

Why Use Telemedicine for Gastroenterology Services?

Gastrointestinal (GI) disorders affect millions of people in the United States each year. Among the most common GI disorders are gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), peptic ulcers, and colorectal cancer. GI disorders are typically diagnosed using a combination of patient history, physical examination, and various diagnostic tests.

The Challenge

In the US, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in both men and women, yet it is the most preventable type of cancer. Men's lifetime colorectal cancer risk is 1 in 23 while women's risk is 1 in 25. The CRC incidence rates in men and women younger than 45 years are very comparable. There will be an estimated 150,000+ new cases of colorectal cancer this year, and screening truly saves lives.

Greater access to gastroenterologists is needed to meet growing patient demand. Yet, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, gastroenterology will be among the top fields with the highest predicted provider deficit as demand for specialists rises. By 2025, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) predicts a shortage of 1,630 providers.

The Solution

By leveraging Tele-GI, hospitals can greatly improve patient access and lower the impact of gastric diseases. Providing care via remote consultations, these specialists can offer virtual gastroenterology assessments, diagnosis, and treatment plans to individuals in need. Telemedicine programs can greatly improve patient access to gastroenterologists, regardless of their physical location, breaking down geographical barriers and offering care that might not otherwise be available.

Eagle Telemedicine offers board-certified TeleGastroenterologists to help hospitals and health systems enhance critical access to GI care. Part of the Eagle Telemedicine suite of more than 17 physician specialties, Tele-GI is part of the next generation of healthcare delivery, offering greater care access and increasing early diagnosis rates for dramatically improved health outcomes.

Tele-GI Benefits

- ✓ 24/7 Access to Gastroenterologists
- ✓ Increase Early Detection of GI Conditions
- ✓ Improve Time-to-Treatment
- ✓ Increase Specialist Revenue
- ✓ Reduce Physician Recruiting Costs
- ✓ Improve Community Wellness
- ✓ Reduce Patient Wait Times
- ✓ Enhance Recurring Hospital ROI

By increasing access to care, Eagle is enabling early diagnosis, speeding time to treatment and improving patient survival rates.



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