array microscope"

- 80 tiny lens systems
- staggered rows
- transparent disc
- size of a quarter: 1" diameter
- 24-megapixel camera
 - most digital cameras: 3-5 megapixels

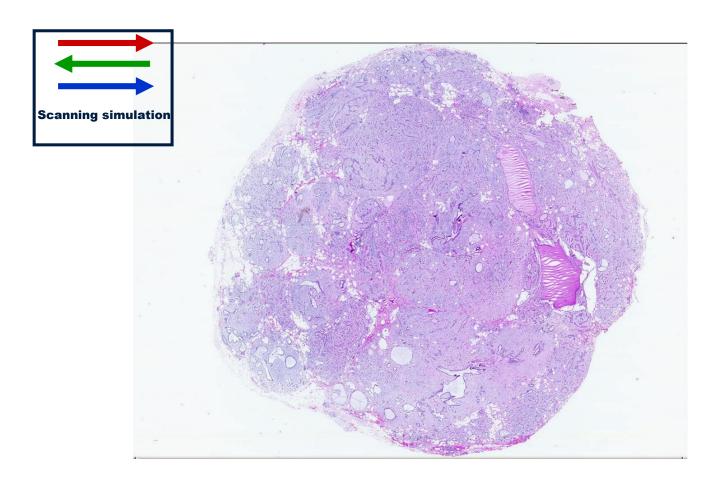
Scans a tissue sample and produces a precise diagnostic image with a resolution of up to 54,000 dots per inch: 700x that of a picture made on a home printer

Process takes less than a minute.



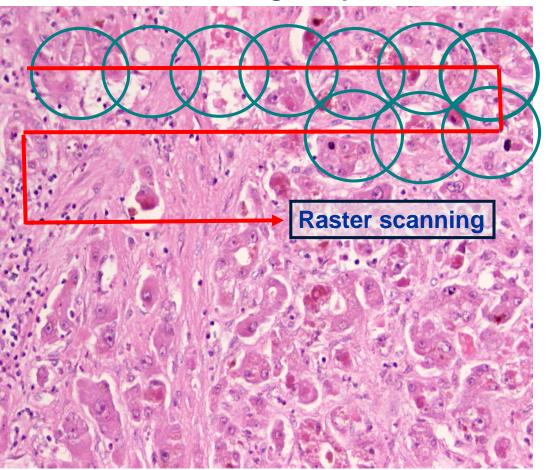


Arizona Telemedicine Program 2013

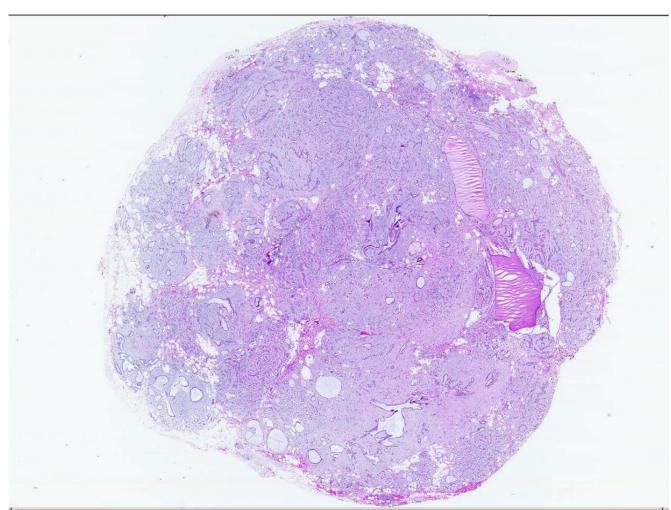


Arizona Telemedicine Program 2013

Virtual Slide Image Acquisition



Arizona Telemedicine Program 2013



The Virtual House Call



Portable Telemedicine System

Canon G2 4.0 M pixel Digital Camera

American
TeleCare
Digital
Stethoscope

Koss Porta Pro 15-25,000 Hz Headphones



Starview SV 8000i IP Videophone

to Wireless
LAN
Connection

to 100V-240V AC

Home Health Care Applications

- Wound care
- Post-operative care
- Pre-organ transplantation
- Physical therapy





- Tele-geriatrics
- Tele-palliative care

Facilitate access to cancer clinical trials

- Eligibility assessment
- Consent
- Follow-up
 - Symptom assessment





Newest Health Care Tool

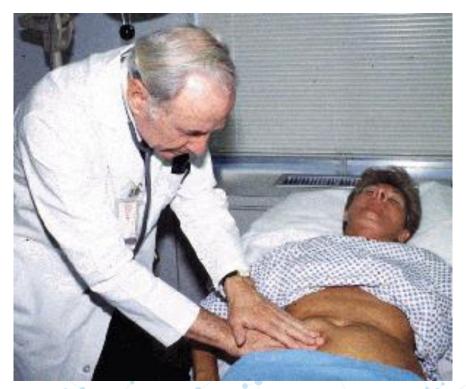


Symptom Monitoring





Limitations



Virtual Reality Palpation







National survey of telemedicine uptake (ACP)

- Random sample of internal medicine specialists and subspecialists
- 51% have access to a telehealth technology
- Most common use: connect with another physician
- Nearly 20% have access to video technology
 - Of which nearly 20% use the system regularly



