



# Telehealth in Maine: Reimbursement & Sustainment Webinar Series

A Value Approach to Telehealth Implementation & Sustainability  
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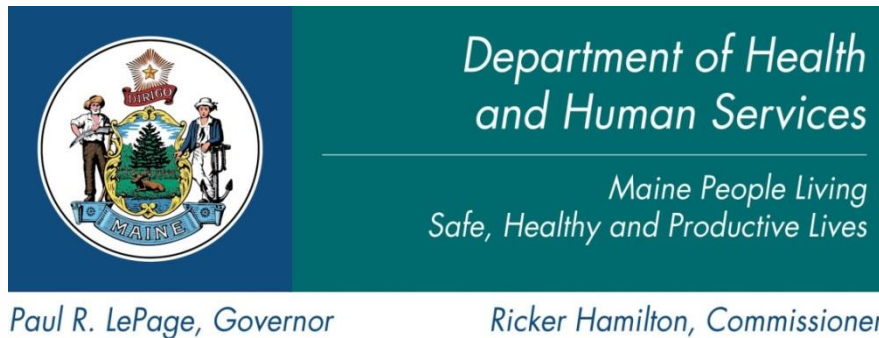
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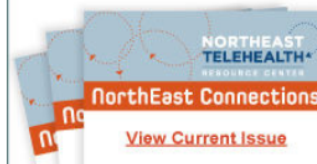
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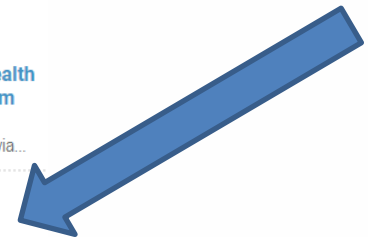
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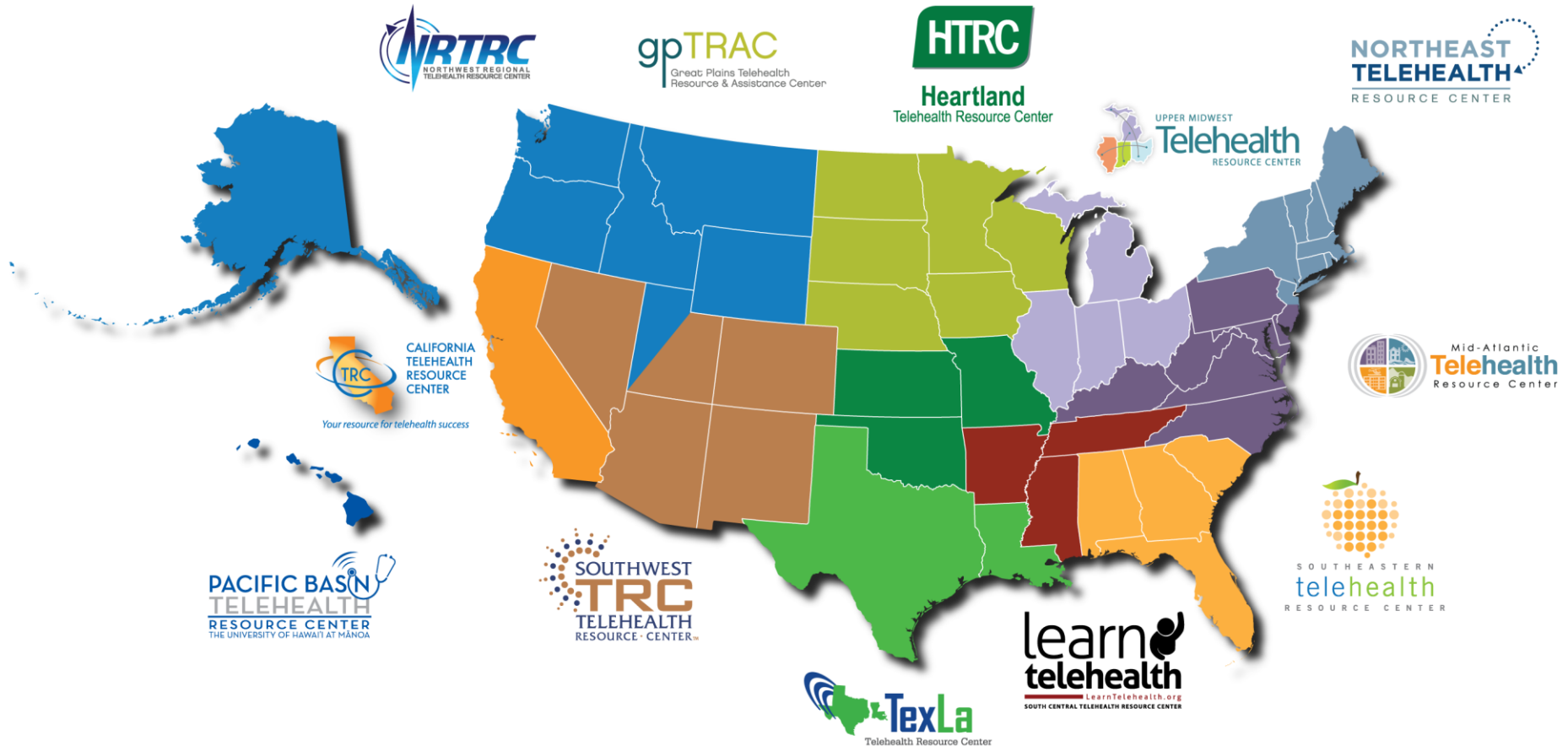
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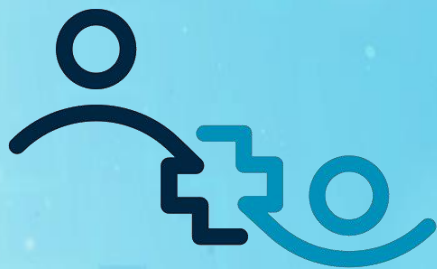
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- Hospitals
- Private Practice
- Associations
- Societies
- Community Collaboratives
- Residential Housing Management
- Academia
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# The Value of Telehealth

