

Telehealth Use Over the Years Ten & Now: A Provider's Perspective -  
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My name is Janet Jones, and I am a quality improvement specialist with  
the on behalf of I Pro.

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I want to welcome you to our series of webinars on telehealth, practice  
innovation during the covet nineteen pandemic next slide. Please.

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Well, I'll just keep moving and our slides will catch up with this first.  
Do we have a few housekeeping items? Everyone is muted to eliminate  
background background noise. I accept you.

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Please use the chat box located on the lower right side of your screen to  
submit questions or comments select all participants when entering your  
questions or comments.

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If we are unable to respond to your question today, we will follow up  
with you, the recording and slides of this session will be posted on the  
website by tomorrow afternoon.

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And you will receive an email following today's call with the link to the  
website. Now, the outline for today's session is that I'll start talking  
to you just a little bit about the.

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A little bit about the, and then we'll move into our presentation and  
then we'll give you an opportunity to ask questions towards the end.

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even though you can see them,

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I'll tell you a little bit about IPRO QIN-QIO, we are a federally funded  
Medicare program and is an acronym for quality innovation,

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network,

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quality improvement organization and we are comprised of three quality improvement organizations.

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IPro is the lead for our network and is joined by two, highly regarded organizations, health, centric advisors and climate.

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We work in eleven States and the District of Columbia, and are one of twelve programs nationally. Our goal as a is to provide guidance to healthcare providers.

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And clinicians in the quality initiatives,

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and we also try to engage patients and families and support implementation and strengthening of innovative evidence,

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based improvements,

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using data driven methodologies.

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our network,

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and the New England states are led by health centric advisers while New Jersey,

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New York and Ohio are led by and leads Delaware,

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Maryland and the district of Columbia slide six Chris.

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we work towards better care,

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healthier people in communities and smart spending as a Quinn we are committed to bringing together health care providers,

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stakeholders and Medicare beneficiaries to improve the quality of healthcare for targeted health conditions.

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And as I stated earlier, our work uses a data driven approach to catalyze change to improving healthcare quality.

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For this project,

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we are working into areas nursing homes and community coalitions and you and we have five focus areas that we concentrate on and we try to have and there are many cross setting

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priority areas in the five focus areas.

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We are currently actively recruiting ambulatory care practices to participate in one of our CMS quality initiatives.

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We offer technical assistance to those practices and we want them to help.

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We want to help them track at least ten mix measures in the areas of behavioral health outcomes as it relates to management depression and chronic disease management developing,

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helping them to develop workflows to refer patients to or chronic disease self management education programs and improve access to behavioral health services slide nine.

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Our topic today is telehealth use over the years and now providers prevent perspective.

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Our speaker for today's session is Dr Terry Rubin he is the professor of psychiatry and family medicine at the Robert learner College of medicine at the University of Vermont.

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Dr has served as the medical director of the psychiatry consultation service and University of Vermont medical center since nineteen ninety six and he's designed the States first Tele,

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psychiatry consultation service in two thousand and one.

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He was appointed medical director of telemedicine services at UV. M.

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MC in two thousand and five and has worked to develop and implement telehealth initiatives with the American telemedicine Association the American Academy of psychosomatic medicine and the

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office for the Advancement of telehealth,

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which is a part of the federal department of health and Human services.

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Dr. Rabinowitz

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is the principal investigator for the North East Tele,

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health resource center,

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and was elected to college of fellows in two thousand and sixteen he  
earned his medical degree from case Western Reserve University and  
completed a residency and adult

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psychiatry at McLean hospital,

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Harvard,

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medical school and the fellowship in consultation,

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liaison psychiatry at Massachusetts,

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general hospital.

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Dr, thank you for being with us. Today. We look forward to learning from  
you. And the floor is now yours.

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Yeah. Okay. Super Thank you. Everybody. Thanks for your patience as we  
got got through these technical difficulties. I'm carrier benefits  
principal investigator of the Northeast telehealth resource center next  
slide. Please.

