



The Pros and Cons of Telehealth



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What is telehealth or telemedicine?

Telehealth is the delivery of health care, health education and/or health information services utilizing remote technologies. Telemedicine is defined as the remote “diagnosis and treatment” by way of telecommunication technology.

What are the benefits of telehealth or telemedicine for the patient?

- Increased access to healthcare services/providers for some patients
- More convenient appointment times with less disruption of their day.
- Increased opportunity to get second opinions
- Ability to facilitate coaching for those with chronic health conditions
- Well patients don't need to be exposed to sick patients

The drawbacks:

- Requires the internet
- Not every type of visit can be virtual
- It can be hard for older providers and patients alike
- There are assessment limitations
- The security of one's personal information online could be compromised
- Insurance companies may not pay for all types of visits

As you can see, there are both pros and cons to telehealth. Although the use of telehealth was not widely known pre pandemic, it was in use and thus will most likely be here to stay.