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Friday, November 16, 2018



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# Topics

**Telehealth,  
Defined**

**Value,  
Defined**

**Sources of  
Value**

**Revenue  
Models**



**Telehealth,  
Defined**

# Telehealth, Defined

*“Everybody agreed,  
until somebody defined it.”*

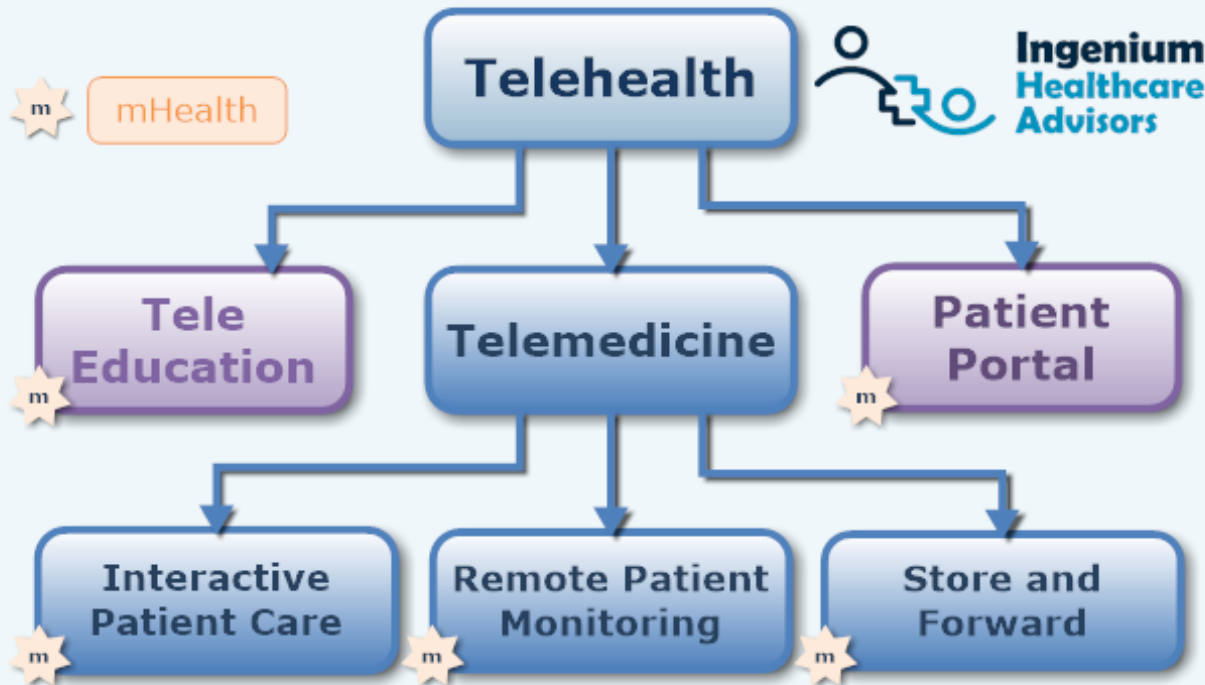


**Telehealth**  
Delivering Care  
at a Distance

**Telemedicine**  
Practicing  
Medicine  
at a Distance



# A Telehealth Taxonomy





## **Interactive Patient Care (IPC)**

Live Video, Chat, or Phone Interaction



## **Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM)**

Continuous & Periodic Transmission  
of Vital Signs



## **Store & Forward (S&F)**

Asynchronous Transmission  
of images, video, sound





## **TeleEducation**

Providing educational information.

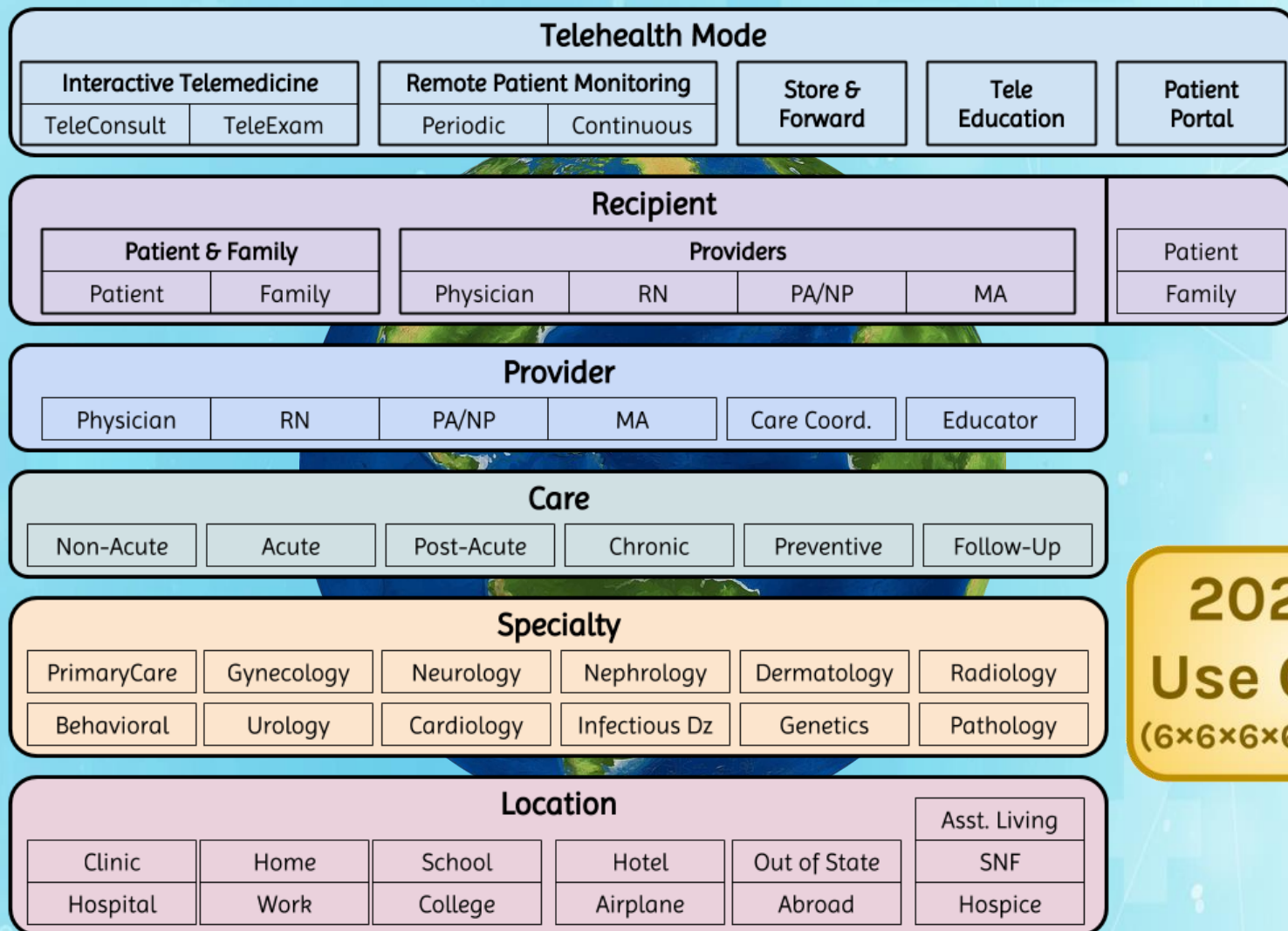


## **PatientPortal**

Access to patient-specific information and self-service options.