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And I want to thank a bunch of people who are on the call today as well  
is the entire Northeast telehealth resource center team also,

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like,

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Ricky,

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who's the past medical director of medicine at University of the medical sector center all of my telehealth resource center colleagues all those willing to give telling mental health to try and all patients,

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and their families who really make this all very easy to make happen and who give us the opportunity to really move forward with

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telemedicine next slide.

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Just wanted to tell you a little bit about myself. So, you know who I am this is my academic file sketch. I was born in the Bronx. I have a bachelor's degree from leeman college dental degree from.

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University of New York and stonybrooke a masters degree from University of IRA and my medical degree from case Western Reserve. I think you heard that already.

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My psychiatry training was completed at McClain hospital, a mass general, and I came to the University of Vermont.

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In nineteen, ninety six next slide please.

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And can you advance at once? And this is my real bio sketch. I'm a son and a brother and a husband. I'm data dogs. I fly fish.

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I'm a coffee roaster. That's something new that I took up to get me through the covet pandemic without losing my mind and I love music especially world music especially Boston, Nevada next slide.

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Here's my introduction.

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To telemedicine next place, because I thought I came to the University of Vermont in nineteen, ninety six.

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To be the medical director of the psychiatry consultation service that's service consult to every medical and surgical service in the hospital and I was kept plenty busy with all of that and I hadn't done any cold medicine and most

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of especially interested in telemedicine.

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But my colleague and friend Mike, Ricky, who's a bachelor of research and reached out to me Mike was the current director of the telemedicine program at the time.

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And he asked me if I'd be interested in developing to tell a psychiatry.

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Consultation program he said there are a lot of underserved people out there.

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Who aren't getting timely and appropriate mental health services, and tell medicine might be a way to address the problem next slide.

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So trying to be a good colleague and friend, I said, okay.

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Give you a little background next slide. This is some facts about barriers to receiving mental health care more world. The dwelling, the more barriers.

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There are a, the greater, the degree of mental illness that is severity and more difficult. It is for folks to get help those. With chronic mental illnesses.

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Often our overlooked or underserved,

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and the types of mental illness,

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including hallucinations,

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delusions,

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personality disorders,

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self,

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harm behaviors,

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suicidal ideation,

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and delirium are under served race,

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ethnicity,

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ethnicity and sexual orientation.

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If they're not the mainstream they often our barriers as well poor  
people. People living on the fringes, have trouble and those with lower  
educational level. Also our challenge. I'm just going to check. Can you  
all hear me?

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Okay.

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Yes, loud and clear. Okay. Good. I just was doing a check.

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Who needs help well, there's many different populations who were lacking, adequate mental health services. At the time. Ricky approached me. They were in Vermont and rural areas of New York state. Small communities. Couldn't get financially.

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Couldn't support a psychiatrist financially and under certain vulnerable populations included at the time prisoners,

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those,

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the serious mental illness veterans,

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homebound people,

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and also older adults and those in nursing homes.

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So, I did a site visit and a completed paperwork and I decided.

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That's the population I would work with would be elders and nursing homes and I chose them.

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For a lot of reasons,

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probably the most important was that my wife is an experience geriatric nurse practitioner,

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and she over the years showed me just how much elders were underserved,

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especially those in nursing homes.

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And so I thought, well, I might be able to do something good for them.

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So started by doing a site visit to the nursing home. We chose upstate New York.

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Outside medical center at the time now it's called center and that was because they were an affiliate of the University Medical Center, and they hadn't attached nursing home.

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When I went and did the site visit I checked the room where was it located? What was alighting acoustics? Like, how close are far from key personnel?

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Would they be for the safety issues that needed to be considered? Including who would be available for emergencies and how quickly could emergency services be summit?

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And if you see on the right side of the slide, I needed a license and use is appropriate insurance. I know needed nursing home privileges and all that took some time.

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This is back in around two thousand and one, two thousand and two, and the whole process of getting the license getting the privileges took about three months.

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The insurance was already available through my affiliation with the University Medical Center.

