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## Telemedicine 2.0 Series

Date	Session	Title
	Session 1	Telemedicine 2.0: How Is It Relevant to Me? (Pre-recorded video available)
Sept. 25, 2024	Session 2	Telehealth Then and Now
Oct. 1, 2024	Session 3	Telemedicine Regulatory Issues: Licensing, Standards of Practice, Billing, and Reimbursement
Oct. 8, 2024	Session 4	Protecting Privacy and Maintaining Security in Telemedicine
Oct. 15, 2024	Session 5	The Entrepreneur's Perspective on Telemedicine Technology and Tools Development
Oct. 24, 2024	Session 6	Digital Inclusion and Access to Care by Telemedicine

More details at: <a href="https://www.iths.org/event/telemedicine-then-and-now/?instance\_id=1372">https://www.iths.org/event/telemedicine-then-and-now/?instance\_id=1372</a>

## Telemedicine 2.0 Series – Learning Objectives

#### At the end of the series, participants will be able to:

- 1 Identify opportunities to improve remote patient care
- 2 Identify security and privacy risks associated with telemedicine technologies
- 3 Mitigate introduction of disparities in access to clinical care

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#### "Telehealth Then & Now"

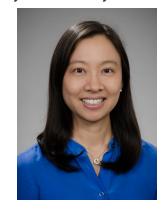
Telemedicine 2.0 Series: Session 2

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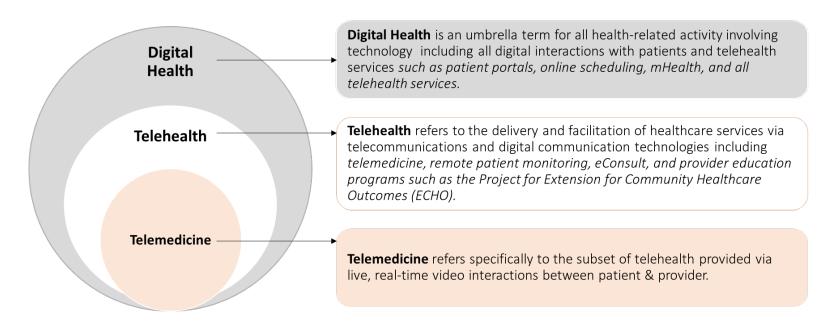
## Session 2 Learning Objectives

#### At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

- Identify and describe basic overall clinical, regulatory, and business concepts underlying telehealth/telemedicine and device-related digital health, including how the two areas are generally related to or different from each other.
- 2 Identify and describe different modalities for delivery of telehealth services
- Identify and describe unique challenges in the adoption of telehealth in rural areas

## Definitions: Digital Health, Telehealth and Telemedicine

The terms **telemedicine** and **telehealth** are often used interchangeably, however there are differences.