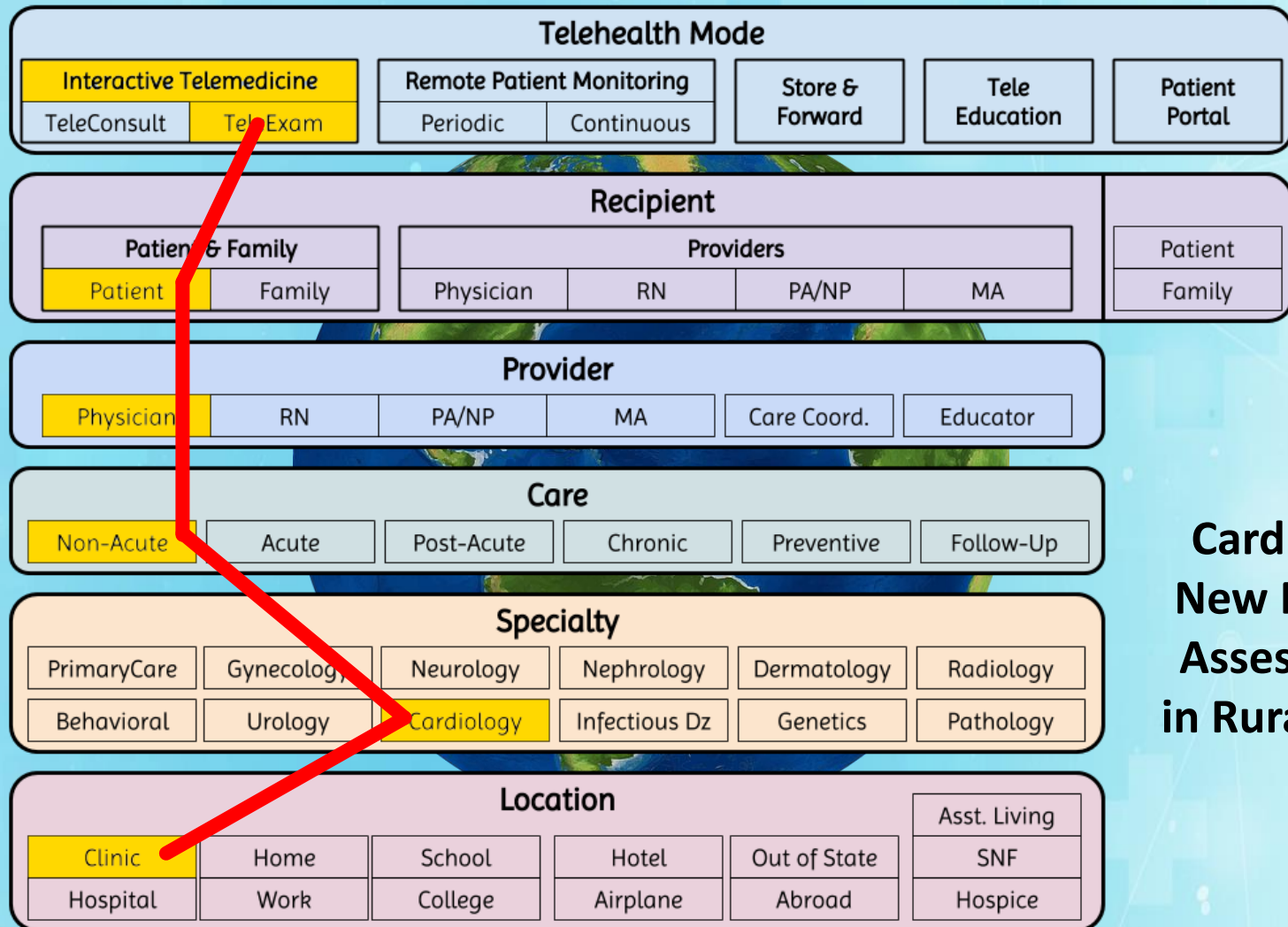




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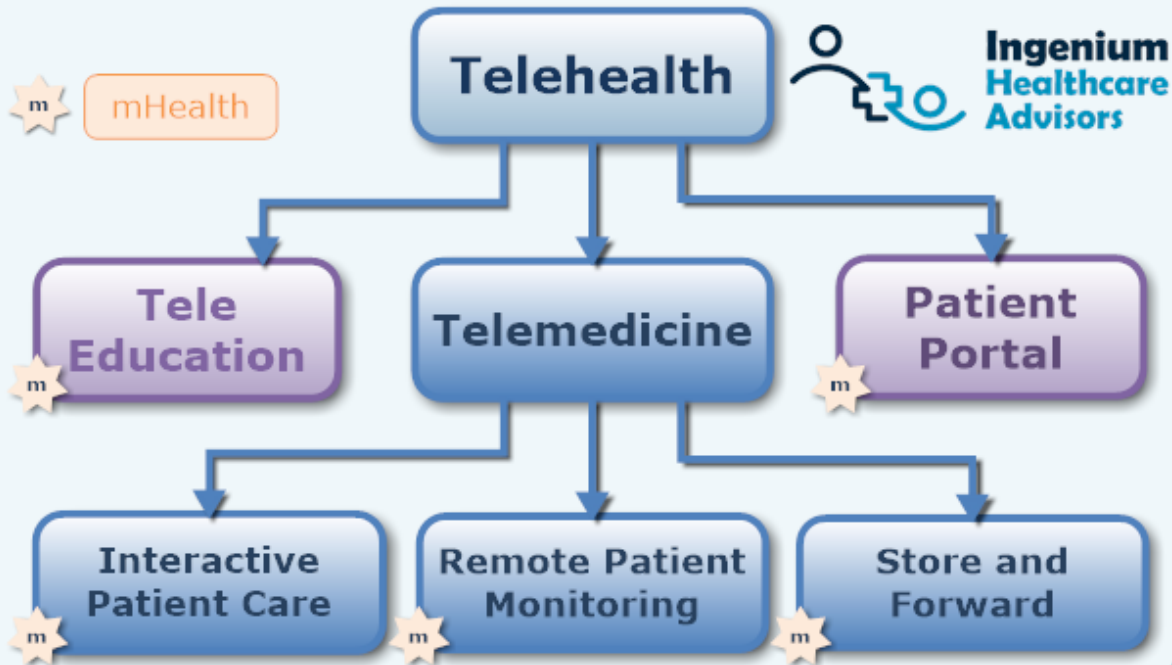




**Cardiology  
New Patient  
Assessment  
in Rural Clinic**



# A Telehealth Taxonomy



## Personal Wellness

m exercise

m nutrition

m sleep

m relaxation



**Value,  
Defined**

# Value, Defined

*“The bitterness of poor quality still lingers,  
while the sweetness of low price  
has long been forgotten.”*