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That covers me twenty four, seven wherever I am, as long as I'm practicing within my medical specialty.

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Next slide. Please. So, here's what I've learned from almost two decades of elemental health encounters. I encountered.

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More than three hundred, different patients with more than five hundred separate encounters. I attended as part of numerous family meetings. I.

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To care of many challenging patients, and I actually interactive with some challenging colleagues as well.

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And the next five, and then hit at once, and I learned what I would call P, four proper Pre planning and practice.

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Fix the next button please you need to make sure you have real technical experts.

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At the provider, and the patient sites don't count on yourself to trouble troubleshoot or solve all the problems you need to build redundancy into the system.

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Make sure there are cellphones or landlines in other ways to reach your technical team for urgent needs.

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And you of course, need to make sure that you have a safety plan in case you identify a problem that requires a media attention.

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To ensure safety and the nursing home, it's very possible to have elders with suicidal ideation, suicide plan or suicide behaviors. It's one of the dirty secret.

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That we have in this country, and probably other countries as well houses and nursing homes do commit suicide. But they often go unreported.

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And cause of death is called for attributed to something else like an amonia or a fall or some other thing. But it's oftentimes suicide.

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Next slide you need to practice practice and practice hit that one place.

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We need to make sure to do several telemedicine test run.

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To identify potential problems with the service how was the connection.

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Where their dropped package or call, what was the audio and video, like, get people break up was there a terrible delay between audio and video?

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We're, you know, between the different modalities. How did it work for the provider? Did you have good

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Telepresence? Telepresence is your ability to be a good telemedicine condition to act like you're doing something that's natural.

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How did it work for you? The distant site was your telepresence good there.

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Those at the distant site, identify any problems and when you find out that their work problems, take all the comments seriously, because everybody has.

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An ability to give you good feedback and if you only accept the positive feedback.

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You really won't do a good job as the town medical clinician keep in mind that a lot of the problems that you might encounter when you first setting out have nothing to do with your own skillset.

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It may have to do just with the lighting for the technology in general so take everything seriously.

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Next five other variables you need to consider include the video etiquette that you have what's the camera placement? Like is it in a an accessible area?

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Is it going to the character? The camera gonna be.

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Focused on things that may be embarrassing to someone else. So you want to make sure that your camera etiquette is good. What's the microphone and sound quality? Like, is the microphone right? In front of a fan or an air conditioner? Is it picking up extraneous noises?

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That will be problematic. What are your verification protocols? How do you know that the person or the team, or whatever you're doing or speaking with? Is the right party to be in contact?

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Make sure that you speak more slowly so that your voice carries across and make sure that you give your patient a chance to respond to you because the voice may be delayed and you may

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find yourself and your patient talking over each other and try as much as you can mute yourself when you're doing something else when you're online.

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So if you're typing, because you're writing a note, or if there's background noise, try to keep yourself muted as much as possible.

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Also, what's the design of the room? Like how is lighting? Is it adequate? Are there shadows that can really be a problem when you're doing a telemedicine?

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This is there a glare people joke with me? Sometimes you can't see me, but the top of my head is mostly a bacon space.

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No more hair and sometimes the lights in my office will actually bounce off my forehead and be a distraction. So, sometimes I've actually had to put on a baseball hat or something like that to prevent the glare from my Chrome down.

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What are the technical considerations who's available to help? How can you reach prebuilt quickly as you show today?

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We had some technical problems, but the wonderful people who are hosting this conference, we're able to help me get to those problems.

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Do you have privacy? Can you keep your door closed? Can absorb be close to the patient's room well, that compromised patient safety. You need to think about that.

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What's your connection? Like, I prefer a wired Ethernet connection, because it's better in general WI Fi will suffice, but if you get a hardwire connection, that should be your best approach.

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And if you're gonna provide here, do you have integration with the local electronic health record? I do not and that's slows things down for me. We're working on it, but, you know, the stuff is expensive and it takes time.

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So, right now I need to have people on the other end help me out and look at the patient Labs for other things. Such as their medication record, because I don't have immediate access to that.

