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Serving the Underserved: Eagle Telemedicine Presents Expanded Service Model with Telepsychiatry

Filling behavioral health needs to be focus of discussions when Eagle attends 21st annual ATA meeting

MINNEAPOLIS—May 17, 2016—Telemedicine is a perfect fit for the field of psychiatry, and helps fill the tremendous gaps in U.S. behavioral health treatment.

“Mental illness affects 1 in 5 Americans, and yet millions of cases go untreated,” said Talbot “Mac” McCormick, MD, President and CEO of [Eagle Telemedicine](#), an independent, physician-led company that develops and manages inpatient telemedicine programs for hospitals. “With more than half of the 3,007 counties in the U.S. lacking mental health professionals to provide local care, the vast majority of people in the U.S. have no easy access to mental health services. That is now changing with telepsychiatry.”

Bringing mental health services to more Americans

Telepsychiatry’s role in bringing professional mental health services to more Americans will be the main topic of discussion when Eagle Telemedicine attends the American Telemedicine Association’s Annual Conference & Trade Show in Minneapolis.

“With Eagle’s telepsychiatry solution, psychiatrists and psychologists deliver real-time, face-to-face treatment using secure, HIPAA-compliant, two-way videoconferencing,” Dr. McCormick said. “Patients receive mental health therapy and pharmacological support despite staff shortages or barriers to access. We are proud to make it part of our portfolio of telemedicine solutions, and look forward to discussing it with attendees at the ATA conference.”

Accredited by the ATA for online patient consultation and a gold-level corporate partner of the National Rural Health Association, Eagle Telemedicine will participate in ATA’s conference in Booth 2334, providing details about its telepsychiatry solution. Eagle subject matter experts will discuss how telepsychiatry and its other telemedicine solutions help hospitals across the country provide new care specialties to their communities.

The new frontier in mental health

“As a pioneer of the telemedicine industry, we have spent the past five years honing our practice model to meet specific hospital needs,” said Dr. McCormick. “Our telepsychiatry program is an ideal use of telemedicine because it not only improves access to mental health care, but also helps decrease costs to patients, hospital systems, and communities. It’s also interesting to note that mental health patients are frequently more at ease and forthcoming in a telepsychiatry visit.”

A recent U.S. News and World Report [article](#) called telepsychiatry “the new frontier” in mental health. “Telemedicine was a great innovation, but the real excitement comes when you see all its varied applications in healthcare today,” said Dr. McCormick. “Telepsychiatry is one of those vital applications and a much-needed component of well-rounded hospitalist programs today.”

About Eagle Telemedicine

Founded in 2008, Eagle Telemedicine was one of the first companies to emerge in the telemedicine physician service arena and continues to serve as a pioneer in the industry today, leading practical



solutions, management tools, and innovation through the use of telemedicine. Eagle currently offers telemedicine programs and solutions in: Hospitalist Medicine, Stroke and Acute Neurology, Psychiatric Care, and Critical Care. The company was launched through Eagle Hospital Physicians, which develops and supports hospitalist physician practices serving hospitals in more than a dozen states. For more information, visit www.eagletelemedicine.com.

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