# The Value Equation

$$\text{Value} = \frac{\text{Quality}}{\text{Cost}}$$



# Telehealth can improve the Quality of Care

Improved  
Patient Engagement

Improved  
Patient Satisfaction

Improved  
Care Team Satisfaction

More Timely  
Interventions

Faster  
Diagnoses

Improved  
Care Management

Improved  
Care Coordination

Improved  
Care Access



# Telehealth can lower the Cost of Care



# Increasing the Value



The diagram illustrates the formula for Value, which is Quality divided by Cost. To the left of the equals sign is a large blue arrow pointing upwards, indicating that the overall value increases. To the right of the fraction, there is a blue arrow pointing upwards next to the word 'Quality' and a blue arrow pointing downwards next to the word 'Cost', indicating that value is increased by increasing quality and decreasing cost.

$$\text{Value} = \frac{\text{Quality}}{\text{Cost}}$$





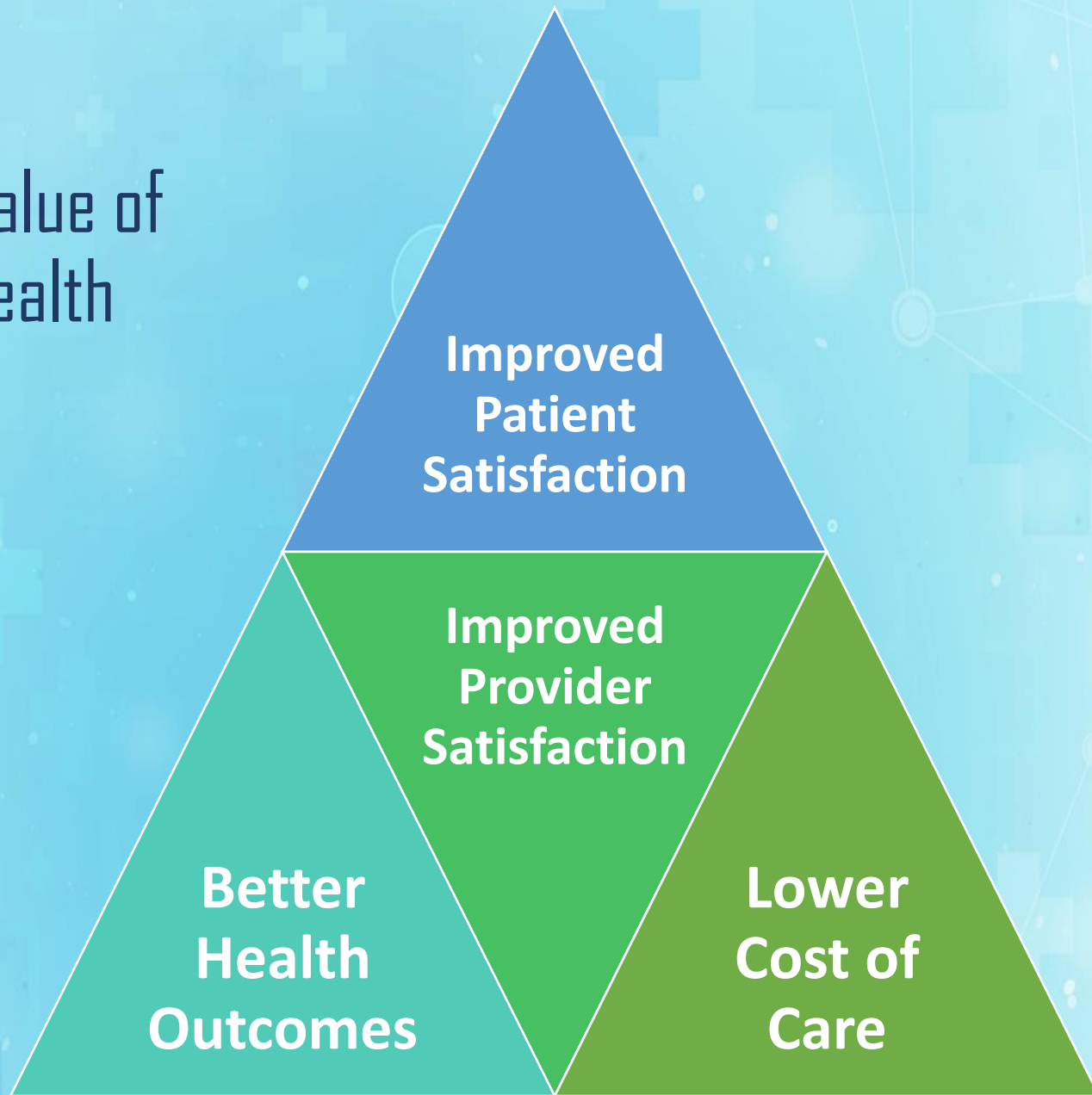
**Sources of  
Value**

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# The Value of Telehealth





# Exceeding the Expectations of the Modern Healthcare Consumer

Improving **Access** to Care

Improving **Trust** in Care

Improving **Transparency**  
of Cost



**Better  
Health  
Outcomes**

Improving the  
**Quality of Care**

Better Care **Transitions**

Timely **Access** to Care

**Individualized** Care

**Personalized** Care



**Lower Cost  
of Care**

Improved **Efficiencies**

Eliminated **Waste**

Optimized **Workflow**

Right **Care**,  
Right **Time**,  
Right **Place**



**Improved  
Provider  
Satisfaction**

**Better Processes**

**“Practicing at the  
Top of One’s License”**

**Technology is a Tool,  
not a Hindrance**

**Technology enables  
Better Care Delivery**



# Sources of Value

## Organizational

- Reputation
- Brand
- Market Share
- Recruitment
- Satisfaction

## Financial

- Revenue
- Cost Savings
- No Penalties

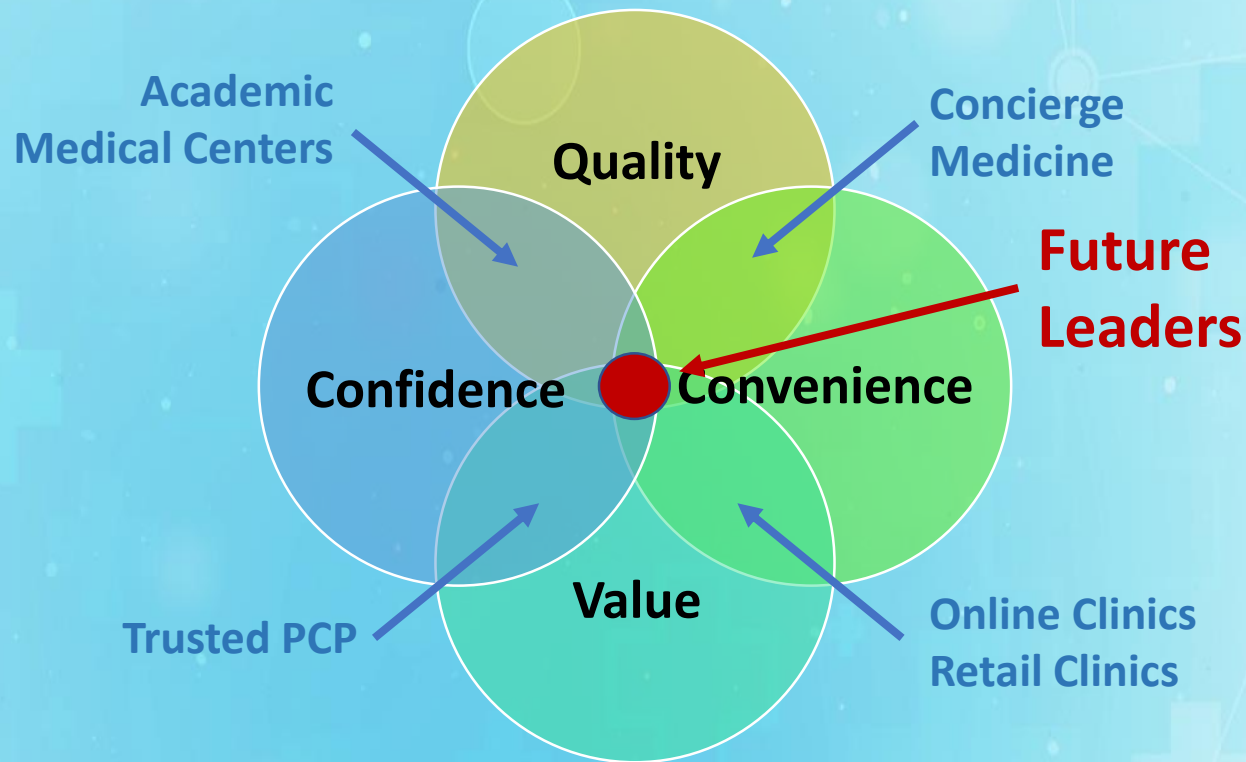
## Clinical

- Outcomes
- Engagement
- Satisfaction





# Consumers' Desires





## Revenue Models

# Revenue Models



# Sources of Funding

## Payor Reimbursement

- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Commercial/Parity
- Self-insured



