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Informed Consent for Telemedicine Services

PATIENT NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

LOCATION OF PATIENT: _____

Introduction

Telemedicine involves the use of electronic communications (telephone, computer, etc.) to enable health care providers (doctors, nurses, physician assistants, and others) at a different location from the patient to share medical information with that patient for the purpose of improving access to patient care. The information may be used for diagnosis, therapy, follow-up and/or education, and may include any of the following:

- Patient medical records
- Medical images
- Live two-way audio and video
- Output data from medical devices and sound and video files

The electronic systems used will attempt to incorporate security protocols to protect the confidentiality of patient identification and imaging data and will include measures to safeguard the data and to ensure its integrity against corruption.

Expected Benefits:

- Improved access to medical care by enabling a patient to remain in his/her location while the healthcare provider provides medical information from a distant site
- Limiting the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases
- Ability to obtain consultation from a distant medical specialist without traveling
- Conservation of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves and masks to reduce shortages for healthcare providers
- Allow medical evaluation and management of patients who are unable to travel

Possible Risks:

