

Electronic Consultations (eConsults)

Electronic Consultations (eConsults) are *timely communications* hosted on a *secure electronic platform* that occur *asynchronously between primary care providers and specialist providers*. A primary care provider initiates the consultation request by forwarding a patient-specific clinical question, clarification, or guidance request to the specialist provider. The specialist provider can respond to the consultation by recommending a face-to-face visit with the patient, responding to the eConsult directly on the secure electronic platform, or requesting additional information from the primary care provider.¹

Benefits of eConsults



For PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

Increased scope of practice, greater dissemination of new medical practice, rapid turnaround



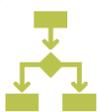
For SPECIALIST PROVIDERS

Clearer clinical questions, fewer inappropriate visits, reduced disruption in workflow



For PATIENTS

Decreased travel, fewer unnecessary tests & procedures, improved access to care



For CLINICAL OUTCOMES

Increased use of evidence-based treatment, improved quality of care



For HEALTH SYSTEMS

Management of patient in primary care, reduced costs