

Future Ready: Emergency Preparedness in School-Based Telehealth

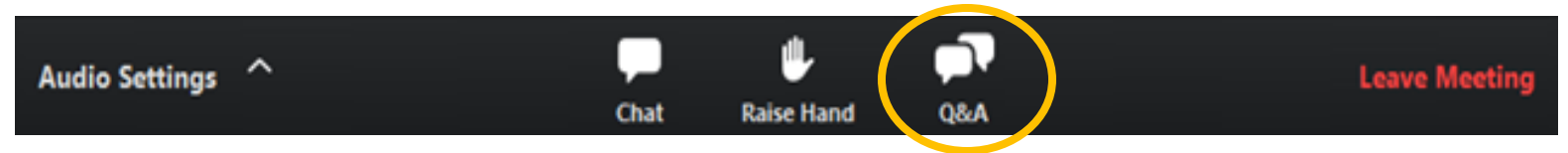
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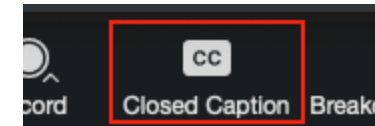
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Our Initiatives

For more than 20 years, the School-Based Health Alliance has been at the forefront of efforts to advance child and adolescent health. Our collaboration with national, state, and local partner organizations has yielded a multitude of resources, learning collaboratives, and initiatives that have helped to establish and enhance school-based health care as a critical component of community health.

OUR WORK

We are continually making An impact

Through our initiatives, we have been able to empower school-based health providers with the knowledge, tools, and resources necessary to respond effectively to the unique health needs of children and adolescents. By building their capacity and promoting best practices, we have not only improved the quality of care provided but also helped to establish a strong foundation for future generations.

Our work has had a profound impact on the development of school-based health care and the broader community. By investing in this critical area of healthcare, we have been able to help promote the well-being of children and adolescents and create a healthier, more prosperous future for all.

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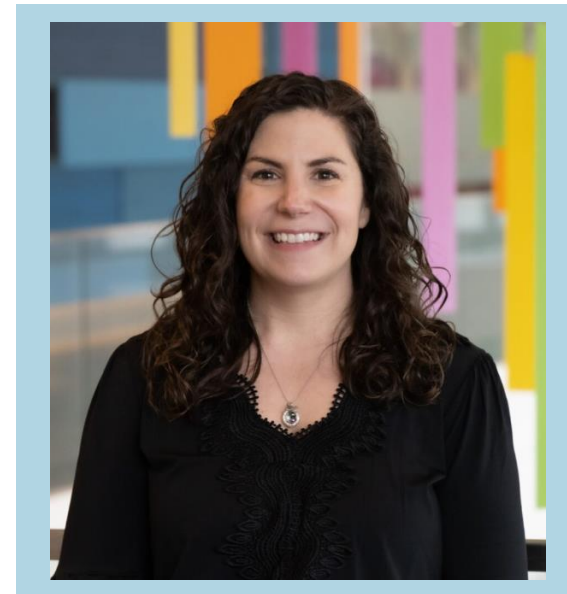
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Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to...

- Identify policies and procedures that enable school-based health centers and school partners to effectively meet the health needs of students.
- Describe coordinated systems that ensure continuity of care and support student well-being in remote learning environments.

Akron Children's SBHC and Utilization of Telehealth

Teresa Fletcher, APRN-CNP Program Development Coordinator



Akron Children's

Independent, nonprofit pediatric health care system that has been caring for children since 1890.

- 2 hospital campuses
- 7 regional health centers
- >50 primary and specialty care locations throughout Ohio

We are the only health care system in our region fully dedicated to pediatric care



Akron Children's

School Health Services

School Nursing

Integrated school partner providing the daily nursing needs of students including injuries, illnesses, medication management, chronic disease management, screenings, student health education and immunization compliance.

44 School Districts in **11** Counties service over 97,000 students with a **92%** back to class rate

Dedicated Immunization Team

Traveling nurse led team that administers recommended childhood immunizations and yearly seasonal flu vaccines in school during the school day.