## Direct-to-Consumer

- Cash Pay
- Subscriptions
- Wellness Package



## Grants

- Federal
- Local



# Common Revenue Models

**Fee-for-Service**  
(Private Insurers, Medicaid, Medicare)

**Bundled Payments**

**Cash Pay**

**Subscriptions**  
(e.g., Concierge Care)

**Shared Savings (ACOs)**

**Incentive Pay / Penalty Avoidance**

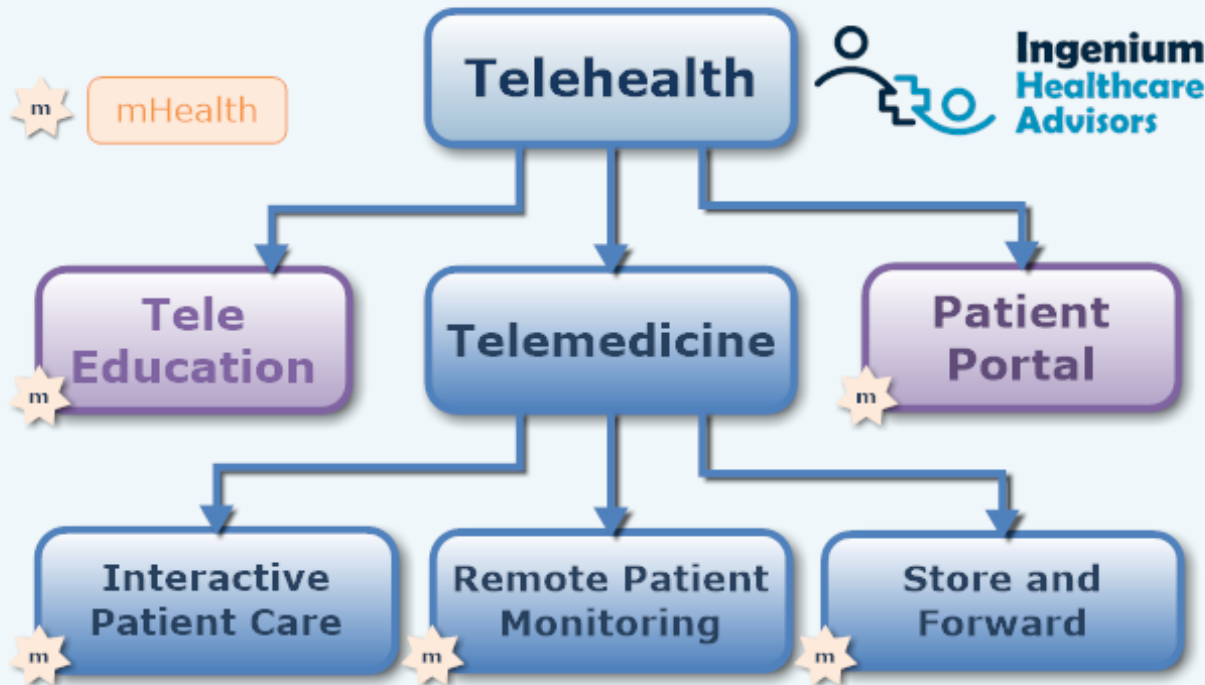




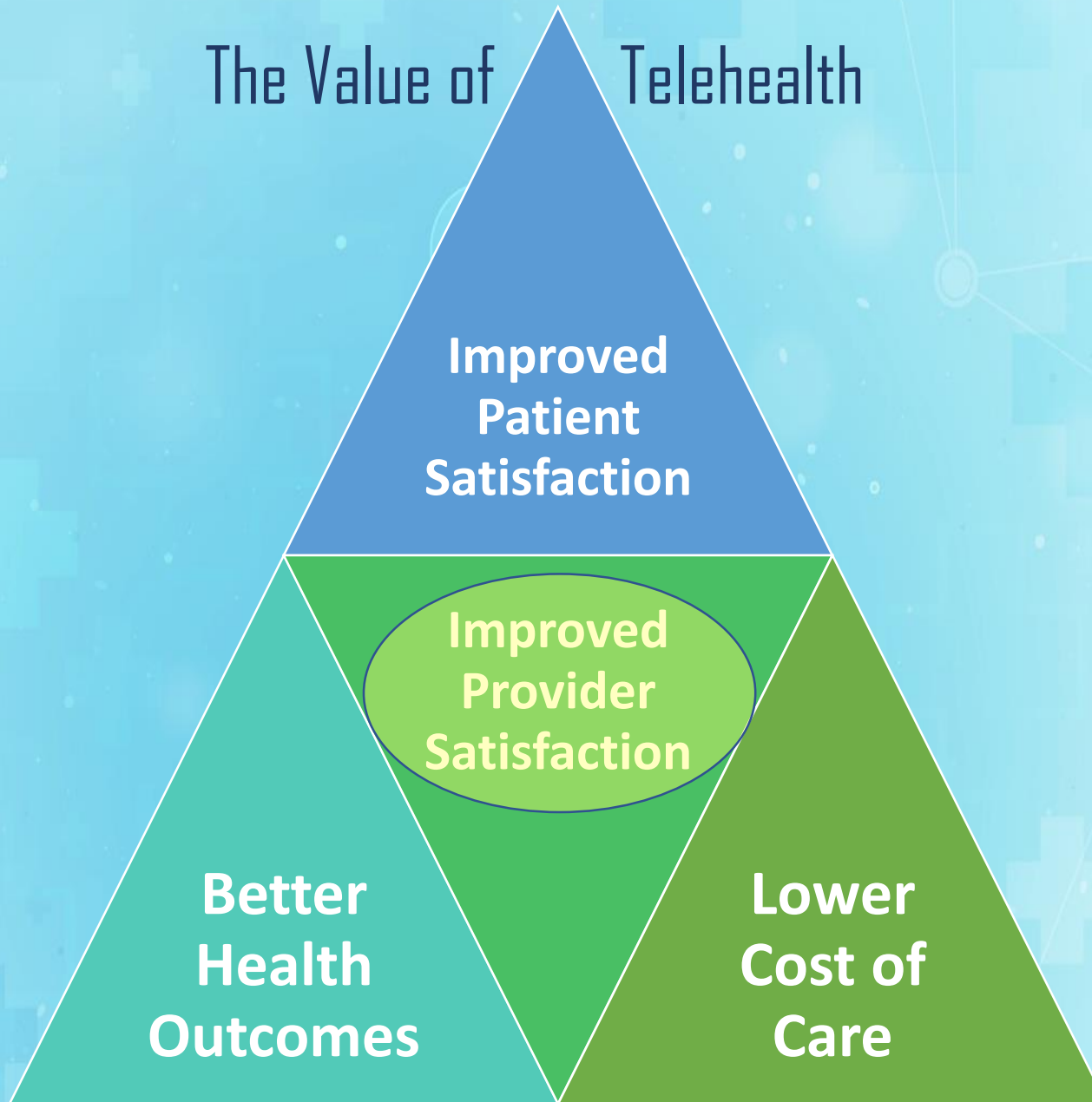
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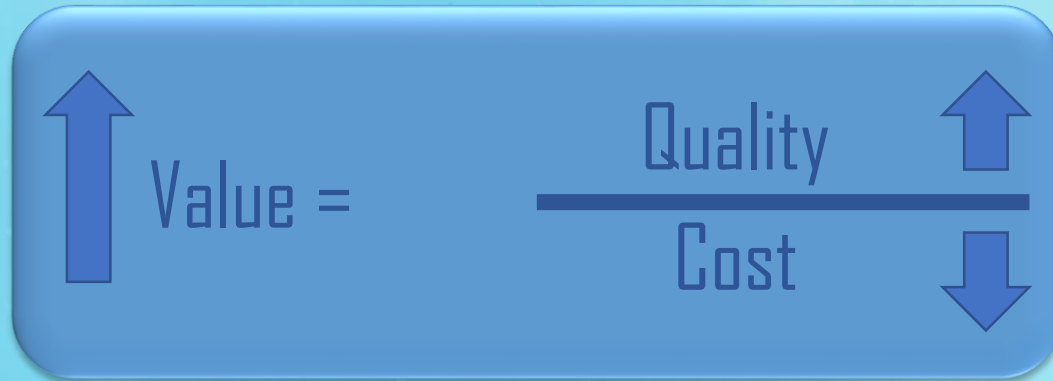
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# The Value of Telehealth



