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Don't Get Left in the Shadows: Join us This Groundhog Day!

The National Telehealth Technology Assessment Center (TTAC) and the National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers (NCTRC) are proud to announce the 2022 Virtual Groundhog Day Conference! This event will take place on February 2-3, 2022. The theme of this year's conference is "Don't Get Left in the Shadows!"

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Telehealth Resource Center (NCTRC) are hosting a two-day event highlighting the intersection of today’s technology and the foundation for the future of telehealth. The online event will get started the morning of February 2nd and conclude February 3rd in the afternoon.

“This conference is focused solely on the use of technology in Telehealth.” Says TTAC director Doris Barta, “It is the first of its kind that we are aware of, where we are partnering with all 14 Telehealth Resource Centers to tell the story of Telehealth and how it can impact access to care especially during times like this where we are dealing with a Pandemic that has forced us to look to alternative ways to provide safe access to care.”

The conference will feature several telemedicine use case scenarios where patients, caregivers, and providers present virtual care models such as emergency services, behavioral health, school-based care, remote patient monitoring and direct to consumer patient care. Vendors will also be available to discuss scenarios and technologies with attendees who are interested.

Other highlights of the conference will include presentations and topic panels from some of the top experts in their fields. One major presenter will be Dr. David C. Rhew, the Global Chief Medical Officer (CMO) & VP of Healthcare for Microsoft. Dr. Rhew will be speaking on major trends and opportunities emerging in digital health. Another esteemed expert who will be presenting is Dr. Bertalan Mesko. Dr. Mesko is known as the medical futurist and serves as the Director of The Medical Futurist Institute where he studies how science fiction technologies can become a reality in healthcare and medicine. These are only two of the 25 speakers who will be participating.

You can also be sure to catch our HTRC team on either day during the conference: Wednesday February 2 at 4pm CST and Thursday February 3 at 2pm CST.

“This conference is giving all the Telehealth Resource Centers an opportunity to work together to promote a common goal nationally - to offer expertise and guidance on the use of Telehealth to enhance patient care.” Says Barta, “We are focused on ensuring that the audience receives engaging educational content that will promote robust discussion during the breakout sessions. We are excited that we can do this in collaboration with the National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers.”

Those who are interested in registering for the conference or seeing the full schedule of speakers can find those resources using this link: https://www.airmeet.com/e/537f1540-5878-11ec-8f6f-fbe163bdaf7a.
New Season for Telehealth Unmuted!

As we ring in the new year, Telehealth Unmuted is launching another season of the podcast! Season 2 will feature more subject matter experts, with a specific focus on the topic of health equity. Get the full scoop HERE!

**Episode 6** features Dr. Whitacre, a professor in the department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University. He has published over 60 peer-reviewed journal articles, with most exploring the relationship between internet access and rural development. He shares why broadband is crucial to quality of life, how to increase digital literacy, and studies on telehealth perceptions. Listen HERE on Spotify!

**Episode 7** is our first-ever cross-over episode with Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center’s A Virtual View podcast. Cameron Hilt, Caroline Yoder and Cara Lawlor join together for a very special collaboration, where they share their podcast journeys- from starting, to challenges, to big insights along the way. Listen HERE on Spotify!

Check out our full list of episodes HERE on Spotify!

Updates and Opportunities

**HTRC's Education Series**

HTRC is proud to present our Education Series, a webinar series centered on important telehealth topics.

Health care providers in KS, MO, or OK: this series is for YOU!

Register HERE.

SAVE THE DATE for these upcoming webinars:

**FEBRUARY 2 | 12 –1 PM CST**
Legislative Updates on Telehealth Policies
Much of our post-COVID telehealth services and payments will revolve around what, if any, legislation and regulations are passed to make many of the temporary telehealth flexibilities we’ve become accustomed to permanent solutions to telehealth delivery. This session will review state and federal legislation involving telehealth and the status of various bills and policies.

FEBRUARY 23 | 12 –1 PM CST

Telehealth in Therapy Disciplines
Perhaps among the most affected disciplines when COVID telehealth policies expanded were the therapy disciplines of speech, physical, and occupational therapy. These professionals previously were not eligible to render telehealth in many instances, but have since enjoyed the benefits of telehealth modalities. This session will explore the expanded coverage for therapy providers and the outlook on their continued access to the telehealth modality.

Telemedicine ECHOs
Missouri Telehealth Network Telemedicine ECHO
The Heartland Telehealth Resource Center and Missouri Telehealth Network are offering a Telemedicine ECHO for organizations in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. Participants will learn how to leverage their current telehealth program into a permanent solution for patients. Or, if they’re new to telehealth, they’ll learn best practices for building your program. This nine-month ECHO will be held the second Tuesday of each month from 9 to 10 a.m. via online learning sessions.

Next session: February 8 at 9 AM
Topic: Project Planning with Rachel Mutrux

To register online, click HERE and Select “Telemedicine” as the ECHO!

COVID-19 ECHOs
Missouri Telehealth Network COVID-19 ECHO will meet via Zoom video conferencing every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. Anyone interested in learning how to protect, diagnose and treat Missouri patients with COVID-19, as well as how to protect their overall community, are encouraged to join. A multidisciplinary expert team led by Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Director Randall Williams, MD, will share the latest developments, answer questions, and discuss management of patient cases presented by participants. Register and learn more here.
COVID-19 Resources

You can access the resources, [here](#). Please share with others who could benefit from the information. We will continue to add and update resources as they come available.

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