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NETRC Regional Conference: Leveraging Telehealth to Achieve the Triple Aim - June 10th, 2014
Burlington, VT

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ConnectNH Videoconferencing Workshop and Annual Meeting
April 18, 2014, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM at UNH in Durham, NH

This Month in Telemedicine-American Telemedicine Association
Jonathan Linkous, CEO, and Gary Capistrant, Senior Director of Public Policy
April 29, 2014, 2:00 PM EST

Reducing Hospital Readmissions through Telehealth-- National Telehealth Webinar Series
Bonnie Britton, CEO of Vidant Health
Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center
May 15, 2014, 2:00 PM EST

ATA 2014 Annual Meeting and Trade Show
May 18-20 in Baltimore, MD

Regional Meetings and Upcoming Programming
New Hampshire
ConnectNH will be convening a sub-committee to work on issues related to telehealth in NH. Please contact Kim Mohan if you are interested in joining.

Grant Opportunities
USAC Funding

Telehealth Policy News
Expanding telemedicine beyond state borders
USA Today, March 7, 2014 htm
The article highlights progress among the states in Medicaid and private insurance coverage of telehealth services and revived initiatives to reduce licensing barriers to provision of services across state lines.

**State medical board proposal could affect telehealth licensing**  
*iHealthBeat, March 21, 2014* [htm](#)  
The Federation of State Medical Boards will soon vote on a new telemedicine policy which would codify that medical care takes place where a patient is receiving the telehealth service rather than where the remote provider is located.

**Telehealth garners lion's share of Obama's proposed VA IT budget**  
*mHealth News, March 07, 2014* [htm](#)  
Next year's budget for the Veterans Health Administration includes allocation of $567 million for telehealth, up $23 million from last year.

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### News on the Practice of Telemedicine

**ATA's tele-ICU guidelines aim to ensure patient safety**  
*FierceHealth IT, April 3, 2014* [htm](#)  
The American Telemedicine Association recently posted a draft version of a guideline manual on the use of telecommunications technologies in intensive care settings, which is open to public commentary through April 26.

**Study: Tele-ICU tools worth the investment for hospitals**  
*FierceHealth IT, March 31, 2014* [htm](#)  
Highlights are provided from a recent review of outcomes and cost benefits of tele-critical care programs.

**Telemedicine could be useful for nighttime patient admissions**  
*FierceHealth IT, March 27, 2014* [htm](#)  
The story summarizes findings of a recent journal article which points the prospect of using telemedicine to delivery remote hospitalist care for patients admitted to hospitals at night.

**Telemedicine "coming of age" in New Mexico**  
*University of New Mexico news release, March 13, 2014* [htm](#)  
Governor Martinez recently signed into law a state budget that included $1.1 million to expand telemedicine services in the state, including more funding for the Project ECHO model developed at the University of New Mexico.

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### Telemedicine Technology News

**FDA issues proposed rule that could benefit mobile health**  
*iHealthBeat, March 26, 2014* [htm](#)  
The Food and Drug Administration recently published a proposed rule that would simplify and streamline the process by which the agency classifies medical devices, including mobile health technologies.

**Dallas-based Teladoc largest U.S. telehealth firm**  
*Healthcare Daily (Dallas/Ft. Worth), Mar. 14, 2013* [htm](#)  
The telehealth company Teladoc is profiled along with growth in its delivery of primary care physician visits to homes or businesses.
through the Internet.

**Time Warner wants to bring telemedicine home**

*Information Week Healthcare, March 5, 2014 [htm](http://example.com)*

Time Warner Cable is teaming with Tely Labs and Cleveland Clinic to conduct a trial of a home telehealth over secure Internet using the TelyMed appliance and software to deliver video visits with providers and monitor health indicators via wireless peripheral devices.

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**Health Information Technology News**

**CMS issues updated electronic clinical quality measure specifications**

*iHealthBeat, April 8, 2014 [htm](http://example.com)*

CMS has released updated specifications for electronic clinical quality measures used by eligible hospitals in 2014 under meaningful use Stage 2.

**ONC unveils security risk assessment app for health care providers**

*iHealthBeat, March 31, 2014 [htm](http://example.com)*

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT released a new tool to help small- and medium-sized health care organizations assess their information security risks.

**HIE use results in fewer hospitalizations, cost savings**

*Fierce Health IT, March 13, 2014 [htm](http://example.com)*

Using a health information exchange system may reduce hospitalizations from the emergency department and save money, according to a new study from Weill Cornell Medical Center.

**GAO hits EHR Incentive Program hard**

*Healthcare IT News, March 7, 2014 [htm](http://example.com)*

The GAO recently criticized the Meaningful Use EHR Incentive Program and called for action to establish effective strategies in order to achieve its goals for improving health care.

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**Recent Telehealth Resources**

- Isetta V, León C, Torres M, et al. Teledermatology-based
approach for obstructive sleep apnea management. 


