LEVELING UP YOUR COMPUTER GAME: MASTERING TELEHEALTH TECHNIQUES

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DISCLOSURES

None





Practice Gap

- The COVID-19 pandemic forced many providers to integrate telehealth into their medical practice without any formal education or training.
- Telehealth remains a part of many medical practices with many patients electing to use telehealth for some of their medical needs.

Educational Need

 Providers need to know proper telehealth techniques in order provide the best clinical care while ensuring patient satisfaction with telehealth encounters.



OBJECTIVES

- Participants will be able to describe best practices in telehealth communication.
- Participants will be able to perform a more complex physical exam by telehealth.
- Participants will be able to solve common technology problems that arise during telehealth encounters.



TELEHEALTH COMMUNICATION

- Prepare the physical environment
 - Good lighting with a neutral, non-cluttered background
 - Make sure equipment is working and peripherals are plugged in
 - Private space
 - External camera is best
 - Two monitors is ideal

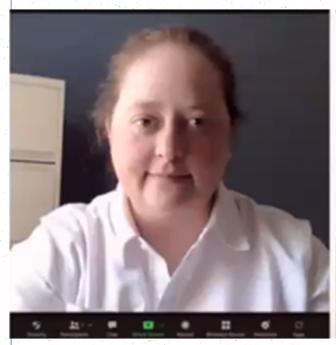


















- Introducing the telehealth encounter
 - Smile and greet the patient and any other persons present
 - Introduce yourself and establish privacy
 - Confirm audio and video are working properly
 - Telehealth limitations and verbalize consent
 - Technology plan
 - Verify physical address
 - If using two screens then inform patient
 - Make sure you tell patient's what is going to happen next at the end of the visit



THE TELEHEALTH PHYSICAL EXAM



- Realize you can do a physical exam
- Have patience
- Demonstrate on yourself
- Ask for help
- Use what you have available



ORGAN SYSTEMS BY TELEHEALTH

- General
- HEENT
- Pulmonary
- Cardiovascular
- Gastrointestinal
- Musculoskeletal
- Neuro
- Skin
- Psychiatric



TROUBLE SHOOTING THE TELEHEALTH ENCOUNTER





- Preventing Problems
 - Make sure the computer is updated to latest versions
 - Restart and close out all apps (including other video platforms)
 - Use a hard wired internet connection over wireless
 - · Check to make sure audio and video selections are accurate and working



TROUBLE SHOOTING TELEHEALTH ENCOUNTERS

5 apps running

wired



wireless



2 apps running







PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

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Sample video



CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

Questions?



THANK YOU



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