# The Value of Telehealth


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# Thank You!



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# Telehealth: Finding & Riding the Value Train

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# Telehealth – Care at a Distance

Synchronous



Asynchronous



Is Delivering Care

And Designing Solutions

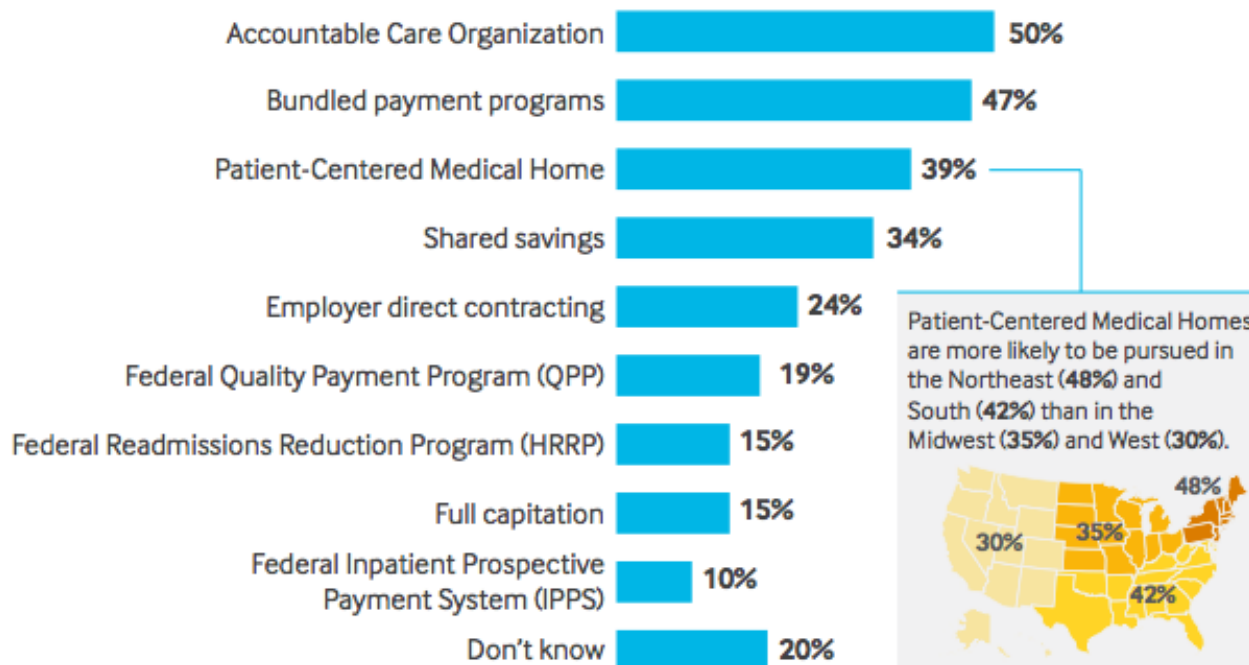
Led by Clinicians

# Value = Care Between the Care



## Health Care Organizations Are Pursuing a Range of Value-Based Care Models

Which value-based care models is your organization actively pursuing?