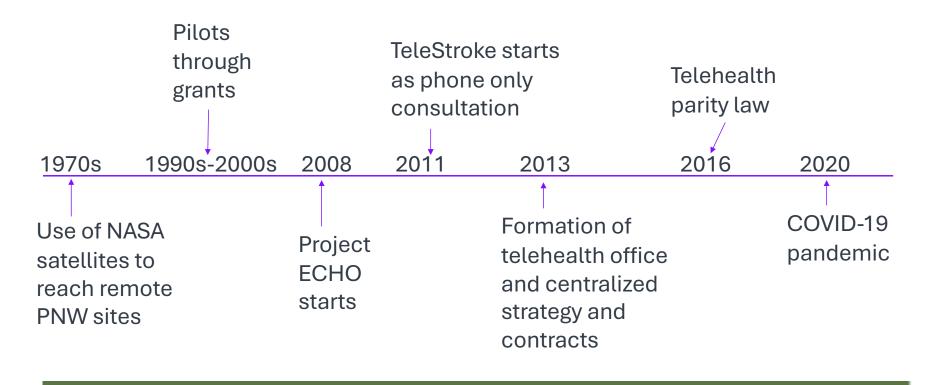


# Types of Telehealth

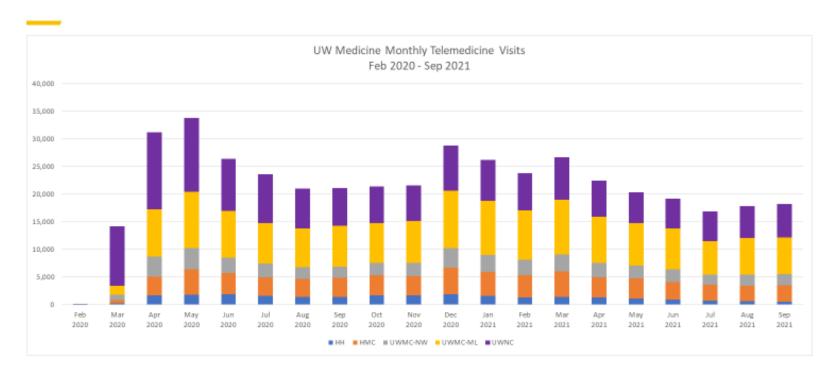
Live Video and Chat "Synchronous"	Store-and-Forward "Asynchronous"	Remote Patient Monitoring	mHealth	Provider Education
Medical devices and communication technology to deliver healthcare remotely	Provider-provider or provider-patients consults that include data storage, transfer, review and response	Health data collected from an individual and transmitted electronically to a provider	Use of mobile and wireless devices to improve health outcomes, services and research	Remote case review to upskill providers and peers working in rural and urban communities
Examples: TeleStroke, TelePsychiatry	Examples: eConsults, e-visit questionnaires	Examples: Blood glucose or blood pressure monitoring from home	Examples: medical apps, decision support, data collection	Examples: Project ECHO for HIV or Hepatitis C
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# History of Telehealth at UW



# UW Medicine COVID-19 Telehealth Response



## eConsults Program

# eConsults are a cost-effective solution to improve access to specialty care



Referring Provider

"I have a clear clinical question for a specialist to help me manage my patient's care plan."

- » Timely access to specialty input
- » Improved continuity of care for patients

Specialist

"I reply with recommendations and next steps for the patient so the referring provider can continue managing the patient's care."

- » Improved access for higher acuity patients and new patients
- » More efficient referrals

#### **eConsults**

- Secure written exchange between providers
- Condition-specific templates
- Include relevant labs, tests, images
- 3 business day turnaround

#### **Impact**

 Over 40,000 eConsults completed since 2016

#### Live Specialties at UW Medicine

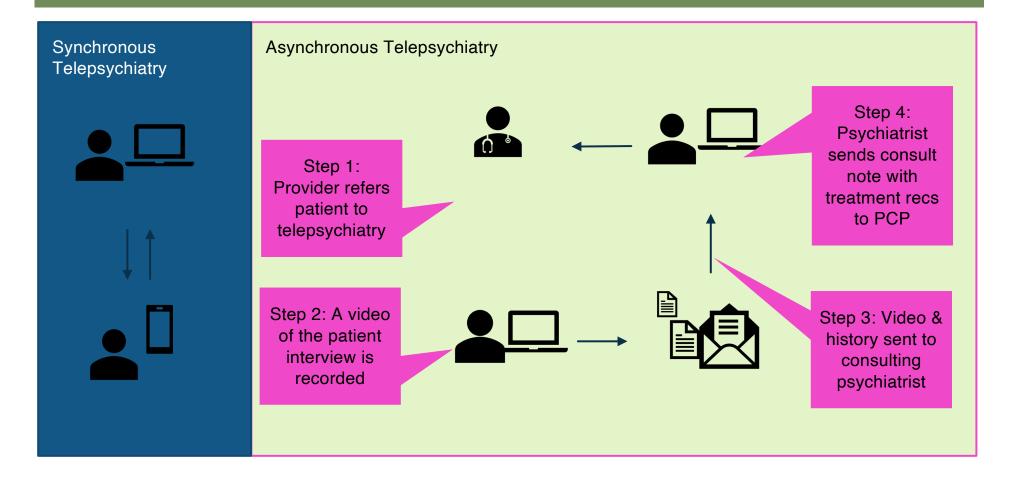
- Allergy, Cardiology, Dermatology
- Endocrinology, Gyn, Heme
- Infectious Dis, Renal, Neuro
- Psychiatry, Pulmonary, Rheum
- Urology, Wt loss, Palliative Care