School Based Health

In school Nurse Practitioner led team providing comprehensive primary care services including, well care, immunizations, acute illness treatment, and chronic disease management. A whole child framework.

22 School Districts in **12** counties with **9** Medical Providers and **85** Telehealth Devices

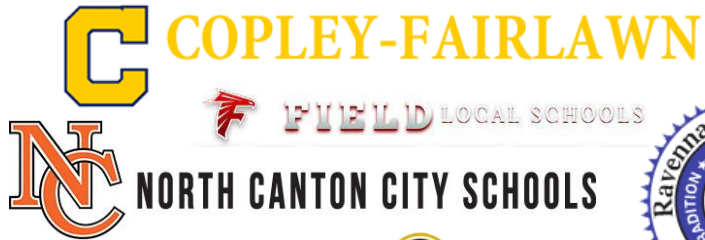
Daily in person care at designated schools

Telehealth services to all other School-Based Health Center (SBHC) schools

Collaboration with Akron Children's Pediatrics, Specialists, and other local Pediatricians.



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Recognizing Potential Maximizing Achievement



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Home of the G-Men



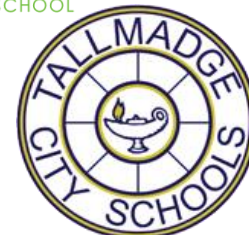
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Local Schools

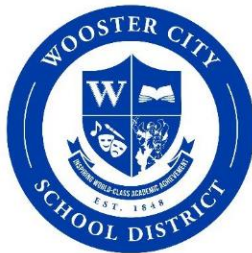


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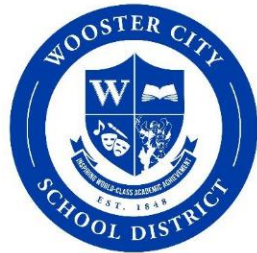
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Growth of School-Based Health Services

2005: School Health program launched in **5 school districts**

2019: SBHC initiated with **donor funding** in **2 districts**

2022: Awarded **OHD grant** to expand SBHC services into **13 school districts**

2025: SBHC expanded to **22 school districts**. Began **marketing beyond the school nursing network** to reach new partners



What Makes Akron Children's Unique

- Our school nursing contracts
- Our Different Models of Care
- Our use of telehealth

Improved access to care



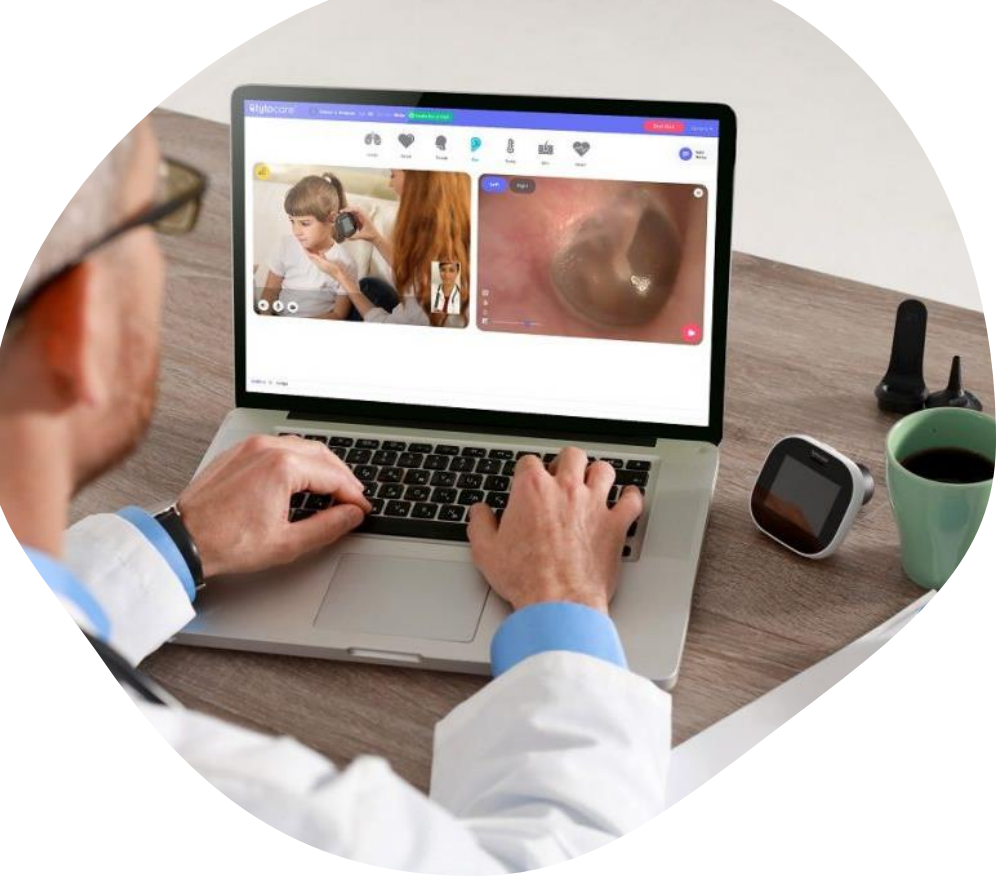
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Telehealth Stats

