

# Next Stop, The Virtual Medicine Zone

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## About Us

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UMass Memorial Health Care is:


- 6-hospital healthcare network serving Central MA
- Clinical partner of UMass Medical School
- 13,000 employees
- 3,000 RNs / 1,700 MDs
- 1,125 beds
- 225,000 ED / 1.5M ambulatory visits
- Region's only Level I Trauma and Level III NICU



# Program Overview and Strategy



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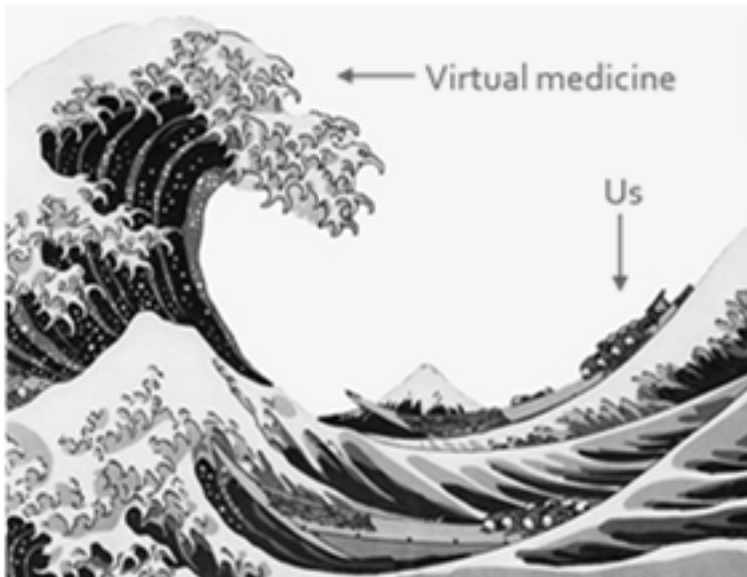
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# The Telehealth Wave

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*What is driving the sudden explosion in virtual care?*



- 65M live in a primary care “desert”
- Aging population
- Access to specialty services
- Advances in technology
- Positive trends in reimbursement
- Shift in consumer behaviors

# Benefits of Telehealth

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- Creates value for patients, payors and providers
- Increased access
- Convenience
- Expanded reach of healthcare services
- 24x7x365 availability
- Higher patient satisfaction
- Improved outcomes



# Telehealth Program Evolution

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## **2000-2005**

- Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project (MCPAP)

## **2006-2008**

- eICU Program launch, Primary Care BH online education, core video infrastructure investment

## **2009-2011**

- TeleStroke, TeleGI, mobile vascular lab, capsule endoscopy, NICVIEW, MyCareTeam (diabetes)

## **2012-2014**

- Patient and wellness portals, image sharing, CANDO, inpatient neurology, video for hearing impaired

## **2015-2016**

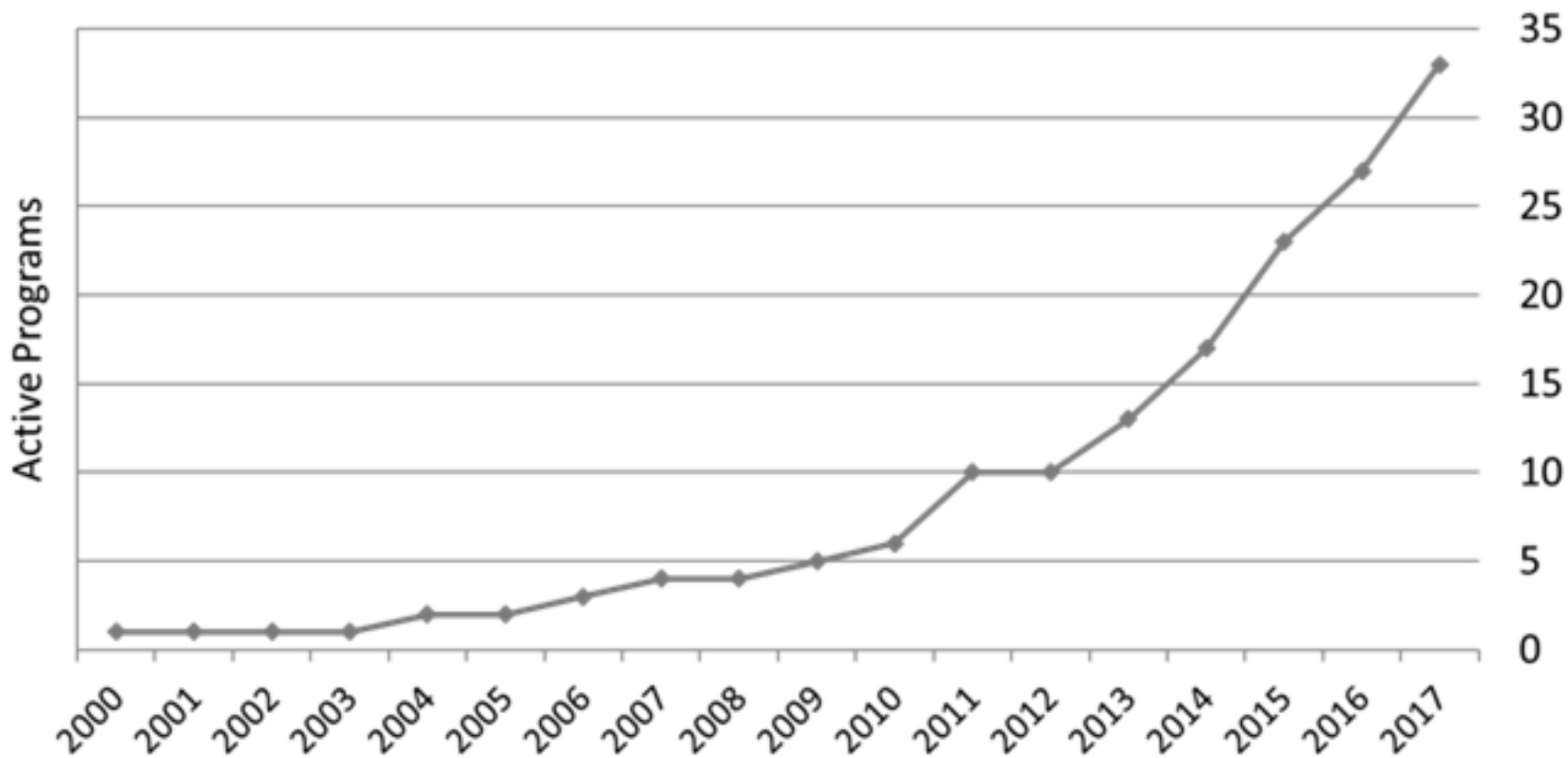
- Remote video interpreters, e-visits, urgent care centers, teleradiology, video dialysis, TeleDerm