#### **e**Consults

- •Improved access by 30% for first 4 specialties
- •Helps PCPs to work at top of their license
- Support collaborative care model
- •Reimburse <u>both</u> requesting provider and responding specialist 0.7 rVU
  - -CMS, WA Medicaid and most commercial insurance companies reimburse
- Leverages electronic medical record
- Currently only available within UW Medicine system

**Source**: Gaye M, Mehrotra A, Byrnes-Enoch H, et al. Association of eConsult Implementation With Access to Specialist Care in a Large Urban Safety-Net System. JAMA Health Forum 2021, 2(5):e210456.doi: 10.1001/jamahealthforum.2021.0456

# Asynchronous Psychiatry



## Solid Literature to Support Concept

JOURNAL OF MEDICAL INTERNET RESEARCH

Yellowlees et al

Original Paper

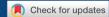
# Clinical Outcomes of Asynchronous Versus Synchronous Telepsychiatry in Primary Care: Randomized Controlled Trial

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# A Pilot Randomized Trial of Asynchronous and Synchronous Telepsychiatry in Skilled Nursing Facilities

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## **Primary Care Physician Adherence to Telepsychiatry Recommendations: Intermediate Outcomes from a Randomized Clinical Trial**

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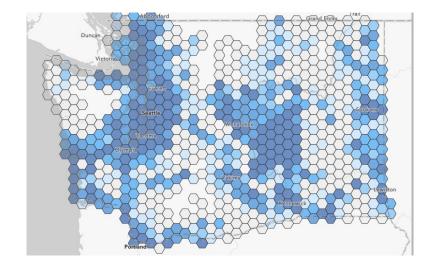
#### **Abstract**

Objective:To compare clinical recommendations given by psychiatrists and the adherence to these recommendations by primary care physicians (PCP) following consultations conducted by asynchronous telepsychiatry (ATP) and synchronous telepsychiatry (STP).

Materials and Methods: ATP and STP consultations were compared using intermediate data from a randomized clinical trial with adult participant enrollment between April 2014 and December 2017. In both study arms, PCPs received written recommendations from the psychiatrist after each encounter. Independent clinicians reviewed PCP documentation to measure adherence to those recommendations in the 6 months following the baseline consultation.

# Challenges for Telehealth in Rural Areas

- Broadband Access
- Digital Literacy
- Financial Barriers
- Privacy



https://broadband-wacommerce.hub.arcgis.com/pages/broadband-service-comparison

## Current Challenges

- Rollback of PHE and many policies are changing
- Privacy and security for mHealth
- •Ryan Haight Act regulations for prescribing controlled substances
- Integration of patient-reported information into EMR
- •Who owns data?
- Payment system and misalignment of incentives

# Telehealth Then & Now

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#### Outline of Topics

- Defining remote patient and remote therapeutic monitoring (RPM/RTM)
- 2 RTM/RPM benefits, safety considerations
- Example of how RTM meets the clinical needs in rehabilitation and physical activity support
- 4. Intro to Teleradiology

## The Digital Health Market is Expanding Rapidly

# **Mobile Health**Wellness, fitness

trackers and nutrition apps

**Digital Therapeutics** (DTx) deliver medical interventions to patients using evidence-based, clinical software to treat, manage, and prevent conditions.

The global DTx market is projected to increase from \$5.8 billion to \$56 billion by 2025.