2025

- 82,474 telehealth visits hospital wide
- 2,046 in SBHC





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Telehealth Pitfalls

- Using the school Wi-Fi network
- EMR access
- Video client issues
- Clinic staff motivation to be tele-presenters
- Lab courier



Telehealth Successes

- Akron Children's employs the school nurses
- Telehealth and point of care testing training for back to school
- Improved access due to no need for student to travel





School-based Telemedicine Programs across Georgia



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What we will cover



- ◆ Organization Overview
- ◆ Why School-based Telehealth?
- ◆ School-based Telehealth Services
- ◆ Platforms & Peripherals
- ◆ Process Flow
- ◆ Benefits & Challenges
- ◆ Funding
- ◆ Call to Action / Closing

About Global Partnership for Telehealth



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At GPT, we leverage our rich telehealth legacy and expertise to empower the next generation of hybrid care, expanding access for all communities. We believe in a future where healthcare knows no boundaries.

We at GPT strive:

- to identify areas of health care need, then develop digital/telehealth solutions, programs and/or educational resources to address that need.
- to partner with other like-minded entities or individuals to leverage telehealth technologies and distant learning modalities to produce positive healthcare outcomes.
- to focus on rural and underserved communities and work with local leaders to determine how telehealth can bring relief, support, and/or complement the local healthcare delivery system.

