# **Telemedicine Services In the California Area**

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# TELEMEDICINE

- Creates a layer of specialty care In Rural & Urban areas without access to specialty care, and for patients with Medi-Cal
- Helps increase some GPRA indicators
  - Retinal Screening
  - HgbA1c's

# **Clinic Sites With Video Conferencing Services**

- Round Valley
- K'ima:w
- Pit River
- Toiyabe
- Tule River
- Lake County

Feather River
Karuk
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Health
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Clinic Sites Currently Providing Telemedicine Service Via Video Conferencing

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TELEMEDICINE SPECIALTIES Via Video Conferencing From UC Davis Medical Center

- Endocrinology ......8hrs/mo \$200/hr
- Nutrition ......8hrs/mo
- \$100/hr
- Psychiatry ......16hrs/mo
- \$188/hr
- Hepatitis C Treatment......

Tele-Medicine Specialty Care Child Psychiatry Shingle Springs

Child Psychiatry ......4hrs/mo

No Charge!

Specialty Care Through Telemedicine is a Better Visit!

- Visit Lasts One Full Hour
- Reasonably Priced
- Care Plan Devised Immediately
- Focus on Chronic Condition

# **Provider Concerns**

- Telemedicine Adds Specialty Care to Your Practice
- Does Not Replace Primary Care
- Is a Better Specialty Care Visit for Your Patient
- Specialist Offer Recommendations; the Primary Care Physicians' Remain in Charge of Care



- Primary Care Provider included in the last 15 minutes
- Can then bill the CMS/FQHC Fee



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**Spin-Off Activity From Video Conferencing Capability**  Administrative **Tribal Negotiations with Indian Health Service Inter-Clinic Health Board Meetings**  Education **Continuing Medical Education** Annual Training Medical Student (UCDMC) **Community Education**  Clinical **Physician / Peer Consultation** 

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# Clinic Sites With Retinal Cameras

- Chapa De
- Indian Health Council
- San Manuel
- Warner Mtn
- Sonoma County
- Shingle Springs

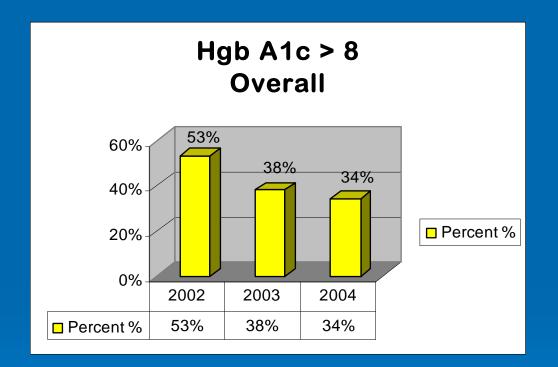
# THANK YOU

# **Tele-Endocrinology Visit**

### One Hour

45 minutes with Specialist15 minutes with Specialist, Local Provider & Patient

### Care Plan Devised



# A Closer Look

- 49 People
- American Indian
- At least 3 HgbA1c's Pre and Post Tele-Endo Visit
- 65% (32) Had an Average Decrease in Their HgbA1c of 2.5 points

# A Closer Look

### • 41% HgbA1c < 7.5

### • 38% HgbA1c < 7.0

# United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study (UKPDS)

- Reports that for every 1 percentage point drop in A1C (e.g. from 9 percent to 8 percent), there was a <u>35 percent reduction</u> in the risk for diabetes-related complications.
- What's more, each <u>1 percentage point drop</u> also lowered the risk of fatal and nonfatal heart attacks by <u>18 percent</u>.

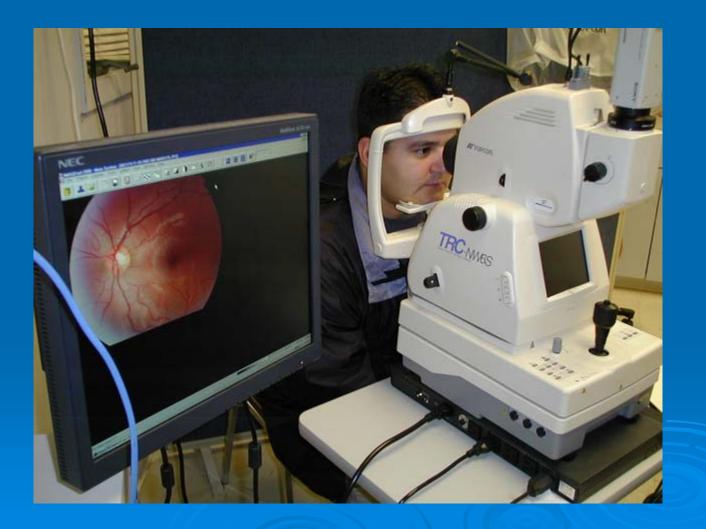
# What Made the Difference?