# Health Information Technology

Electronic health records

#### **Devices, Sensors and Wearables**

Wearable and wireless devices

#### Telehealth

Telemedicine visits

Remote patient monitoring Remote therapeutic monitoring Teleradiology

#### Personalized Healthcare

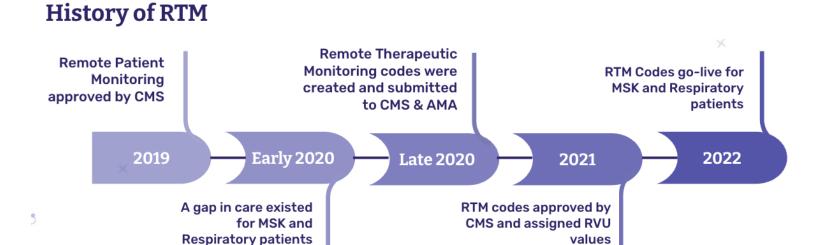
Predicative analysis

Citations: runway.is/blog/digital-health-trends/, https://dtxalliance.org/understanding-dtx/, https://www.mobihealthnews.com/news/emea/digital-therapeutics-and-wellness-app-users-reach-14-billion-2025

#### Telehealth: The Role of Remote Monitoring

- Monitor important health metrics in the home setting for chronic or post-acute care conditions
- Helps address some barriers to access and transportation for patients and enables healthcare in the home and community setting.

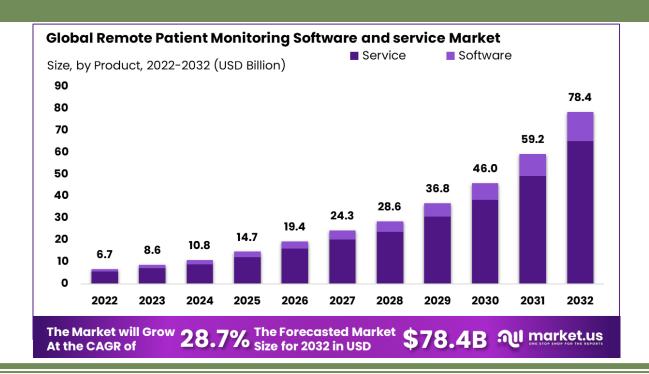
### Timeline of the Expansion of Remote Monitoring



Early 2020, COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) increased flexibilities of telehealth use

Figure credit: Remote TherapeuticMonitoring Explained (limberhealth.com)

## Remote Monitoring Market Size

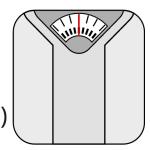


#### Definition: Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM)

- RPM (P=Patient or Physiologic) is collecting and analyzing *physiological* data from patients via an approved, connected medical device and used to develop and manage a condition
  - Data: weight, blood pressure, blood glucose, pulse, temperature, oximetry, respiratory flow rates, and more
  - Conditions: High blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, heart conditions, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, sleep apnea, asthma, other

#### Devices used for RPM

- . Weight scales
- . Pulse oximeters
- Blood glucose meters (continuous glucose monitoring)
- Blood pressure monitors (self-measured)
- . Sleep apnea monitors
- . Heart monitors
- . Fetal heart rate and movement monitors





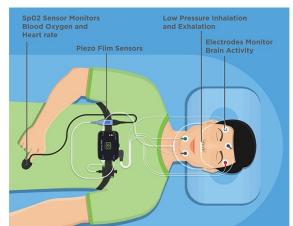


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## Reimbursement for RPM



CPT Code	Requirement	Provider
99453	Initial set up and patient education on use of equipment	Clinical Staff
99454	Device supply with daily recording or programmed alert transmission each 30 days	Clinical Staff
99457	Interpretation of data and interactions with patient requiring 20 mins/month	Clinical Staff
99485	Interpretation of data and interactions with patient requiring 20 mins/month  Used in conjunction with 99457 for additional mins/month	Clinical Staff
99091	Collection and interpretation of physiological data requiring 30 mins per 30 days	Physician/QHCP

Image credit: Remote patient monitoring: the future of healthcare? - PharmaTimes, 2021 Medicare Coverage of Remote Physiologic Monitoring (RPM) (aamc.org)

### Definition: Remote Therapeutic Monitoring (RTM)



- RTM is a method of monitoring <u>non-physiological</u> data from patients via an approved, connected medical device.
- RTM can monitor therapeutic interventions with the use of telehealth sessions, mhealth applications, or wearable technology
- RTM covers musculoskeletal or respiratory system, motion sensor tracking, cognitive behavioral therapy, pain, and therapy (medication) adherence and response.

