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TELEMEDICINE

Features & Benefits



WHAT IS TELEMEDICINE

Telemedicine is the use of technology by doctors and other health care professionals to monitor, diagnose, and treat patients at a distance without requiring an in-person visit. This includes the use of various electronics including, computers, tablets, smartphones and the Internet.

HOW TELEMEDICINE WORKS



Monitors patient's health status and behaviors remotely.



Provides face to face interactions using video conferencing for discussions and providing treatment.



Obtains images for diagnostic purposes using specialized scopes and cameras.



Captures, stores, and then forwards images to remote providers who can make a diagnosis and provide treatment recommendations.



Educates patients and providers through apps and video conferencing.

THE BENEFITS OF TELEMEDICINE

- 1** Increases access to healthcare services
- 2** Reduces costs and creates value for patients, physicians, and payers
- 3** Improves patient and provider satisfaction
- 4** Offers 24/7 coverage
- 5** Improves health outcomes

Sources: 1). <http://www.americantelemed.org/about/about-telemedicine>
2). <http://netrc.org/>

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