Jefferson Tele-Oncology Engagement

Breast: 14

Head and neck/Lung: 28

• GI: 22

• GU: 3

• GYN: 5

Skin: 2

Malignant heme: 90

• Geri: 5

Genetics: 2

Palliative: 56

Tele-nursing: 7

Tele-social work: 1



Jefferson Tele-Oncology Engagement

E-PRO Application Pilot 71 Patients Approached 43 Eligible 21 Registered

Post Discharge Video Visits

56 Post Discharge Video Visits

22 Visits resulted in Medication Reconciliation/Education

13 Visits resulted in Symptom Management



Patient reported outcomes study (NIMHHD)

- Reporting vital signs from a distance
- Reporting of symptoms from a distance
- Tele-oncology nursing contact when initiated by
 - Patient symptom prompt
- Tele-oncology contact initiated by nursing
- Feasibility, clinical/cost efficacy





Future work

- Use of telehealth technology to support
 - Transitions of care
 - Prevent hospitalization
 - Support patient at home for:
 - Symptom management/Palliation
 - Provide the right care at the right time to the right patient always





Telehealth payer rules vary by state

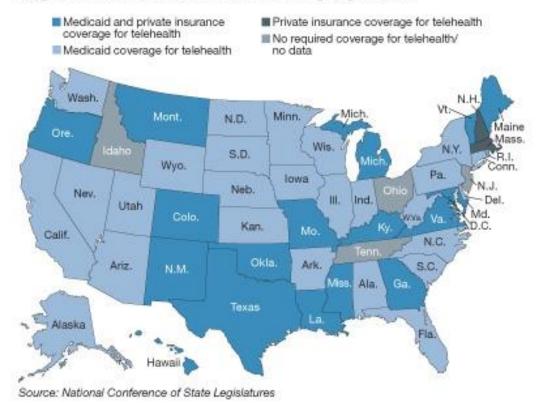
- Medicaid and private insurance coverage for telehealth
- Medicaid coverage for telehealth
- Private insurance coverage for telehealth
- No required coverage for telehealth
- May not apply to all health care services

American Telemedicine Association: State Policy Resource Center http://www.americantelemed.org/policy-page/state-policy-resource-center



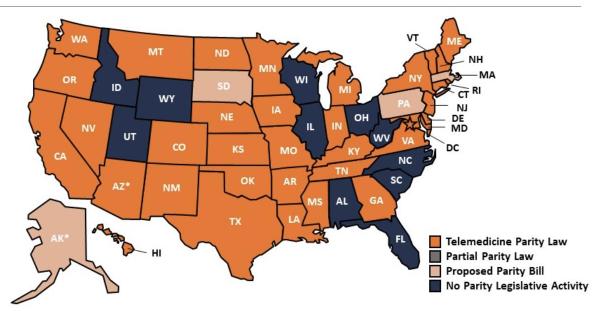


Payer rules on telehealth vary by state



http://cqrcengage.com/aacu/file/LumAGoog2s7/Telehealth-map.jpg

States with Parity Laws for Private Insurance Coverage of Telemedicine (2018)



States with the year of enactment: Alaska (2016)*, Arizona (2013)*, Arkansas (2015), California (1996), Colorado (2001), Connecticut (2015), Delaware (2015), Georgia (2006), Hawaii (1999), Indiana (2015), Iowa (2018), Kentucky (2000), Louisiana (1995), Maine (2009), Maryland (2012), Michigan (2012), Minnesota (2015), Mississippi (2013), Missouri (2013), Montana (2013), Nebraska (2017), Nevada (2015), New Hampshire (2009), New Jersey (2017), New Mexico (2013), New York (2014), North Dakota (2017), Oklahoma (1997), Oregon (2009), Rhode Island (2016), Tennessee (2014), Texas (1997), Vermont (2012), Virginia (2010), Washineton (2015) and the District of Columbia (2013)

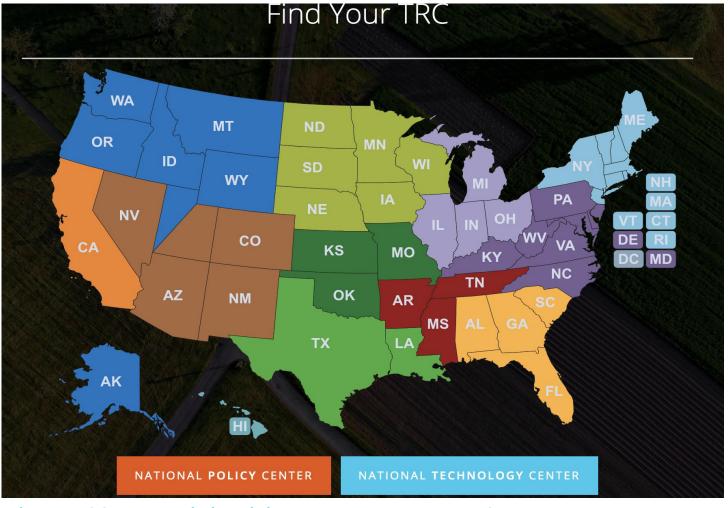
States with proposed legislation: In 2018, Alaska, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota



^{*}Coverage applies to certain health services.

And so you want to do tele-health...





https://www.telehealthresourcecenter.org/ https://nrtrc.org

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