#### RTM Collects Non-Physiological Data

- Data such as pain level, therapy/medication adherence, therapy/medication response, and self-reported data can be evaluated.
- RTM requires the use of an FDA-approved medical device but it can include selfreported data received through an app or web-based platform.
- RTM codes allow for wider practitioner eligibility: including physicians, NP's, PA's, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists and clinical psychologists.

# RTM Billing Codes

#### Table A

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CPT® Code	Code Description	Timing		
98975	Remote therapeutic monitoring (eg, therapy adherence, therapy response); initial set-up and patient education on use of equipment	Report once per episode of care for monitoring of 16 days or more. Report only once, even if monitoring exceeds 30 days.		
98976	Remote therapeutic monitoring (eg, therapy adherence, therapy response); device(s) supply with scheduled (eg, daily) recording(s) and/or programmed alert(s) transmission to monitor respiratory system, each 30 days	Report once per 30-day period for monitoring of 16 days or more.		
98977	Remote therapeutic monitoring (eg, therapy adherence, therapy response); device(s) supply with scheduled (eg, daily) recording(s) and/or programmed alert(s) transmission to monitor musculoskeletal system, each 30 days	Report once per 30-day period for monitoring of 16 days or more.		
98978	Remote therapeutic monitoring (eg, therapy adherence, therapy response); device(s) supply with scheduled (eg, daily) recording(s) and/or programmed alert(s) transmission to monitor cognitive behavioral therapy, each 30 days	Report once per 30-day period for monitoring of 16 days or more.		
98980	Remote therapeutic monitoring treatment management services, physician or other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring at least one interactive communication with the patient or caregiver during the calendar month; first 20 minutes	First full 20 minutes (no increments) per calendar month Must include one interactive communication with patient or caregiver.		
+98981	each additional 20 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Report with 98980 for each additional full 20 minutes (no increments).		

https://www.aapc.com/blog/87433-know-when-to-bill-for-rtm-services/

### **RTM Examples**



#### **Musculoskeletal**

Physical therapy monitoring

Fall detection and prevention

Pain, exercise adherence, fatigue, and strength tracking

#### **Respiratory**

Spirometers

Inhalers

Sleep monitors

#### **Cognitive**

Tracking mental health, anxiety, depression symptoms and related factors.

Medication adherence

AMA Remote Patient Monitoring Playbook | AMA (ama-assn.org); Health FutureOfRemoteMonitoring.pdf

## Potential Benefits of Remote Monitoring for Patients & Providers

Patients	Providers
Improved Chronic Disease Management Continuous monitoring allows for early detection of abnormalities, potentially reducing the risk of complications.	Efficient Healthcare Delivery Healthcare providers can efficiently manage a large panel of patients
Enhanced Convenience and Accessibility Patients can receive care from home, reducing need for in person visits. This is beneficial for those with mobility issues or in remote areas.	Timely Intervention and Reduced Hospitalizations
Increased Patient Engagement By monitoring their health metrics, patients become more aware of their health	Enhanced Medication Adherence
Empowerment in Self-Care RPM provides them with valuable insights and encourages informed medical decisions	Streamlined <u>Chronic Care Management</u>
Better Quality of Life	Integration into Healthcare Systems

https://neolytix.com/future-of-remote-patient-monitoring/

#### Patient Safety Considerations with Remote Monitoring

#### **Risks to Patients**



- Failure to identify when patients need attention
- Device or tech related challenges
- Inaccurate data collection and risk of misdiagnosis
- Data security and privacy considerations

#### **Organizational Solutions & Strategies**



- **Patient selection**: Protocols for identifying appropriate patients to use RPM.
- Triage and escalation protocols so that abnormal results are addressed by staff. Thresholds for flagging abnormal results
- Tech support/device management
- Managing data volume & interpretation, how it will be integrated with EHR and clinical workflow
- Education and training provider & patient

