South Carolina’s Telehealth Network

Telehealth Nursing 101
Telemedicine VS Telehealth

- **Telemedicine** refers specifically to remote clinical services, while **telehealth** can refer to remote non-clinical services such as provider education, administrative meetings and continuing education. Telehealth is different from telemedicine because it refers to a broader scope of remote healthcare services.
Can you imagine what health care would look like if...

... clinical care was available anytime and anywhere
... clinicians could obtain consultations with medical centers of excellence anytime and anywhere
... home bound patients could be monitored remotely anytime and anywhere
... medical education programs were available anytime and anywhere

This is the potential of telehealth
Challenges and Benefits of Telehealth

**Challenges**
- Reimbursement
- Physician Champions
- Institutional Buy-in
- Convenience
- Telecommunications
  - Costs
  - Trade-offs
- Program Sustainability
- Credentialing, Privileging & Accreditation

**Benefits**
- Increases access to care
- Increases efficiency for providers
- Reduces overall health care costs
- Reduces delays in care
- Retains resources locally
- Increases patient satisfaction
- Improves quality of care
  - Consultant and primary provider communication
  - Education to providers
- Improves health outcomes
- Virtual accessibility
Get the Facts:
Telehealth Nursing

What is Telehealth Nursing (Telenursing and Nursing Telepractice)
The use of telehealth/telemedicine technology to deliver nursing care and conduct nursing practice remotely

Where is Telehealth Nursing Practiced
- Teletriage
- TeleICU
- Telestroke
- Home health
- Call Centers
- School-based, etc.
Get the Facts: Telehealth Nursing

Why Telehealth Nursing

- Decrease hospital admissions
- Decrease ER visits
- Manage chronic illness
- Impact nursing shortage
- Reduce healthcare costs
- Provide access to care
Get the Facts: Telehealth Nursing

Telehealth Nursing Licensure
Telehealth Nursing may require an additional licensure to practice across state lines.

Telehealth Nursing Competencies
Telehealth Standards and Guidelines can be found with the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nurses (AAACN) and American Nurses Association (ANA)
Telehealth Equipment

- Live Interactive
- Store and Forward
- Emergency Response
- Patient Education Kiosks
- Home Health Monitoring
- Educational Services
- Videoconferencing

Polycom Telemedicine Unit
Vision

Improving the health of South Carolina through telemedicine

Mission

Facilitate health care access across South Carolina through the utilization of innovative technology to promote the provision of qualified medical professionals of various disciplines

Values

- Patient-Centered
- Quality
- Collaboration
- Sustainability
- Integrity
- Results-Driven
Tele-OB Program with SCDHHS – 18 primary care & OB providers
USDA RUS Grant with Roper St. Francis and communities of Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton
Tele-Endocrinology Program with USC to rural communities
Remote Patient Monitoring Program for Diabetes with Critical Access Hospitals
Statewide Telehealth Strategic Plan
Telehealth Program Implementation
PCC will assist clients with telehealth program implementation by conducting a thorough needs assessment, providing equipment support, and accessing broadband connectivity.

Equipment Installation, Training, and Support
PCC will install telehealth equipment and provide technical support.

Grant Development and Implementation

Broadband Connectivity
PCC helps facilitate the process of connecting healthcare organizations to the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN), statewide consortium, and additional services eligible for reimbursement through USAC.
Upcoming Events

4th Annual Telehealth Summit of SC

Connecting Healthcare Problems to Healthcare Solutions

| COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER |

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Advisory Council and Partner Representation
Resources

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