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Next slide, Here's what we learned from our experiences, and we publish this and that appears in the Journal of telemedicine and E, health.

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We're proud of this accomplishment because it was a peer review Journal and we had an opportunity to report on our findings.

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This is one of the first,

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if not the first a report of a nursing home,

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tell us the consultation service and I was very honored to have others on this paper with me,

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including Catherine Murphy.

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My wife who got me started in geriatrics and was a great asset more from a metric. Who is my right?

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And left hand person like Ricky, as, you know, I mentioned former chief of telemedicine my computer, who is telemedicine director at the time.

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And Paul knew how to roll past geriatric psychiatrists.

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This is what we learned next slide. These are the characteristics and outcomes.

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For one, hundred and six nursing home residents.

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Following two hundred and seventy eight encounters with those nursing home residents, all accomplished.

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The telemedicine advocates of these residence was about seventy seven and a half years about two thirds for female, which is typical at a nursing home.

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Depression dimension delirium each comprised about twenty one percent of the diagnosis.

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Adjustment disorders,

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for those of you not in mental health those who are conditions that cause difficulty your problems or anxiety that is that we have to adjust to maybe the loss of a

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spouse it may be financial problems that maybe moving to a nursing home and behavioral disturbances were present in about seventeen percent of those patients.

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And these were exacerbated by vision and hearing problems, and I would add that they were made better, simply often bias, just helping the vision and hearing problems next five.

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These for this is a table that we put together for the paper that included cost and time estimate for these face to face encounters.

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And the only thing I want to draw your attention to is that part that I've got circled and that's the cost savings that we estimated.

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We could we had as a consequence of our medicine tell us psychiatry complications.

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If a patient had to be brought to me for their visit,

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it would require that one of the two attendants drove the vehicle and the other tendon wasn't direct contact with that patient.

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We estimated the cost to be as high as forty six thousand plus dollars.

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If I were to make the visit,

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my round trip a time would have been substantial as you can see up above in the a table,

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the travel time that we estimated was greater than thirty five point.

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One day. Those are full day is a travel time. I would have had to spend in transit, and the round trip for one of my visits to the nursing home in New York would have been about five hours.

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So that's really more than half a working day.

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And so we estimated the costs to be as high two hundred and thirty two thousand dollars that would have been that were saved as a consequence of my psychiatry consultations.

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Next slide that I learned more Here's more that I learned about telemedicine in the past two decades next slide.

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A monthly, then the equipment was bigger. It was larger. It was heavier. It was taller and it was more cumbersome.

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And it was awesome more expensive estimated today in the thousands of dollars I shouldn't say estimated that's what the cost. It was less reliable. We expected one to three job calls or sub optimal package.

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For every ten calls, push it one please.

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And there's a picture of what I use back in the day, as you see, the manufacturer suggested retail price was almost six thousand dollars. Now, it's discounted on the Internet to eight hundred and ninety five dollars.

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And my advice is don't buy it. It's a dinosaur. You really can't use it anymore so leave it alone but that's what we pay.

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Now, you can get about the same quality image and better reliability with something like a lot to check a Logitech video camera. That's the one I've been using from my current consultations and I'm not here to advertise that.

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There's plenty of other good ones out there. Here's a picture next slide for next, but yeah, that's the Logitech.

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It's a camera on a stock you can pan tilt and zoom with that that little device on the left is a remote control and I have remote control capabilities over the distant camera as well.

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Next slide, that's me, sitting in front of the old apparatus, you can just see the bottom of that apparatus in the upper left hand corner of the screen.

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But I wanted to show you a picture of me. So, you know, that I really did this. At one point, you also see there that I really did have here at one time.

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Next slide more now and Dan pocket at one place then there were many more technical that is those who are left willing to try telemedicine.

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They have no or a little confidence.

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That it would work next slide and again.

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Now, there's many more telemedicine adopters that again.

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It's likely due to multiple factors. It's way cheaper. It's easier to access and it's used to supported by card data. There's many published studies.