Base: 552 (multiple responses)

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- TeleAddiction Services
- TeleAmputation Care
- TeleAudiology
- TeleBipolar Disorder
- TeleCardiology
- TeleDental Care
- TeleDermatology
- TeleCardiology
- TeleChaplain
- TeleDentistry
- TeleDermatology
- TeleEpilepsy
- TeleGastroIntestinal/Hepatitis Care
- TeleGenomic Counseling
- TeleInfectious Disease
- TeleIntensive Care
- TeleKinesiology
- TeleMental Health
- TeleMOVE! Weight Management
- TeleNephrology
- TeleNeurology
- TeleNutrition
- TeleRetinal Imaging
- TeleOccupational Therapy
- TelePain Management
- TelePathology
- TelePodiatry
- TelePolytrauma Care
- TelePrimary Care
- TelePulmonology
- TeleRehabilitation
- TeleSchizophrenia
- TeleSpinal Cord Injury Care
- TeleSpirometry
- TeleSurgery (Pre - & Post- Care)
- TeleTransplant (Pre - & Post- Care)
- TeleWound Care
- Women's Telehealth

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# The Telehealth Promise

Improve access to care

Improve experience of care – travel burden, cost

Reduce ED and hospital visits (condition and setting-specific)

Empower and enhance self-care

Increase ability to live at home

Improve caregiver well being and reduce stress

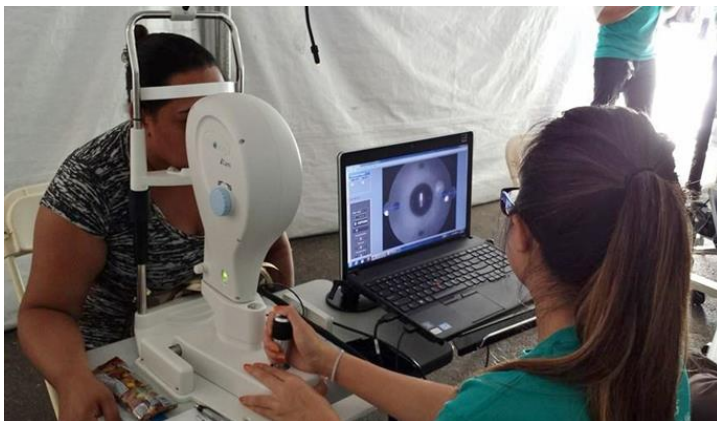
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Dorsey, Topol. *State of Telehealth*. NEJM 2016.

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**Projected total cost of chronic  
disease 2016-2030 in Maine**

**\$183 BILLION**



Better Self-Care

$\frac{1}{2}$  of 1%

SAVED COSTS

\$60M /Year



1       **TITLE I—RECEIVING HIGH**  
2       **QUALITY CARE IN THE HOME**

3   SEC. 101. EXTENDING THE INDEPENDENCE AT HOME DEM-

## **CMS to Reimburse Providers for Remote Patient Monitoring Services**

CMS has issued its final update to the 2019 Physician Fee Schedule and Quality Payment Program, including three new CPT codes for reimbursement of remote patient monitoring. The changes mark an important step in the government's acceptance of mHealth and telehealth technology.

Source: ThinkStock

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## The Digital Healthcare Tent

### **Synchronous digital care**

- Virtual Visits
- Real-time Monitoring
- Telephone Visits

### **Asynchronous digital care**

- Secure Messaging
- Open Notes
- Remote Monitoring
- Store & Forward
- Mobile Health (Patient generated data)
- eConsults / Online visits

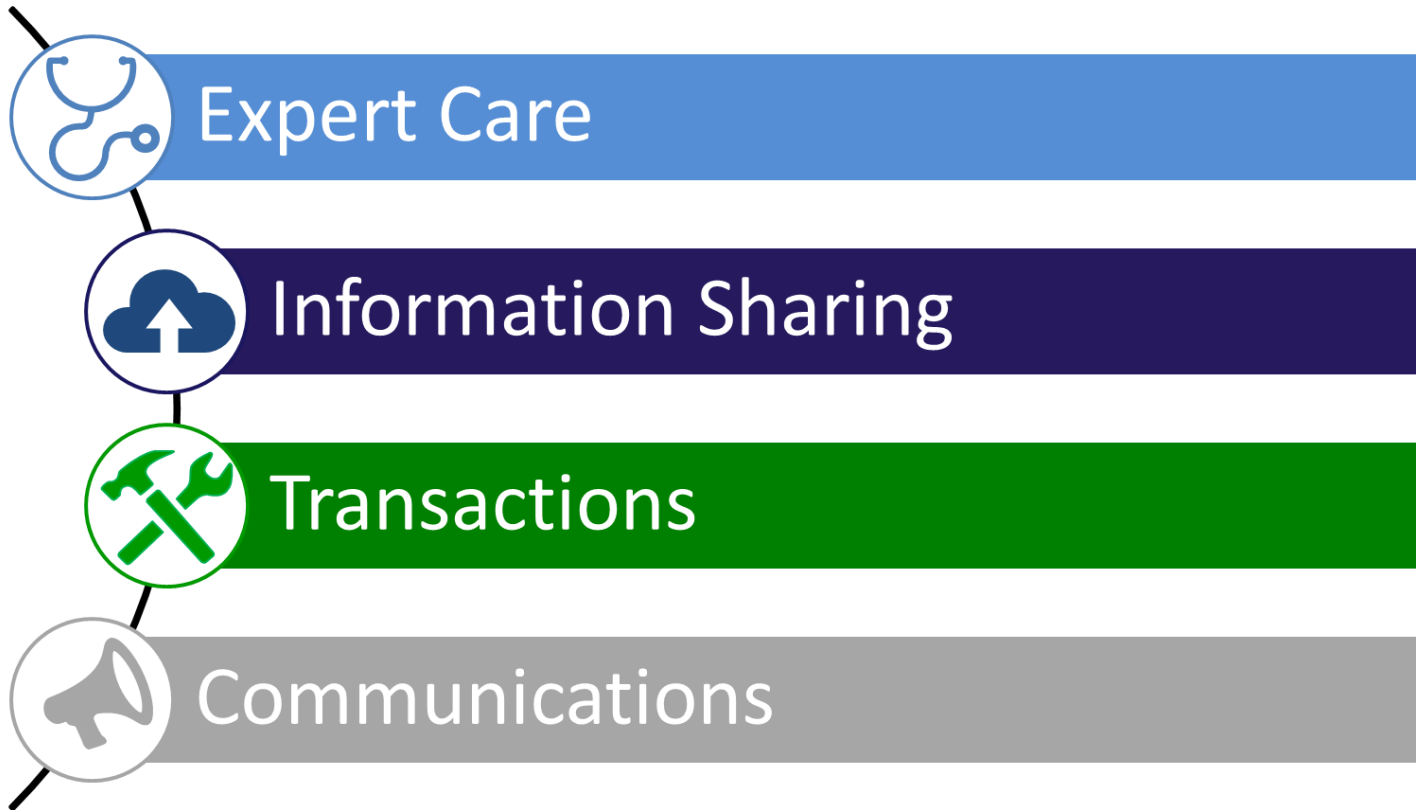
# Telehealth at V.A.