## **2017-2019**

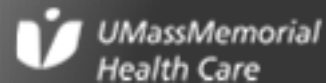
- Multiple behavioral health initiatives, TelePathology, **strategic alignment of all telehealth initiatives**
  - Expansion of services through a common platform, common workflows and common entry point

# Telehealth Trajectory

Program Growth by Year



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# UMMHC Virtual Medicine by the Numbers

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21 direct care programs

10 supporting services

39 technology solutions

33 medical facilities plus patient home

8 oversight committees

6 intake pathways

80 work efforts in the pipeline

4 FTEs supporting program growth and unification

# Lean A3 Problem Statement

<b>PROBLEM SOLVING A3</b>	<b>UMMHC Telehealth Program</b>	<b>1/30/2018</b>
<b>PRIORITY OWNER:</b> Tim Tarnowski	<b>TASK FORCE MEMBERS:</b> Seema Adams, MD, Eric Ager, MD, Alan Brown, MD, Bill Corbett, MD, Steve Etkin, MD, Wiley Hall, MD, David Harlan, MD, Cliff Holban, MD, Jeff Hsu, MD, Richard Iwin, MD, Dina Kandel, MD, John Levey, MD, Craig Lilly, MD, Mary Malone, MD, Justin Nayak, MD, David Nemanis, MD, Don Rongklegg, MD, Martin Sacnet, MD, Teresa Kinon, Tom Scarnaccia, DO, Hobb Stout, MD, Nichole Stewart, Dave Smith, Leslie Sojka, MD, Tim Tarnowski, Steve Tost, MD, Deborah Weymouth, Bruce Woods, MD	<b>A3 Updater:</b> Dave Smith
<b>PROBLEM STATEMENT:</b> We lack a comprehensive and cohesive suite of services that we are able to offer to our partners, internal and external. As a result, our partners are moving in other directions in a way that creates risk to our mission in the form of leakage. Including telemonitoring and telementoring, we lack a clear vision regarding what we wish to offer directly to patients, how, and to what extent. Grants create risk to developing a standard.	<b>COUNTERMEASURES (PLAN/SUSTAIN):</b> Key strategic pillars: Common platform, common workflow, common point of entry Specific areas of focus (Goals 1, 8): 1. Reduction in readmissions (quality care, cost avoidance) 2. Inappropriate ED utilization - divert to more appropriate care settings 3. Decrease no-show rates in clinics (revenue potential) 4. "Right care" our patients to the most appropriate and least expensive care setting Specific access initiatives (Goals 1, 8, 9):	
<b>SCOPE (IN/OUT):</b>	<p>We lack a comprehensive and cohesive suite of services that we are able to offer to our partners, internal and external. As a result, our partners are moving in other directions in a way that creates risk to our mission in the form of leakage. Including telemonitoring and telementoring, we lack a clear vision regarding what we wish to offer directly to patients, how, and to what extent.</p>	
<b>GOALS:</b> Achieve our 2020 Vision by expanding our ability to deliver care in environments and by methods previously unavailable. <b>Mission:</b> To provide and promote excellence in telehealth delivery at all levels of care and across the continuum of care to improve patient access, outcomes and satisfaction. <b>Vision:</b> We will be the leading provider of telehealth services in Central MA for both providers and consumers through a unified delivery platform and centralized, integrated care. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver exceptional quality, service and value</li> <li>Increase our community presence</li> <li>Build our population health capabilities</li> <li>Create an enabling culture of ownership</li> </ul>		



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## Contributing Factors (SWOT Analysis)

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- Fractured access to services
  - Many numbers to call, no centralized point of entry
- Lack of visibility across care settings
  - Leads to readmissions and poor outcomes
- No common delivery platform
  - Cannot leverage shared investments
- End of life equipment was failing
  - TeleStroke and eICU required immediate action
- Limited resources to support growth
  - Providers, IT, reimbursement, marketing, operations, etc.

