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The Future of Telehealth

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Terminology

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▶ Telehealth: Delivery of Health Care

- Telemedicine Services
- Digital Health Technology and Solutions
- Interoperability and Patient Portals
- Consumer-Initiated Health Care Apps

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Telemedicine Services

Telemedicine Service	Description
Telestroke	Remote evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment recommendations to emergency medicine physicians at other sites using advanced telecommunications technologies
Teleradiology	Transmission of images and associated data between locations for the purpose of primary interpretation or consultation and clinical review
Tele-ICU	Networks of audio-visual communications and computer systems that link critical care physicians and nurses to intensive care units in other, remote hospitals
Telebehavioral	Mental health and substance abuse services provided from a distance (e.g., using video-conferencing and other advanced communications technologies)
Telepathology	Practice of pathology from a remote location by means of video cameras, monitors, and remote-controlled microscopes
Cybersurgery	Surgical techniques allowing surgeons, using a telecommunication conduit connected to a robotic instrument, to operate on remote patients
Remote Patient Monitoring	Continuous or periodic clinical assessment of patients using advanced communications technologies
Telepharmacy	Provision of pharmaceutical care to patients (or supervision to technicians) at a distance using advanced telecommunications technologies
Consultations	Remote consultations with specialists, primary care physicians, counselors, social workers, and other health care professionals

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