- 900 sites of care and 50+ specialty areas
- 307K + used Video Telehealth
- 150K + used Home Telehealth
- 304K + used Store-and-Forward TH

## Outcomes

- Home Telehealth: 59% lower bed days, 31% fewer admissions
- Mental Health Telehealth associated with 32% decrease in VA admissions
- High Patient satisfaction:
  - 92% for Video Telehealth
  - 88% for Home Telehealth
  - 94% for Store and Forward Telehealth

<http://www.telehealth.va.gov/>



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### Appointments

Keep track of your upcoming VA medical appointments and get email reminders.



### Messages

Communicate securely online with your VA health care team (or other VA staff) about non-emergency information or questions.



### Health Records

View, print, download and share a copy of your VA medical record information, or track your own health information.



# Evidence - Secure Email/Messaging

- High patient satisfaction: access, reflection
- Efficiency – more prepared for visits
- Associated with care quality and patient retention
- Enrollment varies depending on
  - Promotion
  - Ease of Registration
  - Physician recommendation

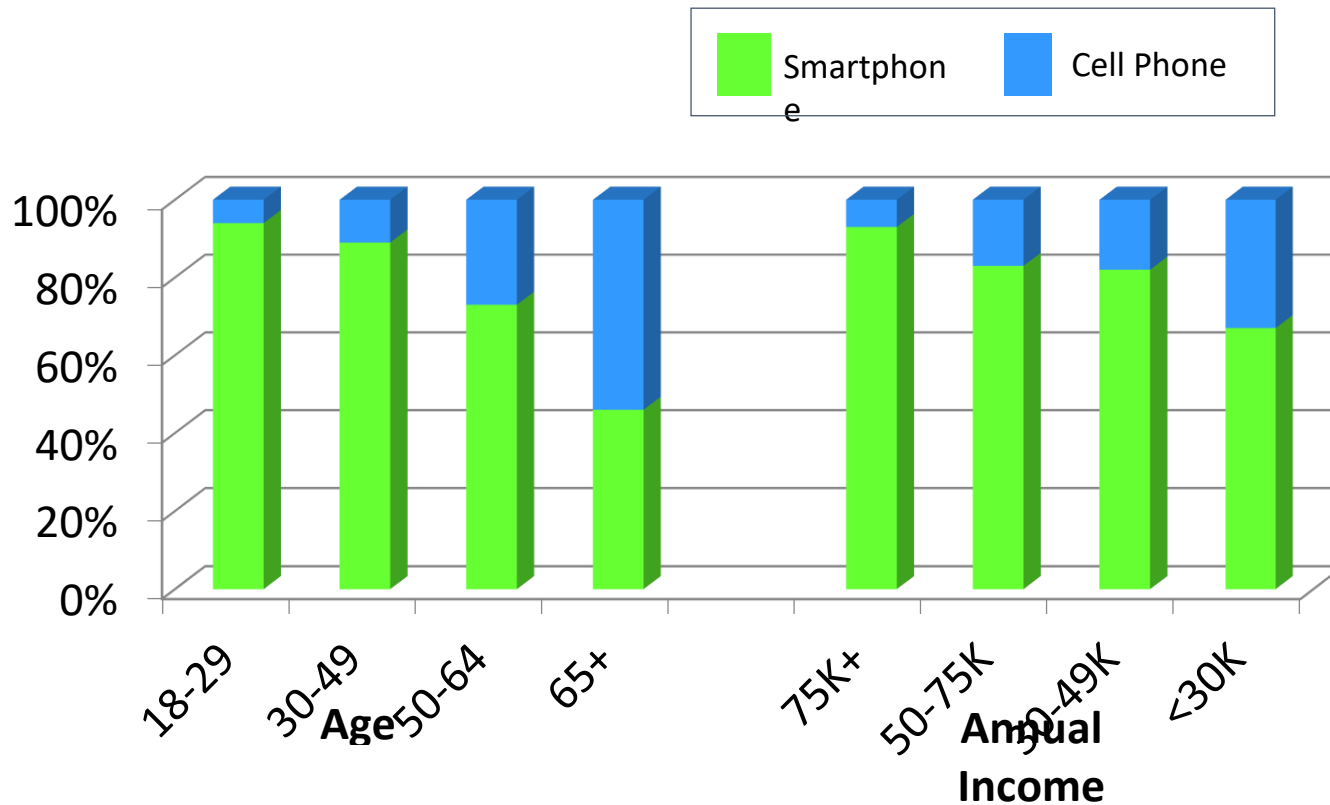
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# Portal Use – Depends on Broadband Access & Capability

NO significant association with usage: demographics, self-rated health status, patient activation level (PAM)

| Patient Factor at Baseline (N = 270)  | <i>p value</i> |
|---|----------------|
| Internet accessed at home   | 0.046          |
| Higher internet speed at home   | 0.012          |
| Self-rated ability using Internet   | 0.005          |
| Internet Use Score (7+ behaviors: access, email, search, shopt, health search, bank, geo-locate, network register/post) | 0.007          |

# U.S. Cell Phone/Smart Phone Use, 2018



# Mobile Text Messaging for Health: A Systematic Review

- ✓ Diabetes
- ✓ High blood pressure
- ✓ Weight
- ✓ Physical activity
- ✓ Smoking
- ✓ Taking medication

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# Get on Telehealth/Digital Care Value Train

- Integrate: across enterprise
- Focus: chronic care value
- Understand: workflows
- Toggle: F2F and at a distance
- Find: creative roles - champions, assistance
- Partner: with community
  - Broadband, telecommunications, employers

“Technology is cool, but you've got to use  
it as opposed to letting it use you.”

- Prince

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