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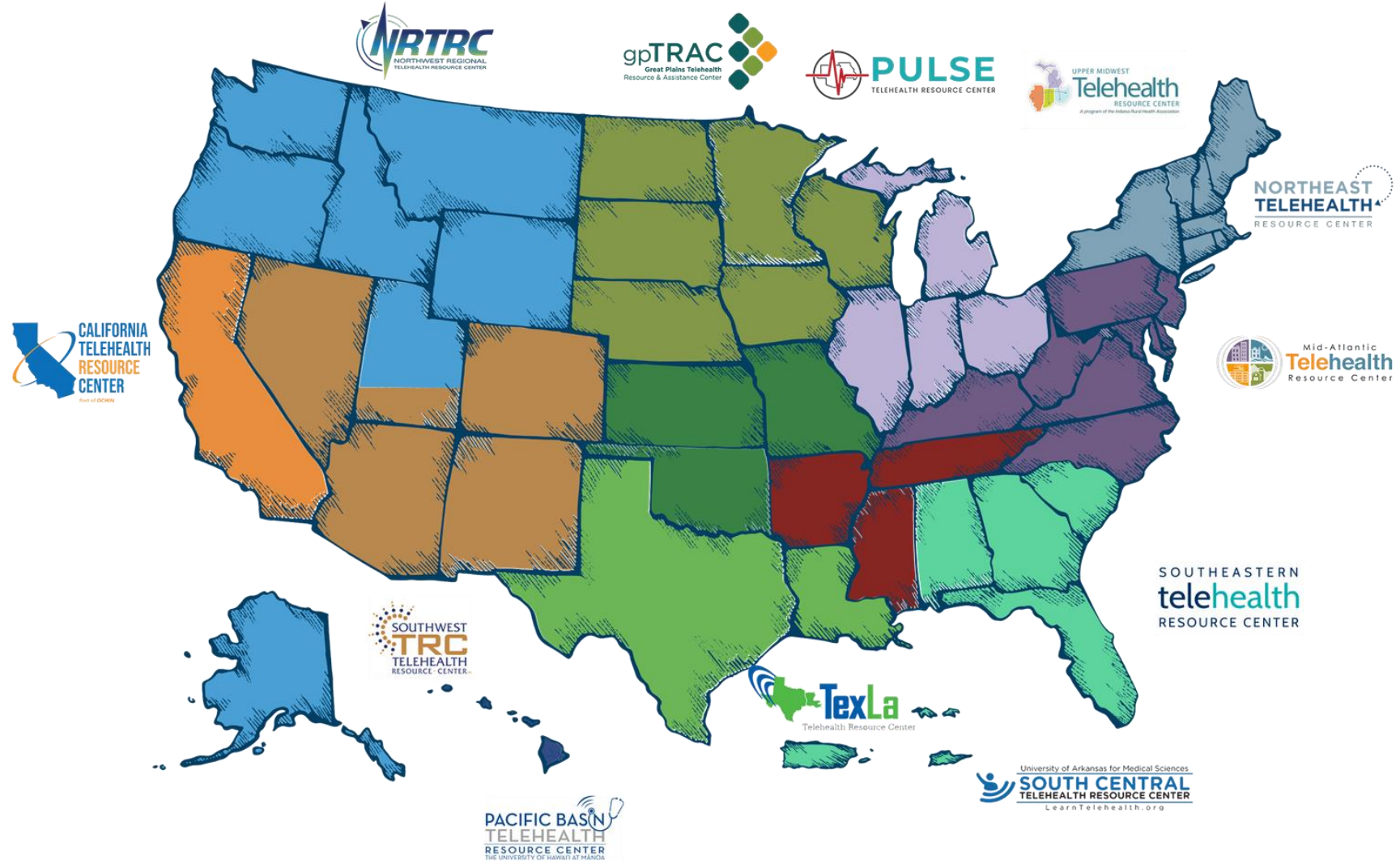
At GPT we offer:

- **Hardware:** remote patient monitoring, clinical carts and cameras, mobile telehealth solutions, various telemedicine peripherals, and custom configuration.
- **Software:** Pathways and TeleSensi with 24/7 in-house IT support.
- **Services:** account management, advisory, consultation, education, project management, technical support, training, remote patient monitoring and more.

Telehealth Resource Centers



2 NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS





The Healthcare Access Challenge



Geographic Barriers

141 of Georgia's 159 counties are designated as medically underserved, with families traveling 2-4 hours for specialty care. This represents about 89% of all counties in the state.

Educational Disruption

Students miss an average of 3-5 school days per year for medical appointments, affecting academic performance and attendance rates.

Economic

School-based telemedicine programs can reduce healthcare costs by up to 30% per visit compared to emergency or urgent care, while also lowering absenteeism and improving productivity for both families and schools.





School-based Telehealth in Georgia



The School Nurse and/or the Telehealth Champion bridges the gap between the healthcare and educational system.



School -based Telehealth Program:

Open network where schools can partner & connect to ANY provider, as needed to leverage telemedicine. Partnership with local pediatrician offices, distant specialists across the state, and state program offices.



School-based Health Center Hub/Spoke Model:

Often a closed network that connects a central, specialized medical facility to multiple school sites using telehealth technology. Partnership with a health system located within the school system.





