

Roundtable Discussion : Telehealth in Cancer Care and Clinical Cancer Research: Opportunities, Constraints, and Unintended Consequences

Oncology Clinician Perspective

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Services Provided: Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Radiology,
Infusion, Oral Pharmacy

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Resources

- ASCO Special Report: A Guide To Cancer Care Delivery During The Covid-19 Pandemic
Updated : December 2020, <https://www.asco.org/sites/new-www.asco.org/files/content-files/2020-ASCO-Guide-Covid19.pdf>
- American Society of Clinical Oncology Road to Recovery Report: Learning From the COVID-19 Experience to Improve Clinical Research and Cancer Care
Pennell NA, Dillmon MA, et al. Journal of Clinical Oncology , vol 39 (2) 155-169, January 10,2021
- ASCO Interim Position Statement : "Telemedicine in Cancer Care"
July 23,2020 [asco.org](https://www.asco.org)
- ASCO Position Statement : " Telemedicine Cross-State Licensure "
May 20,2021 [asco.org](https://www.asco.org)

ASCO Recommendations on Policy Issues

- ASCO supports the **flexibility** CMS has implemented to ensure telemedicine is available to more practitioners and patients during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and urges CMS to maintain those expanded telemedicine policies
- State and federal policymakers should make **permanent and adequate reimbursement** for all modes of telemedicine delivery, by all plans and payers
- Federal and state governments should promote universal **access to high-speed broadband** through expanding digital infrastructure
- Federal and state governments should work to promote **health equity** through encouraging use of telemedicine in all care settings, including but not limited to rural and safety net providers
- State and federal policies **permitting telemedicine to cross state lines** should include provision requiring doctor-patient relationship be established prior to provision of any telemedicine service
- Medical Liability providers should include telemedicine and data security related risks in their policies. Physicians should verify **medical liability comprehensive coverage** for telemedicine services, including across state lines in which they practice
- All states should participate in **Interstate Medical Licensure Compact**. Lawmakers should enact legislation to join.

ASCO Expert Panel on Telemedicine

(Submitted for Publication)

Volunteer Panel

- Established by the ASCO Quality of Care Council
- Co-Chairs: Robin Zon MD , Ray Page DO

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Topics of Interest Addressed

- Which patients should be seen via telehealth versus in-person
- Important implementation considerations for oncology telehealth visits
- Establishment of the physician -patient relationship within the context of telehealth in oncology
- Role of Advanced Practice Providers and Allied Health Professionals in telehealth
- Virtual Multidisciplinary cancer conferences
- Use of telehealth in cancer clinical trials

Expert Panel final recommendations are not meant to serve as a certification tool