

**Title: A Survey Analysis of TeleHealth Access to Geriatric Patients During COVID-19**

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COVID-19 increased the need for remote access to healthcare; however, there remains the concern that the patient population has the capability to use the software to employ TeleHealth. This study focused on elucidating the most effective way to reach out to the patient population for educational intervention. We surveyed participants from Summa Health Akron City Hospital and the Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities on the current use of TeleMedicine both prior to and during the pandemic. 16 out of 22 (72.7%) participants participated in the survey. The participants consisted of 5 (33.3%) physicians. 11 participants (73.3%) noted that less than 25% of their patients reside in nursing homes. We further explored the practitioner's perception on the patient capability to employ TeleHealth. 9 (60.0%) of the participants use TeleHealth, of which 5 (55.6%) started utilizing it within the past six months. In assessing comfort level among patients using TeleHealth, a majority (69.2%) of the participants state that their patients feel somewhat uncomfortable to completely uncomfortable in utilizing TeleHealth. A greater majority (76.9%) state that their patients feel a medium level of comfort utilizing devices such as blood pressure monitors and glucose machines at home. Finally, 12 participants (92.3%) state that a volunteer service to aid patients and/or caregivers in use of medical devices and TeleHealth would be extremely useful. Our goal is to use this data to develop a student-led virtual program to provide assistance to patients in using medical devices.