### Unmet Needs of Rehabilitation & Potential for RTM

Home exercise compliance relies largely on self-report

Challenges with self-report: Accuracy, inefficient data collection, data interpretation by clinicians, how to translate to actionable insights

Newer technologies require wearables – can be costly and associated with accessibility barriers



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Work-out Log
  A - - NuStep (machine - - leg and
        arm pump - 8-10 min)
  B - - Sit/stand (10 reps)
                                        10/28 - - 1
  C - - Stretch band (standing)
                                        10/30 - -
  D - - Stretch band
       (sitting, knees 24reps)
 E - - Walking (10 min plus)
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 09/09 - - A
 09/10 - - A, B, E
 09/12 - - A
 09/13 - - A, B, D, E
 09/14 - - A, D, E
09/16 - - A, D, E
09/18 - - D, E
09/20 - - A, C, D
09/21 - - A, D, E
09/23 - - A
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09/30 - - A, D, E
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10/02 - - E!
10/03 - - D, E
10/04 - - A, B, D, E
10/07 - - A, B, D, E
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Image credit: MyndVR Launches MyndVR at Home to Aid Seniors Aging in Place - Rehab Management (rehabpub.com)

## Digital Rehabilitation Platforms

#### **Require VR Headsets**

- MyndVR
- XR Health

#### **Computer Vision Technology**

- Kaia
- Fittonic

#### **Utilize GPS Tracking**

Altis

#### **Require Wearable Sensors**

- Hinge Health
- SWORD Health

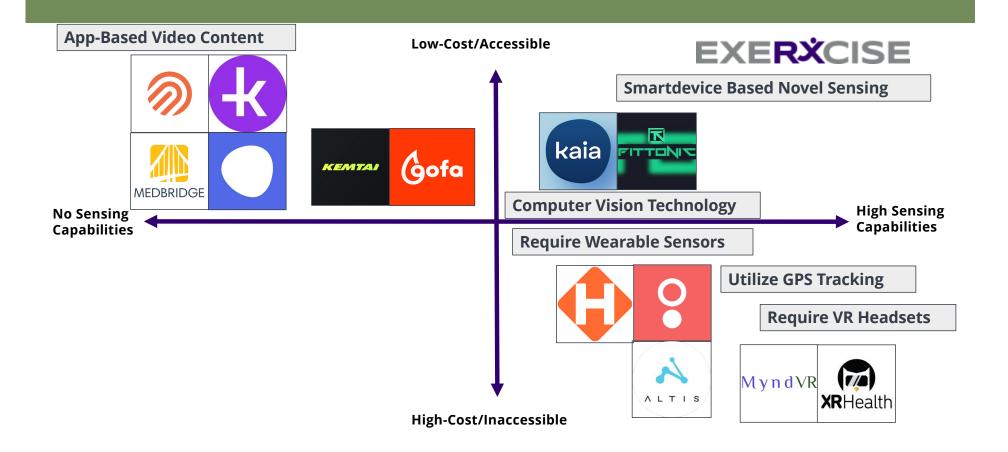
## Camera-Based Motion Capture

- Kemtai
- GOFA

#### **App-Based Video Content**

- MedBridge GO
- Ventrk
- Omanda Health
- Kiio

## Digital Rehabilitation Platforms



#### What Makes ExerciseRx Different?

Physical Therapy







Kiio

**Thera**Centric

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Physical Activity









## EXERXCISE

- Home exercises for physical therapy
- Progressive activity support
- > EHR Integration
- Scalable patientprovider connection

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# ExerciseRx is a pragmatic, scalable platform developed for rehabilitation and physical activity

#### **Patient App**

Physical Activity Data Capture



Home Exercise Sensing













**Provider Dashboard** 

Clinically Relevant Activity Data Integration

Semi-Automated Patient Support

#### RTM for Rehabilitation and Physical Activity

#### **Current Space**

Variety of home exercise and rehabilitation solutions are commercially available

Generally, higher sensing capabilities are associated with increasing costs and potential user challenges