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Documented documenting,

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improved the outcomes usability for many different diagnostic categories and many different patient types and conditions and there's a lot of documentation of patient and provider satisfaction.

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And, of course, nowadays everyone is connected. So I'm guessing that all the folks on this call today, everybody attending this conference.

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Have a mobile phone, and they can stay connected to each other using that. So it's much easier. And I came up with a term heard, not immunity.

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And that's because the use of this technology does spread and it spreads quickly. The more users you have in a community.

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The more likely you are, or to get more people involved.

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Back then there was little or no institutional support. A lot of doubting Thomas's and Thomas gina's will it work? What are the cross? Who will pay? Who will compete? How safe is it? What's the liability?

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What's the service? Like? What about insurance? Many people thinking this won't be a good a face to face, so it didn't support it. What about licensure?

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But about credentialing half a lot of administrative.

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Cathy now, next slide and hit it once institutions are much happier with it. They realize that it may save time and money and patients are happier.

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And they are seen much more quickly for ensures many states have mandated coverage or a parity for this modality compared to and in person visit and it's much easier to get

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insurance to get credentials.

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And to get licensed. Now, compared to them next slide.

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Yeah, this is the new now, next slide.

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You all know what that is I think unfortunately, next slide this is about covet nineteen and telemedicine advanced. Once here are the challenges.

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Advance it product by surprise advanced, many individuals institutions we're not up to speed with respect to kill a medicine advanced.

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There was this exponential spread of the virus advanced. It went from city to state the country to the world.

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Advance we have to practice social distance thing.

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Advanced, there's been a significant negative impact on patients and providers because of this.

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Advance some are having access databases of Pre existing conditions,

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and some are developing additional new ones,

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just as the consequence of the virus itself,

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and the need to isolate and decrease social interaction advance.

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Even if we are connected, we have to mass down and go out and wash.

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Watch and watch advanced and this takes time.

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Time and time advanced,

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00:36:23.755 --> 00:36:32.664  
and it causes hassles upon handfuls upon next five advanced,

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00:36:33.565 --> 00:36:36.175  
but we do have opportunity advanced,

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please many experience telemedicine providers,

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00:36:39.264 --> 00:36:39.894  
researches,

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00:36:39.894 --> 00:36:40.764  
administrators,

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including all the telehealth resource centers jump right in when the  
virus advanced.

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We helped New years is new uses to get started and we helped the existing  
programs to grow advanced department chairs, hospital, administrators,  
professional society.

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These all added their support to this effort.

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Bad state insured and others lifted restrictions on who could provide telemedicine where they could be provided and what technology

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could be used advanced.

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For example, some providers in Vermont can now consult to New York patients without in New York state licensure. How long this will gone? We don't know, but it's a nice change advance. Medicare requirements were significantly relaxed.

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They're allowing us to consult and get paid for consultation to programs or places that they wouldn't have covered. Normally, without the pandemic advanced.

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They've also allow us to use the telephone for some consultations. Ensures you're allowing this as well advance we're sure more ensures. You're covering more insurers. You're covering services.

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I'm putting up fewer barriers advance, advance.

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This is one of one psychiatrist observations and predicted fall out.

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From covet nineteen and the future of telemedicine advance, we're making eliminate.

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From lemons, there's more telemedicine patients and providers then there ever has been.

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Not just in Keller, mental health is in every field. Why? Because it works it's cost effective. It's easy. It's well accepted and it's convenient.

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Yeah, it might've taken some people the hardware to learn this, but that learning is done. It's in there, and you can't, and you shouldn't go back as it is, the toothpaste to squeeze out of the two telemedicine happen.

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There will be more regular and more prominent users, because it's convenient.

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And it's a great compliment to, in person here next five. These are some telemedicine.

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Fun facts advanced please.

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I learned this recently from a colleague more patients are keeping appointments. Isn't that interesting? Probably, because it's convenient probably, because they don't have to leave their house probably, because they don't have to travel long distances. Probably. Probably. Probably.