Virtual School-based Telehealth Services



- ✔ **Behavioral Health**
- ✔ **Treatment for Illness & Minor Injuries**
- ✔ **Care Coordination**
- ✔ **Other Specialty Care Services**



Platform Overview



Pathways & Telesensi Platforms



Pathways Telemedicine

A user-friendly web-based platform for patients to connect with healthcare professionals via video consultations.



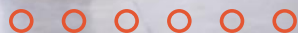
TeleSensi Auscultation

Live Auscultation: Allows remote healthcare providers to hear live, diagnostic-quality audio from a digital stethoscope during a telehealth visit.



Telemedicine Peripherals

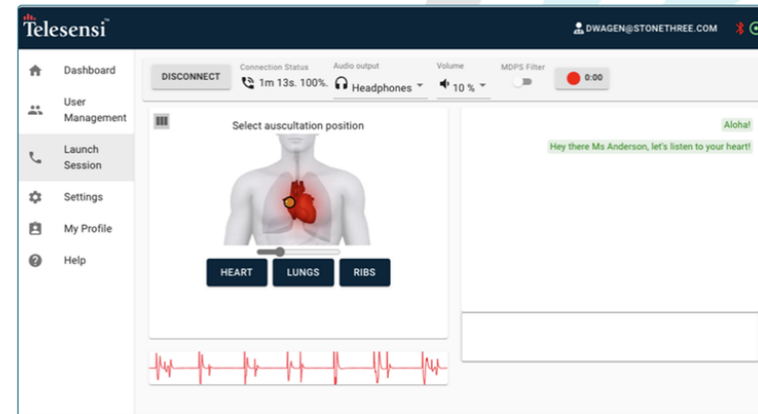
Connected clinical devices such as digital stethoscopes, otoscopes, exam cameras, and vital sign monitors that allow providers to remotely assess a student with real-time, high-quality equipment.