Focus on Diabetes

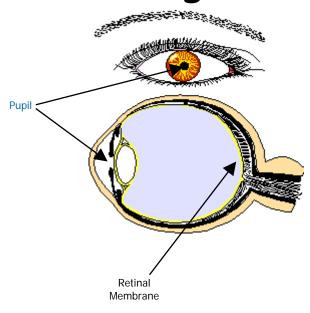
Third Party Intervention

Insulin recommendation

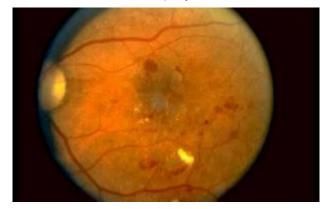
# **Tele-Ophthalmology**

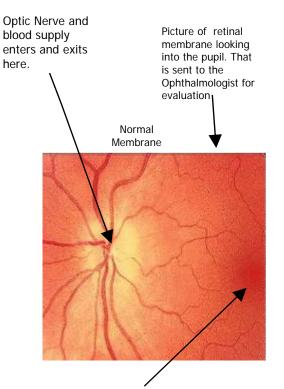


# **Eye Care Education**



Abnormal Membrane (Diabetic Retinopathy)

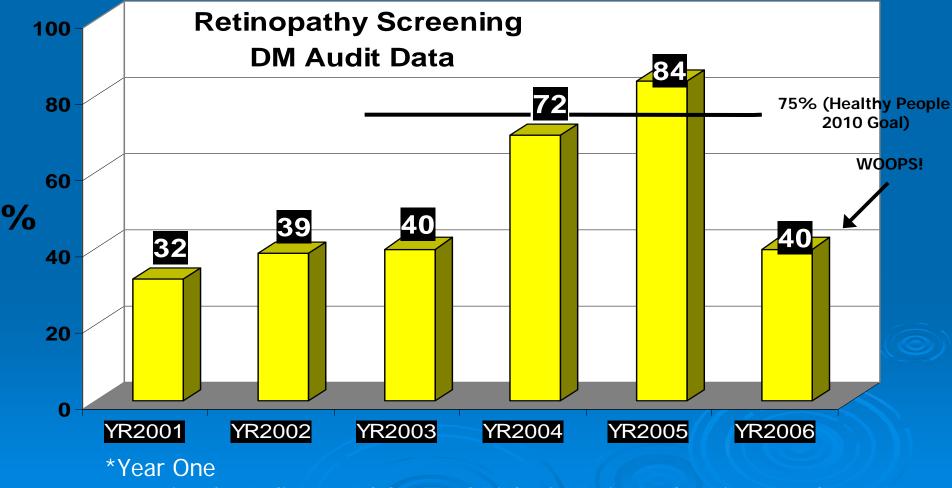




Macula (the center of vision)

Prevention of Blindness

## Measuring Effectiveness Tele-Ophthalmology



6 previously Undiagnosed Cases of Diabetic Retinopathy Discovered

# Email October 6th 2004

#### From: Moore, Kelly (NPABQ) Subject: RE: California SES Documents

- California Area exceeded the GPRA performance targets for the diabetes indicators.
- In addition, their <u>Retinal Imaging tele-medicine program has resulted in an</u> <u>increase of 232% in screening for diabetic retinopathy</u> at the 13 sites where this has been deployed.
- Like the Joslin Vision Network, this is a model best practice approach for screening for eye disease that should be shared with other Areas.
- Their leadership in GPRA+ is exemplary and is seen in their diabetic GPRA+ findings for the national GPRA report.

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# **Barriers?** How to Handle them

Changing the Way We Do Business
Threat to Your Providers
Threat to Local Specialists

# **Patient Buy-In**

### Fact Sheets



### Tribal Health Center (RVIHC) Telemedicine Fact sheet Psychiatry

#### WHAT IS TELEMEDICINE?

Telemedicine allows you to visit with specialist physicians that may be hundreds of miles away. Using "video conferencing technology"\* a "real time" visit with a physician anywhere in the world is possible. The specialist is supplied with your personal health information i.e. current labs, vital signs, medical history and can then visit with you about your care. The specialist will make recommendations that include new ways to improve your care.

#### \*WHAT IS VIDEO CONFERENCING?

Video conferencing consists of a camera mounted on a TV screen both in your doctor's office and in the specialist's office hundreds of miles away. Video and audio is transmitted so that you can see and speak with your specialist about your health problems in "real time" as if the physician specialist is in the room.

#### WHY AM I RECEIVING CARE VIA TELEMEDICINE?

There are great benefits to receiving care via telemedicine. A visit with a Psychiatrist would normally require a ten (10) hour round trip to Sacramento or San Francisco. Telemedicine saves time and money for you and the clinic. You will be getting care from highly qualified specialists who work at major medical centers.

#### WHAT KIND OF CARE DOES A PSYCHIATRIST OFFER?

A psychiatrist can offer help with medication suggestions, evaluation of your symptoms and provide or recommend appropriate counseling.

#### WHAT WILL THE VISIT BE LIKE?

Your first visit may take about forty-five (45) minutes; the specialist will want to get to know you. He may ask you questions about your health habits, your family and other aspects that may affect your condition. He may ask questions you have been asked in the past because he hasn't met you before.

At the end of each visit your primary care physician will consult with the specialist and then meet with you to discuss any changes in your care i.e. medication changes, labs.

#### WILL I BE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS?

Yes, we invite you to ask questions. Please write down any questions you have about your condition, medication or other treatments and the specialist will take the time to answer them.

Lastly: be sure to make a follow -up appointment with your primary care physician before you leave the clinic!

Your appointment date: / / DAY:\_\_\_\_\_ TIME:\_\_\_\_\_ <u>IMPORTANT:</u> PLEASE CALL US AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO CANCEL YOUR APPOINTMENT SO THAT WE MAY SCHEDULE ANOTHER PATIENT FOR THIS VALUABLE VISIT

# **Community Buy-In**

Health Fair

Newsletter

### Meet and Greets; All Staff

# How Will You Develop Buy-In?

- List Barriers
- How will you approach:
  - Providers
  - Patients
  - Community
- Spin off Activity?