

E-Consult Coalition News

January 2023

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! We are excited to continue our E-Consult Coalition work in 2023, offering provider resources and education to improve Medi-Cal members' access to specialty care. We are pleased to announce four upcoming webinar and event dates.

January 19- Using Images in E-Consult: Dermatology and Ophthalmology. [Register here.](#)

April 19- Patient/Member and Provider Satisfaction Roundtable Discussion

August 30- Incorporating E-Consult into Existing Telehealth Workflows

November 8- Annual In-Person Meeting at The California Endowment

Join us for the January E-Consult Coalition Webinar



Using Images in E-Consult: Dermatology and Ophthalmology

January 19, 2023, 12-1 PT

Register Today

Upcoming Events

Monthly ECHO Webinars Open to All Providers California Department of Public Health Test to Treat Program



A monthly California statewide webinar with presentations by expert faculty and a moderated Q&A panel discussion with subject matter experts. Upcoming dates and registration links include:

[January 4 - Northern California Region](#)

[January 11 - Statewide Provider Webinar](#)

[January 18 - Southern California Region](#)

View [the COVID Test to Treat ECHO Flyer](#) for more information or register [here](#).

December 14- How to get through December with rising COVID-19 case rates

View the webinar [presentation](#) and [recording](#)

Publications

[Improved patients access and outcomes with the integration of eConsult program \(tele dermatology\) within a large academic medical center](#)



A study conducted at Ohio State University focused on how insurance, racial, and socioeconomic health disparities continue to pose significant challenges for access to dermatologic care. This study was conducted to determine how the implementation of a tele dermatology program affects access to health care and patient outcomes. eConsults served more nonwhite patients (612 of 1698 vs 4040 of 16,073 and more Medicaid enrollees 27% versus 20.3%. Ambulatory referral patients were significantly less likely to attend their scheduled appointment compared with eConsult patients. This data concludes integrating dermatologic care through a telemedicine system can result in improved access for underserved patients through improved efficiency outcomes.

[Telehealth in Ophthalmology.](#)

Ophthalmology is a well-suited field for telehealth integration given technology's advancement in capturing images and transmitting data. Teleophthalmology, has evolved rapidly with advancing technology such as wireless communication and artificial intelligence, a long with the rapid need due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. These widespread applications have been used both asynchronously and synchronously in the screening, diagnosis, monitoring, and treatment of eye diseases such as diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, anterior segment and oculoplastic diseases, neuro-ophthalmic disorders, and pediatric ocular diseases. An example of a successful asynchronous modality of telehealth screening includes the anterior segment, asynchronous digital slit lamp videos have been shown to have high sensitivity for detecting pathology in the cornea, anterior chamber, iris, and lens (89–96%), with 87% or greater agreement with in-person examination. With demonstrated clinical efficacy, patient satisfaction, and ongoing advances, telehealth in ophthalmology has strong potential in improving access to eye screenings, treatments, and geographic care coverage and outreach.

[Applications of Telemedicine in Dermatology.](#)

Telemedicine is a supplement to a patient's total care, enabling PCPs and specialists a new method of monitoring patients from any location. Numerous telemedicine systems, including store and forward, real-time and remote, or self-monitoring, are used worldwide for education, healthcare delivery and control, sickness screening, and disaster management. Telemedicine peripherals can be used including electronic stethoscopes, teleophthalmoscopes, and video-otoscopes. The development of imaging technologies has significantly impacted dermatology using visual images as a mode to see patients and diagnose, treat, and consult more advanced without an in-person visit.



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