Telehealth Hardware/Software



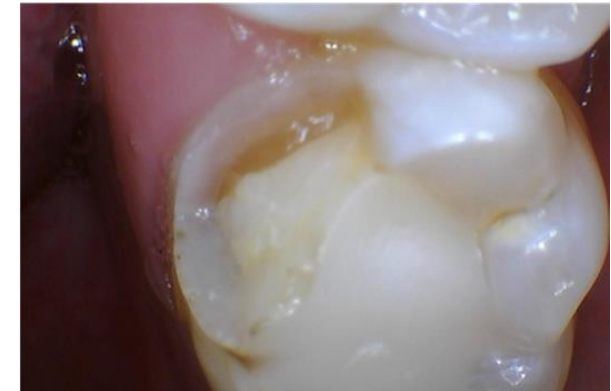
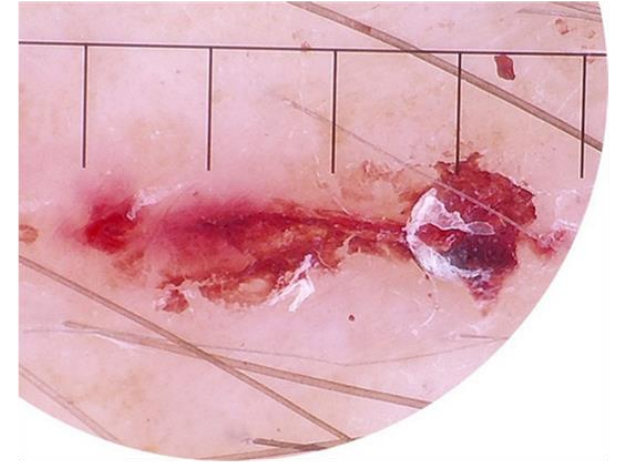
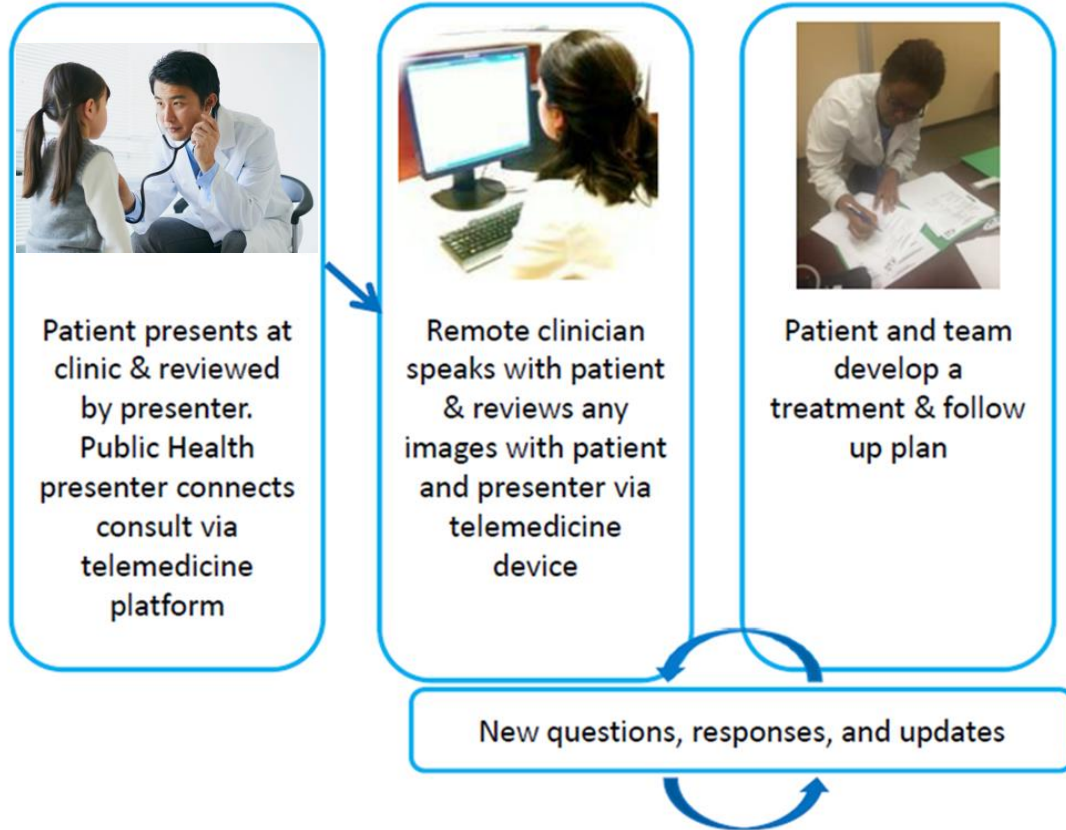
Telesensi™ as a stand-alone web-app



Telesensi™ can be deployed as a stand-alone web-application to enable clinical-grade tele-auscultation



Process Flow & Quality of Images






**Increases
Access**



**Reduces
Absenteeism**



**Improves
Outcomes**



**Decreases ER
Visits**




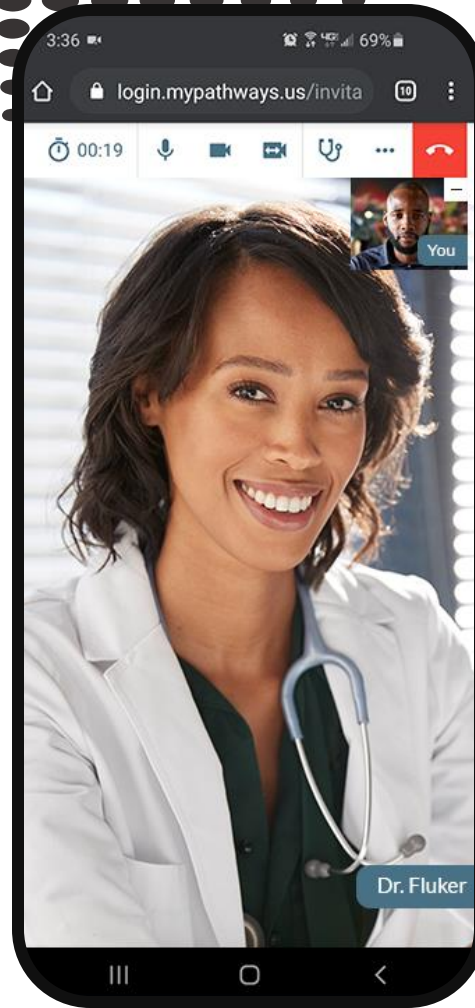
Benefits

What's the Return on Investment (ROI) on School-Based Telemedicine Programs?

