

Why use eHealth more?



The short answer is that front-line medical practitioners can make an immediate difference in people's lives with KO eHealth-facilitated services by helping to:

- Reduce the travel burden by avoiding unnecessary patient or provider travel, together with the high social and system costs related to that travel;
- Increase timely access to specialty care and facilitate inter-professional collaboration for comprehensive patient care and development of best practices (which may result in eliminating all future need for individual patient travel for care or services);
- Facilitate better care and increased levels of service, including appropriate and timely follow-up and patient monitoring

KO Telemedicine transforming the way you receive health care.



Increasing the utilization of eHealth technologies and models for providing care and service will, in both the short and long term, improve the overall health status of people in rural and remote settings. As well, increased utilization will result in enhanced cost-effective services for addressing current health issues in existing populations.

Some of the many other recognized benefits to utilization of KO eHealth-facilitated services which arise across a range of care disciplines include:

- Greater patient self-management – through delivery of timely care through technology, generation of patient empowerment through supported services and health coaching, dietary or social/wellness consults and follow-ups;
- Improved patient monitoring and follow-up services, medication compliance, clinical outcomes, patient and provider satisfaction, best practice care for chronic disease, and data integration;
- Reduced emergency room visits, hospital admissions/re-admissions, primary care utilization, long term care home admissions, travel burden on patient/ provider/system, walk-in clinic utilization, patient morbidity & mortality;
- Improved pre- and post-surgery consults and subsequent success with surgery;
- Greater opportunities for triaging (for external services such as stroke prevention, smoking cessation and mental health & addictions) ;
- Improved access to, rates of, and efficiency of assessment and follow-up for patients with diabetes and other chronic conditions, by optimizing the effective use of health care resources; and reducing unnecessary referrals and visits to medical consultants outside the region.

For a target population facing many health care challenges, the use of KO eHealth-facilitated services helps ensure that patients receive the right care, in the right place, and at the right time.

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