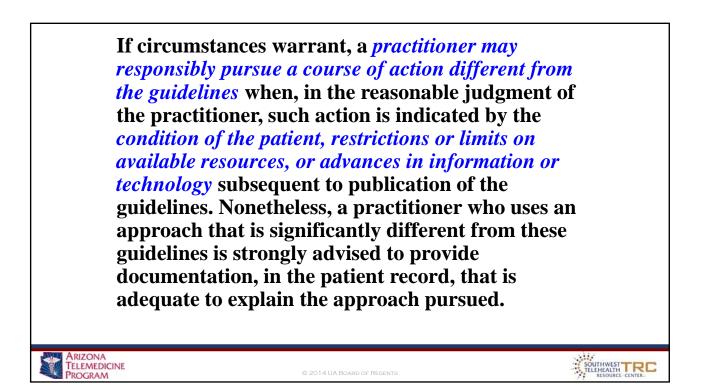


The practice of medicine is an integration of both the science and art of preventing, diagnosing, and treating diseases. Accordingly, it should be recognized that compliance with these guidelines will not guarantee accurate diagnoses or successful outcomes. The purpose of these standards is to *assist practitioners in pursuing a sound course of action to provide effective and safe medical care that is founded on current information, available resources, and patient needs.* The practice guidelines and technical standards recognize that safe and effective practices require specific training, skills, and techniques, as described in each document.

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 Guidelines for practice TM that are required whenever feasible & practical as determined by referring clinician practicing under local conditions identified by "shall"
 "Should" indicates an optimal recommended action, one that is particularly suitable, without mentioning or excluding others.
 Optional or permissible action are indicated by "may/attempt to" to indicate additional points that may be considered to further optimize the teleconsult process.



A Concise Guide for Telemedicine Practitioners: Human Factors Quick Guide Eye Contact An American Telemedicine Association Human Factors SIG publication in collaboration with the Home Telehealth and Remote Monitoring SIG This guide is a quick reference to the importance of eye contact—and the lack of it…in providing healthcare services. Some pointers relate specifically to the provision of remote services, but all are applicable to most healthcare encounters. For more information and details we refer you to the references at the end of the guide. Why is Eye Contact Important? One of the most important aspects of human (provider-patient) interaction^{1,2}
 One of many non-verbal cues that take time to process remotely
 Fundamental to the REDE (Relationship): Establishment, Development, Engagement) model of patient provider interaction for optimizing provider-patient relationships¹
 Important to to clinical encounters and used as part of medical skill set checklists³
 Impacts patient's sense of dignity^{4,5}
 Helps establish rapport, trust⁴ (kneeps participants focused on each other, encourages interaction, facilitates memory, influences likeability & attractiveness; affacts perceived emotion, creates sense of inclusion when present & sense of isolation when not⁵)
 Allows for the use of non-verbal cues in communication⁶ Eye Contact Etiquette "Rules" of direct versus indirect eye contact can differ by culture^{9,10}. "Rules" of direct versus indirect eye contact can differ by culture^{8,10}.
 It is important to be avare of possible cultural heuristics.
 Arabs, Latin Americans & Southern Europeans make more eye contact during conversation than Asians & Northern Europeans
 Japanese may consider eye contact rule & people are taught to look at a person's Adam's apple instead of the eyes, eye contact with supenors is avoided
 Women generally make more eye contact than men
 Eye contact changes with age
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Tips for Telemedicine Camera Positions & Viewing Screens^{14,15}

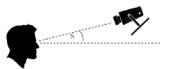
- Locate camera above the face for accurate estimation of gaze^{8.16}
 Preferably 7 degrees (of viewing angle) or less above from transmitter's position (refer to Figure below)
 Initial viewing distance (introductions) should be close enough for "passport" view (head & top of shoulders)
- Avoid placing camera too close to yourself

- Close placement can make the viewer feel as though their "personal space" is imaded from a distance. Alterwards can move the viewing distance out for better view of the body & non-verbal control of the space of the spa

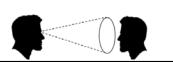
- Avoid the parallax problem or the inclination to look at face on screen rather than into
- Avoid the parallax problem or the institution to convert the camera frequently⁴