Healthier Students, Stronger Schools & Communities

You justify school-based telemedicine programs by demonstrating that they solve a clear, measurable problem. Students are missing class due to health-related barriers and telemedicine provides a cost-effective, scalable way to deliver care where students already are.





Challenges



Buy- In



Technology/Broadband



Funding

What makes it hard to implement?

Funding Strategies



How do we pay for this?

Funding telehealth requires blended financing models.



- Federal grants & programs
- Emergency preparedness & disaster response efforts
- State investments
- Hospital collaboration
- Philanthropy
- Reimbursement programs (CMOs)
- Sustainability





Call to Action

Every Voice Matters & Can Make a Difference



**School Board
Members &
Administrators**



**School Clinical/Nursing
Staff & Community
Healthcare Providers**



**Teachers,
Counselors, Social
Workers & School
Staff**



Parents / Caregivers





Thank You!

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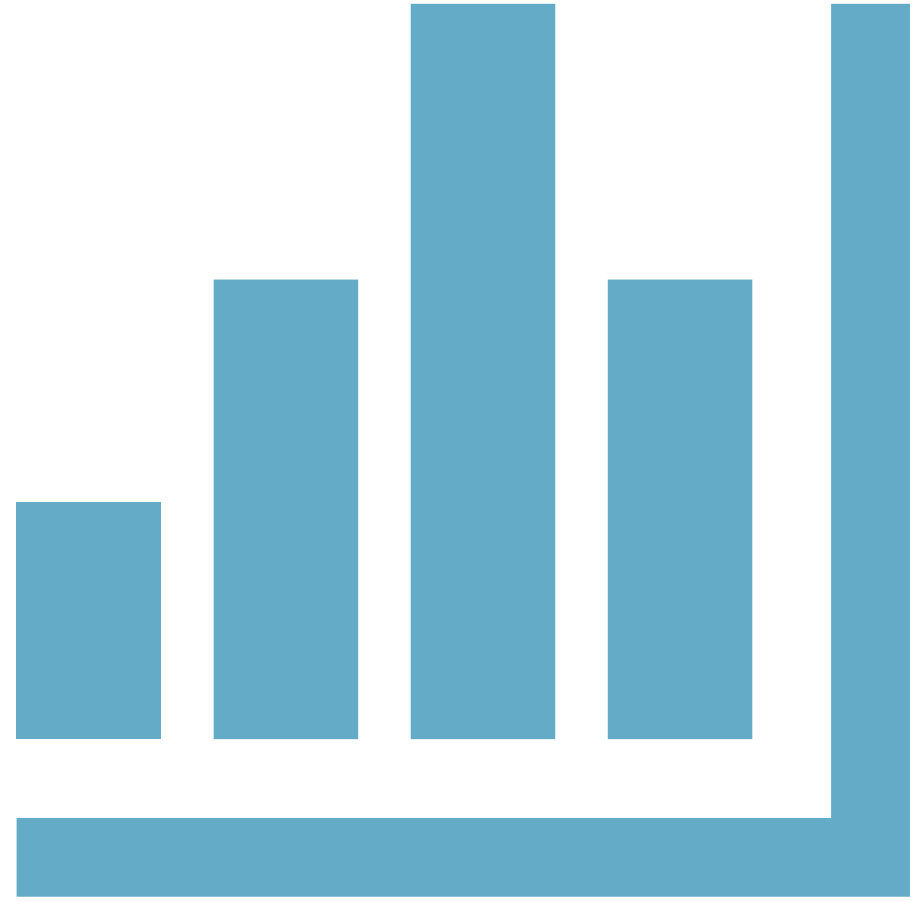


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