#### Filling a Needs Gap



#### **Future**

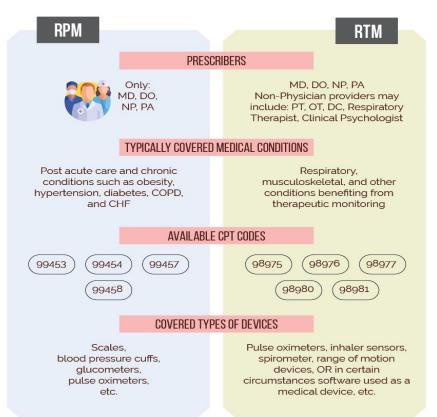
Considerations: Usability & feasibility for patients and providers

Integration of AI/ML algorithms

EHR for scalability and integrating to clinical care



## In Summary: RPM vs. RTM



The Complete Guide to Maximizing RPM Revenue and Outcomes | CoachCare, How CMS is Advancing Remote Patient Monitoring with New CPT Codes in 2022 (myvetahealth.com)

## Teleradiology





Image credit: https://www.prescript.com.au/prescriptblog/frcr-teleradiology-global

## Definition of Teleradiology

**Teleradiology** is a subset of telemedicine that involves interpreting diagnostic imaging at a site geographically remote from where the image was taken.



Image credit: https://www.otherarticles.com/press-release/healthiness/176684-teleradiology-7-benefits-for-patients-and-health-professionals.html

#### Teleradiology Framework

## Intramural Teleradiology

#### Intra-organizational

 The radiologist works for or is associated with the organization that acquires the images and cares for the patient

# **Extramural Teleradiology**

#### Extra-organizational

 The radiologist interpreting the image works for a radiology practice and/or corporation not affiliated with the healthcare organization acquiring the images

Hanna TN, Steenburg SD, Rosenkrantz AB, Pyatt RS Jr, Duszak R Jr, Friedberg EB. Emerging Challenges and Opportunities in the Evolution of Teleradiology. AJR Am J Roentgenol. 2020 Dec;215(6):1411-1416. doi: 10.2214/AJR.20.23007. Epub 2020 Oct 14. PMID: 33052736.

### Teleradiology Benefits

- Remote consultations: Radiologists can provide interpretations of images regardless of their location
- Efficiency: Radiologists can review and interpret images from multiple hospital sources without being physically present, allowing for more efficient scale of image interpretation
- Second opinions: Sharing of images with other specialists and hospitals
- Improved access: Patients in rural and/or underserved areas can receive radiological assessments without having to travel distance
- 24/7 coverage for image interpretations, critical for emergencies

## **Future of Teleradiology**

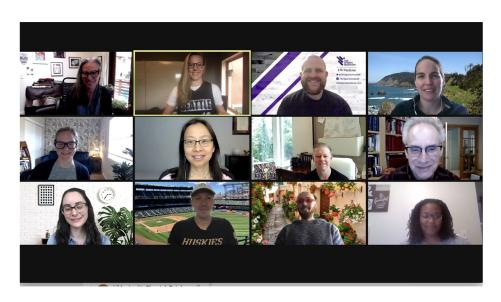


- Integration of AI/ML to augment radiologists' capabilities by assisting in image analysis, pattern recognition, and automated report generation. Al algorithms can help detect abnormalities, provide quantitative measures, and triage critical cases.
- Integration with telemedicine platforms and EHR enables real-time consultations, facilitating multidisciplinary care
- Emerging modalities such as molecular imaging, functional imaging, 3D and 4D imaging are expanding the possibilities for more accurate diagnoses.

### Summary and Future Directions

- Remote monitoring's future potential is significant
- 2. Patient, provider, and health systems barriers/facilitators can make or break adoption, scale, and sustained use.
- Demonstrating the value and ROI of RPM and RTM is critical.
- Future will include integration of AI/ML and help improve personalized medicine, we can help to shape that future

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