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There's a lot to reason. Great opportunities for research to answer these questions.

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Advanced please what I've learned this is to advance.

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If you act like, telemedicine works, it's going to work if you apologize criticize in some other way, suggest the telemedicine is inferior.

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You will guarantee that it will be seen as inferior advanced, make sure to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work done by all of your colleagues.

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To optimize the telemedicine encounter when I say all the colleagues I mean,

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on both sides that is at your provider side,

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but also at the receiving site,

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make sure you acknowledge and say technical staff,

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the nurses,

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the social workers,

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the family members of the patients,

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your colleagues and the administrators who make it.

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Easier for you to provide the Keller medicine service advance, make sure you're accessible, you know, have.

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Advance and learn to roll with the punches, you're bound to encounter some technical problems. You need to chill. I'm at my technical problems today.

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I chilled and I got help from folks at the other end and thank you.

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And next slide most important next slide.

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And advance once look.

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At the camera, this is one of the world class telemedicine researchers.  
Elizabeth.

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Who graciously shared this slide with me.

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Showing how not to have good telepresence.

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That is look down look up look everywhere,

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but at the camera,

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one thing to keep in mind,

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make sure that when you're doing the telemedicine visit,

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you're looking at the cam or not at the person on your screen.

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Because if you're making eye contact, you think with the person on the screen, you're likely looking up or down from their eyes, make sure you look at that camera next five.

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And I say, wanna say, thanks to everybody for your attention today and giving me the opportunity to speak next slide.

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And Eric, if you have questions, metric, northeast telehealth resource center, it can be accessed at the number provided. And that's also my personal cell phone number if I can tell and I'm very happy to be called.

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And now a newsletter can be accessed using the code in the upper left of your screen. Thanks very much. Dr, thank you. So much for your interesting presentation.

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I learned a lot and I'm asking at this time if anyone has any questions to Chris, I guess we need you to unmute. There are no questions in chat.

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At the moment. We'll give a second to see if anyone has a question.

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And while we're waiting, I do have a question Dr benefits. And as you were presenting, I never thought about practitioners if you're doing telemedicine, having a presence and assessing that.

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How did you go about assessing your presence your telehealth presence with your patients and families and others? Did you send out some type of form for them to fill out, or how did you go about doing that?

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That's a great question. I never did anything. Formally. There. There. There are some questionnaires that one can use, but I don't think there's a specific telepresence questionnaire.

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So,

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what I did was instead of doing it in a formal way,

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but I,

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what I did was after virtually every visit,

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and often times during the visit,

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I would say to the team on the other end.

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Are you seeing the, okay? Are you hearing the okay have there been any dropped pieces of information? Am I making good eye contact with you now? Am I, in focus?

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And so I continue to make sure that I could assess myself. The other thing I did that really helped I raise habit.

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So that I can see myself.

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As others will see me, so, you know, we used to call it back in the day picture and picture. So I always keep that on.

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So I can make sure I know what my image is like, to the other, the recipient on the other end. And I make adjustments from time to time as necessary.

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I still have to admit that there are times when I forget to look at the camera. And that's one of the biggest challenges for me. And for a lot of people is just remembering to look at the camera.

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So that's still an ongoing challenge for me. But I think over the years, I've been able to more fine tune. My telepresence.

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The other thing that I try to do is behave as naturally as possible in front of the camera.

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And that is just act as if the image of that patient is really the patient in my office.

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And that's if I wanted to, I could actually shake his or her hands or examined for side effects from psychotropic medications. Even though I know that that's not possible.

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But it does make for a more natural approach.

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Big tips on working with the we are always assessing what we do for quality and how to improve and so that struck a chord with me when you mentioned it and it might be something I guess my other area of concern was,

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did you get patients and families to give you some feedback on how it went or how does that does that?

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Do you do that in your practice? Yes. All the time.

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And,

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in fact,

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we recorded,

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we didn't do a formal satisfaction survey,

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but back in the day,

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I video recorded most of my encounters with,

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of course,

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patient and family permission.