 Replicate real eye-contact patterns by looking into the camera frequently⁴
 If the vewing distance is correct, you will see the patient on the monitor and the camera simultaneously
 Higher resolution cameras & monitors are preferred
 Produce sharper images making it easier to see & follow eye gaze
 Sharper images are less tiring to look at if you are providing remote services for long periods.
 Use camera zoom features to adjust your apparent distance (your image size) from the examera an ceressary
- Use camera zoom features to adjust your apparent distance (your image size) from th camera as necessary
 o For proper sizing in the viewing frame without changing suitable physical distance and good camera angle (See diagrams below)
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Camera Position



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Item No.	Item	Definition	Measurement	Considerations
2.1.1	Patient satisfaction	Patient's subjective satisfac- tion and experience with the TMH service provided.	The perception of the patient's satisfac- tion during the TMH visit with usability of the technology, painter provider com- munication, and convenience of receiving care via this approach. Does the patient believe that the service met her his health needs? Would patient do this again? Would patient refer others to this service?	There may be overlap with other constructs such as "Satisfac- tion with Usability of Technology." Satisfaction does not mecessarily require in person comparison. It could be com- parison to no care (i.e., non-inferiority testing). Use of vali- dated measures of TMH satisfaction because measures exist. Measure satisfaction with experience as well as with technol- ogy.
2.1.2	Provider Satisfac- tion	The extent to which the pro- vider values telehealth when interacting with patients.	The following metrics may serve as sur- rogate markers, retention and recruitment of providers, ease of transition in tech- nical competency, ease of integration into clinical workflow, perceived value of better diagnosis, treatment and disease management.	Satisfaction metric must be considered longitudinally. In- clude both referring PCMs and consulting provider satisfac- tion surveys.
2.1.3	Coordination of care	Care coordination is the de- velopment and implementa- tion of a shared plan to sup- port patient wellness.	Care coordination measurement consists of both the number of telehealth encoun- ters and the number of different partici- pants involved in the shared plan (e.g., consultant-primary care provider, con- sultant-teacher, etc.) and the type of tele- health interaction (asynchronous and synchronous).	The nature of the communication, external technologies such as electronic health records and quality of encounters can all impact care coordination.
2.1.3	Integration of care	Integration of care is the effi- cient assimilation of multiple components within a health system in order to decrease redundancy, delay, and cost.	Measurement of the integration of care includes the type of the telehealth interac- tions assessed on standardized question- naires of care coordination or other measures of communication (i.e., partici- pant A to participant B).	The nature of the communication, external technologies such as electronic health records and quality of encounters can all impact integration of care.
2.1.4	Usability	 The ease (preference, com- fort, fit, readiness) of patients to communicate digitally with their providers. 2) Includes technology availability, sim- plicity of use, service availa- bility, technology native vs. non-facile. 	Measurement should include: provider retention rate, patient drop out and ra- tionale, support staff required, technology ease of use, technology down time, and subjective ratings of comfort.	Subjective and objective measurements from both the patient and provider perspective. Part of the evaluation should in- clude how "examines" the interaction was between peo- ple/technology, to include latency and failure of technology. This can be used as both a process/acceptability and an ac- cess measure, but definition should remain the same. Pa- tient/provider preferences should also be included.
2.1.5	Rapport	When two or more people feel	Self-reported level of direct and/or indi-	Transcends cultural, racial, ethnic, religious, gender, age,

