

TELEHEALTH

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Middle school students typically do not know anything about TeleHealth or Telemedicine. Through our research, TeleHealth has become a frequent thought in at least two young people's minds in a small town called Blackshear. We have discovered that Telemedicine can be as simple as a one-on-one appointment with two doctors over the computer or as complex as a robotic surgery on opposite sides of the globe. In Addition, the United States has many partnerships for TeleHealth including other countries around this great world. Forbes online shows many articles concerning the new technology that is telehealth and how this is changing what we know as healthcare. What is changing this look is our mobile devices. Everyone has one in their pocket and now we can use them for such diverse activities even for our wellness and healthy living. This was most interesting to us because we are young and as Susan Hall says in her explanation of the reasons telemedicine will grow in 2015, young people will be most likely to use technology for healthcare. But she also notes, the older generations will see the most benefit to these new technologies as well.

To learn more about this advancement in mobile healthcare, we visited the headquarters of the Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth and experienced a virtual appointment right before our eyes. The tools they used and the things they said amazed these young minds. Devices that show a medical professional much more than even the naked eye can see in a face to face visit are used in this type of assessment. The staff was eager to share with us that just last month government officials from Africa

were in our small part of the state to discuss the use of telehealth in their country. Now we know how Telemedicine will aid citizens around the world. We read many brochures, pamphlets, magazines, and educational articles to get a basic understanding of this thing called TeleHealth. Also, we received much information about how psychiatric appointments, speech therapies, and counseling could be part of this virtual visit.

Hopefully, our website will assist patients in learning about this new program in healthcare. When using the website, people will be able to see examples of the benefits of using Telemedicine. Caregivers can use the website to provide patients that are new to this idea of TeleHealth with the mandatory information they need. More patients will be able to access the options and specialties of healthcare as they accept this practice of medicine using technology. A website like ours can be viewed on a cellular device or a home computer/laptop. Anyone who desires information about Telemedicine can receive the information quickly and efficiently through our easy to use design. The website contains many external links to the Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth and a link to grant opportunities for rural schools to bring TeleHealth to their communities.

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