Telehealth in Serbia & Missouri

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Land Mass

Missouri – 178,038 sq km



Serbia- 87,460 sq km









Physicians per population

- Serbia 21 per 10,000 persons
- Missouri 24 per 10,000 persons

What is telehealth?

Telehealth includes telemedicine & other uses for electronic communications technologies.

- Patient Care
- Health professions education
- Disaster preparedness & response
- Public health
- Administrative meetings
- Research

What is telemedicine?

Clinical care provided from a distance

Primary care Medical Specialties Intensive Care Emergency Departments Home care- monitoring





Rural Populations

- Nearly one-third of Missouri's population lives in rural areas
- In comparison with urban Missourians, rural residents have
 - Higher poverty rates
 - A larger percentage of elderly
 - Tend to be in poorer health
 - Have fewer physicians, hospitals, and other health resources
 - Face more difficulty getting to health services

MTN 1995



MTN Sites

Over 200 endpoints In 70 counties

FY2012 26,561 clinical encounters In 28 specialties

Red = counties with existing sites



Types of Locations

- Hospitals
- Federally Qualified Health Care Centers
- Community Mental Health Centers
- Specialty Medical Clinics
- Rural Health Clinics
- Cancer Hospital

- Army Hospital
- Rehabilitation Hospitals
- Schools of Medicine
- Nursing Home
- State Health Facilities
- School of Nursing
- School of Health Professions
- Urgent Care Clinic

Growth of MTN Clinical Telehealth Encounters





Telehealth at UMHS

Telehealth Specialties at UMHS

- Psychiatry- adult & pediatric
- Dermatology- adult & pediatric
- Radiology
- Neurology
- Surgery- orthopedic, vascular, oncology
- ENT
- Rheumatology

- Gastroenterology
- Endocrinology
- Autism
- Genetics
- Burn & Wound
- Trauma
- Ethics Consultation
- Pathology
- Cardiology

Live interactive telemedicine



Lessons Learned

Telemedicine is simply a tool used to deliver health care at a distance



Use the experts!

It must be integrated into the everyday way health care providers practice

Successful telehealth programs realize that:

People are more important than technology and change is hard, especially for clinicians.