		that they are connected and understand one another.	rect evidence that the condition of rapport is present between the patient(s) and the professional(s).	geographic, etc. differences and experiences. Try to link clin- ical outcomes which could be related to rapport.
2.1.6	Stigma	Preconceived, often negative, association with an illness, diagnosis, therapy, technique etc. that may interfere with the provision and/or acceptance of care.	Measures should evaluate stigma among health care providers/staff, patients, and social networks and include, at minimum, the following concepts: Stereotyp- ing/discrimination such as beliefs about mental illness, mental health treatment, TMH and the use of technology to deliv- er care. Labeling/disclosure such as acceptance of diagnosis, willingness to diagnose appro- priately, help seeking and delivering behaviors, willingness to use or conduct TMH seesions.	Perceived stigma should not simply focus on the recipient of care but the providers of care and those giving support. Con- cents about stigma should focus on both mental illnesses in general and on the type of delutyry (e.g. T.MH). From a re- search and programmatic perspective this is best evaluated pre post introduction of a TMB service. This can be related to both general access to care and readiness.
2.1.7	iness	Assessment of an individual's or organization's willingness to change and adopt TMH services. This is different from preparednese, which is an assessment of individual and organizational ability to adopt TMH services.	Includes: stage of change for individuals and organizations, situational self- efficacy (confidence), trans theoretical model-based measures (pros & cons of change, processes/stategies for change, situational self-efficacy).	Defining criteria for moving into the action stage. Relation- ship between individuals and institutional readiness and mo- tivation. How interrelated are individuals and institutional motivation? Self-report can be inaccurate, but necessary.
2.2.1	No shows	A patient or clinician who does not attend session, or is more than 15 minutes late.	Percent of no shows as compared to a disease-state specific comparisons im- person group. No shows defined as 15 minutes late or more to appointment. No shows need to be identified as either clinically related or a systems issue (scheduling, time zones, etc.).	Determine cause of no show, i.e., was it lack of transporta- tion, lack of ability to maintain a schedule, dot they show up late and have to reschedule, dissatisfaction with treatment. Examine the reasons for the no shows i.e. technology failed or could not be used, the use of technology (vs. travel) made it easier to keep the appointment, etc.
2.2.2	Accuracy of as- sessment	How well the modality of TMH impacts the reliability and validity of the assessment when compared with the tradi- tional behavioral health care standards for the construct in question.	Comparison of standard measures of assessment (reliability, validity) of TMH vs. in-person (national standard) vs. other telchealth modalities. Measurement should also include session time and number of sessions needed for specific assessments comparing TMH with in- person services at patient site.	Proxy measures to track providers comfort with reliability of assessment through tracking utilization of tests and consults comparing TMH with in-person services at patient site.
2.2.3	Symptom out- comes	Change in identified clinical symptoms over time.	Use of measures of symptom change that are appropriate and psychometrically sound (validity, reliability data published in the literature). Need to be appropriate for the population being treated/assessed	How is this information documented so it is meaningful? Include measure used, cutoff criati, inclusion/exclusion, what they are comparing outcome to, effect size of interven- tion. Symptom outcomes are part of a larger universe of out- come metrics that need to be considered. Consider adding

			to include accepted gold standards.	intervention/treatment outcomes with symptom outcomes as a subset as well as other outcomes such as Quality of Life, work attendance/absenteeism, compliance/adherence or psy- chosocial measures (unit cohesiveness, social isolation).
2.2.4	Completion of Treatment	Degree to which appoint- ments, treatments and comple- tion of treatment plans oc- curred within the prescribed time frame.	Average number of visits according to treatment plan, average number of visits in given time period, duration of treat- ment, number; percentage of modules completed, percentage of patients who completed treatment; pre'post functional measures	Third party payers use Axis 5 (Global Assessment of Func- tioning) to evaluate progress and completion, although this will evolve with the conversion to DSM-V criteria.
2.2.5	Quality of Care	Quality of care represents the process of delivering services and includes both the tech- nical and interpersonal aspects of treatment. Technical quali- ty includes concordance with treatment guidelines, fidelity to evidence based protocols, and system performance measures (e.g., HEDIS). In- terpersonal quality includes pattent rapport, therapeutic alliance, and cultural compe- tence.	Performance measures (e.g., timely out- patient visit follow hospital discharge) can sometimes be measured from admin- sistrative data. Concordance with treat- ment guidelines and fideliny to evidence based protocols can be measured from chart review. Interpersonal quality should be measured from patient self-report (e.g., therapeutic alliance can be meas- ured using the working alliance invento- ry).	Quality is defined as the process rather than the outcome of care, because clinical outcomes are measured using other metrics and because high quality care does not necessarily lead to good outcomes. Quality of TMH services should be measured against benchmarks rather than the quality of in- person services which is often sub-optimal. When TMH ser- vices are compared to in-person services, it will be critical to choose a similar clinical setting and patient population.
2.2.6	Treatment Utiliza- tion	Use of TMH services com- pared with all other health services related to specific disease processes.	Measurements on number of TMH and non-TMH visits within a health care sys- tem to include data on visit duration, frequency, and problem addressed. Measurements on system rources (labs, medications, system funded travel, device- es, consultation, number of referrals made and utilized) of TMH vs. non- TMH. Utilization should be correlated with symptom reduction of specific dia- case processes.	Comparison of digital contacts (mobile phone, e-mail, Web) and its impact on service utilization in non-telemental healthcare. Recommend healthcare systems systematize data on digital contacts. Collect data on both internal utilizations within a system bot as possible external service utilizations from outside agencies and providers. As possible during im- plementation of TMH services collect compare data on pre and post implementation service utilization data.
2.3.1	Number of Ser- vices	Degree of access to additional services which are derived from enrollment in telehealth.	The number of clinical care options and auxiliary services offered (e.g., medica- tion management, social services, labs, cardiac care, group therapy); frequency in the use of clinical care options and auxil- iary services.	Used for program evaluation, ROI for program expansion, quality, patient provider satisfaction.
2.3.2	Numbers Served (also referred to as	The workload credit given for the TMH encounter that is	Types of services; complexity of ser- vices; time spent with patients; number of	Coding accuracy. Coding training and follow up to ensure coding is being done correctly, i.e., no under or over coding.