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And when we review these for our paper, two two comments struck me.

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Most of them were made by patients with at least mild cognitive impairment when we ask them what they thought of the telemedicine one said it's pretty cool.

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And another said it saves you a trip. And so we thought this is really great. People really understand what the approaches here.

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And a particular interest to me was the response that family.

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They were not exaggerating here. They were thrilled that we would provide the service.

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They felt that we were going above and beyond what we were required to do that we took special special pains to make telemedicine happen.

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And that we were clever enough to come up with the technology. Again. This is twenty years ago when we first started this now, everybody's doing it but people were really thrilled.

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So I continue to assess how things are going for patients and virtually every visit. Great. We do have a question and chat and it's from Andrew Miller and he's asking.

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Do you think that telling mental health is a good alternative to in person visits when patients are not far from the provider.

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That is a great question. I think that sometimes Kelly, mental health, maybe better than in person visits. Why?

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Well, some patients have a natural tendency to be avoided and some patients with particular conditions may really fit that. Bill.

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For instance, some patients with schizophrenia do not like to be in contact with others. They like to have a distance.

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Some patients with the autism spectrum prefer that distance trauma survivors, those with avoidant personality styles those with agoraphobia.

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Sometimes people with.

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Disfiguring conditions or other medical problems that make it difficult or impossible for them to get in for care.

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Really do benefit and sometimes prefer this kind of visit.

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So,

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I think it's a great question that was asked,

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and that's the,

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the,

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the time is right for researching this more aggressively because I think we're gonna find out things that are really interesting about this modality.

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We think that the answer the question, I think absolutely.

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We still have a few moments I wanted to see if anyone else had any questions you can put it in chat or try to.

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I, I don't know Chris is everyone to anew to done that quite sure if they can state your question. Janet can Dr.

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can you offer an example of how you managed a mental health crisis via telehealth? Sure.

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So I kind of have it easy that way because I consent to nursing specifically and exclusively. There's always someone.

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At the distance site available for emergency so I never see a patient alone in the room, except maybe once or twice.

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They've asked to have some alone time with me but most of the patients I see have some form of cognitive impairment. So, there's always a nurse and almost always a social worker in the room with them.

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So, emergencies are not especially problematic.

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However,

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we do recommend that people who are providing mental health services to a more active population that,

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before the services are ever provided.

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They make sure that they have safety built in that is, do you know, have to reach someone in an emergency?

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Who will that someone be less to do have a sad phone number with someone just sit outside of the room and be available to you.

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You have the ability to have cannabis in place so that you can immediately summon someone to come and take care of someone.

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And I think too,

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that if you're very worried about that,

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and you don't feel like,

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you have adequate coverage,

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don't perform the consultation until you have built in the appropriate safety safety procedures,

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and you have them know.

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And we do recommend that you write down and have the distance side as well as the providing site in possession of the protocols to follow up.

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Okay, thank you. Any, any other questions.

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I don't see anything else in chat so if not Chris next slide.

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I think that was those were all the slides. Yeah, no, we can just wanted to share with everyone on the call. We think we, thank you so much Dr with benefits for your time for your expertise and I just did one thing.

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Sure. I really do mean that you can call me on that cell number. So if anybody has any questions, or wants to talk more, has research ideas or feedback, or whatever, please feel free to give me a call.

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Thank you so much we thank you all for attending the webinar today on the screen.

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Now, you'll see our upcoming webinar is on September eighth, twenty second, and the six th, of October will continue our telehealth series. The eighth will be nursing homes and post acute care.

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Experience on the twenty second, the post acute care patients experience and then the last one will be nursing homes and home agency palliative care. So we hope that you will register and attend next slide Chris.

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If you have questions, please feel feel free to reach out to Christine Steagall. I've already posted in the chat, the website that you will be able to find the webinar slides will also send those out to you.

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And I think that's it for us. We, thank you. So much for being with us today, and we look forward to seeing you on our next call for the telehealth webinar. Thank you. All have a great afternoon.

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Finance.