	RVUs, relative value units)	related to the complexity of services provided and the time	patients seen.	
		spent with patients which equates to the level of finan- cial reimbursement.		
2.3.3	Wait Times	Wait time is a temporal di- mension of access that repre- sents the delay between when the patient wants to receive services and when they can actually receive services.	Operationally, time to next available appointment, when scheduling, and when the patient actually presents for care. For TMH requiring a referral, wait time could be measured as the difference in the re- ferral date and the date the patient was seen. May want to measure wait time separately to see the preferred provider versus any provider.	It is important to realize that improving other dimensions of access (e.g., lowering costs or de-stigmatizing TMH services) could result in increasing wait times due to increased de- mand. Health systems should measure wait times to all clin- ics (not just TMH clinics) to determine how resources could best be reallocated to minimize variability in wait times across clinics. Other important measures of temporal access include wait time in clinic and convenience of office hours.
2.3.4	Length of session	How much time the patient spends receiving care. This could include time spent with the provider.	Average/total clinical encounter time, average/total administrative time (set-up time, out-of session contact such as email, text, phone, letters).	Needs to be clinician, patient, staff, and system viewpoint. Needs to accommodate emerging platforms such as mobile health. Length of sessions may interact with frequency of appointments. Efficiencies with telehealth solution create opportunities for novel session duration (e.g., 10-minute check-in)
2.3.5	Distance to Service	Geographic separation or functional barriers between patients and providers.	Distance, time zones, time to appoint- ment.	This includes structural barriers, weather.
2.3.6	Likelihood to ac- cess vs. traditional care	Likelihood to use TMH.	Measurement should include the follow- ing concepts: familiarity (past use), ac- ceptability (cultural and technical), asso- ciations with stigma, willingness, and perceived benefit. Measurement should not focus on satisfaction but rather broad willingness to use.	When possible this should include baseline comparisons agains both available and unavailable treatment as usual (e.g., in-person) Most likely this is assessed through self- report questionnaires.
2.3.8	Cultural access	Access to healthcare services that align with cultural expec- tations.	The degree to which an individual per- ceives the mode of delivery and related processes to align with cultural beliefs and expectations.	This should include cultural understanding of technology and expectations of interpersonal communication. It should also consider how technology may better connect cultural expec- tations, e.g., providing access to same culture providers or allowing for communication with a provider outside of one's in-group.
2.4.1	Economic evalua- tion that incorpo- rates standard eco- nomic models			In general, clear definitions do not exist for many of the cost structures. This may be appropriate as costs are derived and perceived differently. There are several costs factors that were identified as important to measure objectively. Until final definitions as est, each cost factor should be operation- alized and reported. Consideration should also be given to what is sunk or similar cost of care as usual (provider time).

2.4.2	Value proposition	Comparison of clinical and	Standardized and reported taxonomy of	Baseline assessments help to identify cost outcomes. There is no consensus vet on the best determinations for eco-
100000		other health service outcomes by overall resources allocated.	resources allocated and outcomes meas- ured.	nomic evaluations in TMH.
2.4.3	Travel direct	Direct cost associated with provider and/or patient travel to care site	All direct costs should be identified, op- erationalized, and reported for compari- son.	Should be included within the broad category of costs. Pre- cise definition may not be possible given differing perspec- tives but all components should be identified, operational- ized, and reported.
2,4,4	Travel indirect	Indirect costs associated with provider and/or patient travel to care site	All indirect costs should be identified, operationalized, and reported for compar- ison.	Should be conceptualized as comparison to normal care, e.g., loss of work productivity is comparable given in Ira away regardless of mode of delivery. Indirect costs are both inputs to a cost model as well as potential positive outcomes of telehealth (reduction). Evaluatons should determine and re- port up-fortu whether indirect costs are inputs to a cost model or expected outcomes.
2.4.5	Technology direct	Direct patient and provider costs associated with the tech- nology utilized to deliver telebealth services.	All direct costs should be identified, op- erationalized, and reported for compari- son.	Need to determine upfront whether costs are as a whole or divided between provider- and patient-associated. Inputs to consider include: hardware and depreciation, software and licensing, infrastructure, network, and maintenance costs.
2.4.6	Technology indi- rect	Indirect patient and provider costs associated with the tech- nology utilized to deliver telehealth services.	Indirect costs include expenses incurred as a result of technology downtimes, specialized licenses, and administration.	There is cross-over between direct and indirect technology costs. Direct costs should focus on tangible assets while indi- rect costs are often intangible resources allocated based on the need for tangible assets.
2,4.7	Public vs. private	Payer Perspective.	Whether a project, program, or system utilizes public or private funding.	This is not an outcome measure but rather a perspective. Out- comes measures should be evaluated based upon the financial perspective under which a program operates.
2.4.8	Cost avoidance	Current or future direct costs avoided due to a specific in- tervention or program.	There are currently no industry standards for cost avoidance measures.	Consideration should be given to measuring items such as hospitalizations, visits, and other costs. These should be op- erationalized and reported as possible.
2.4.9	Missed obligations	Indirect Cost: Missed obliga- tions	Should be measured as part of overall indirect costs.	Where possible a baseline assessment should be conducted against care as usual. As an outcome measure the assumption is that TMH impacts indirect costs/burden, thus requiring a comparison.
2.4.1 0	Burden on social network	Societal resources associated with either the provision of or inadequate access to TMH services.		Burden on social network should include direct burden to support resources and broad burden to societal infrastructure. When conducting research a positive or negative directional association should be identified a priort.
2.4.1	Personnel (admin- istrative, provider, provider extender, presenter)	Personnel costs associated with the provision of TMH services.		
2.4.1 2	Supplies	Direct cost of auxiliary sup- plies required for TMH ser-		

2.4.1	Training	vices. Process by which an individu-	A TMH competency set is required.	May be included as an indirect provider cost. Training is not
3		al attains the knowledge and skills required to demonstrate predetermined competencies.		truly an outcome unless the program is development of a training program
2.4.1 4	Facilities and maintenance	Direct costs associated with the facilities and maintenance necessary to support tele- health technologies.	Measurement includes cost of physical facilities, facilities maintenance, and systems such as HVAC. Should also include cost to maintain equipment in- cluding servers and individual pa- tient/provider technologies.	Should be included with technology direct costs.
2.4.1 5	Broad resource utilization	Resource utilization is the total allotment of resources necessary to provide tele- health services.	Resource utilization is driven by the numbers of encounters. It encompasses personnel and infrastructure resources necessary to provide each health care service.	Baseline comparisons need to be considered to differentiate resources from treatment as usual and TMH.
Pa- tient safe- ty	Patient safety	Safety of patients and others during the course of treatment (i.e. during sessions and af- ter).	Times had to use safety procedures. Number of times needing to contact col- lateral '911 calls' emergency services calls. Number of psychiatric hospitaliza- tions related to clinic services. Number of times unable to invoke safety plan (tried but could not), hand off to higher level of care from clinic due to safety issues. Problems causing patient transfer to an- other provider.	Consider Targuoff, other measures of adverse events (or po- tential ones e.g. increased suicide indication, etc.); response times of all events, etc. including emergency services.