# Countermeasures

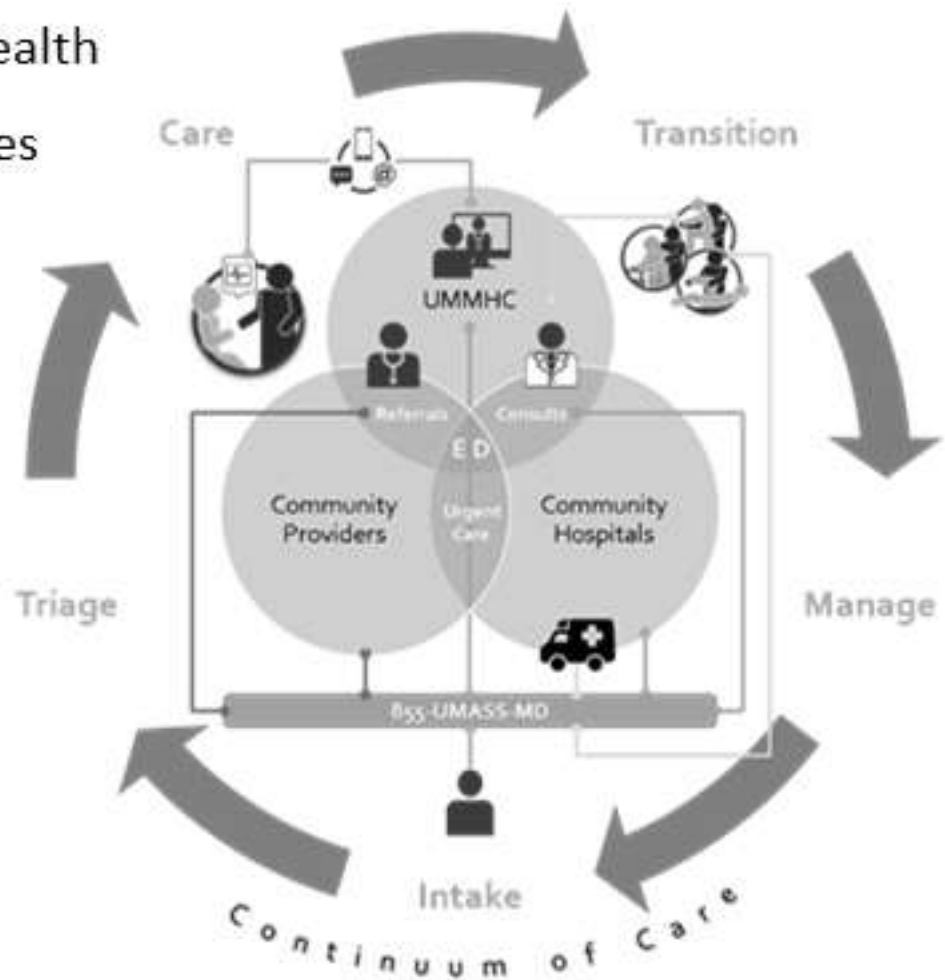
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- Develop a service bundle for community hospitals
  - Start with existing programs, leverage existing coverage models
- Stabilize current programs
  - Address IT obsolescence and plan for future investment
- Deliver a common platform across service lines
  - Consider time to implement, workflows, resource constraints
- Centralize access to services
  - For providers and patients alike, one number to call
- Integrate care delivery across the continuum of care



# Patient Engagement Lifecycle

A holistic approach to population health through centralized access to services and coordinated care enabled by telehealth strategies



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# Virtual Medicine Mission and Vision

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## Mission:

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## Vision:

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# High Level Objectives

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## **Areas of focus:**

- Reduction in readmissions (quality care, cost avoidance)
- ED avoidance tactics
- Decrease no-show rates in clinics
- “Right site” patients to most appropriate and least expensive care setting (flow)

## **Access initiatives:**

- Expand specialist access to community hospitals and community providers
- Improve ease of access by driving all services through 855-UMASS-MD, 24x7
- Increase virtual case volume for dermatology, neurology, cardiology and behavioral health
- Direct-to-patient interactive video encounters for primary and urgent care

## **Outcomes initiatives:**

- Post-discharge and post-operative follow up virtual visits for bundled payment cases
- Home health programs for chronic disease management (align with ACO target conditions)
- Focused, data-driven population health management (align with ACO target population)

## **Satisfaction initiatives:**

- Drive up patient satisfaction through improvements in access and outcomes
- Leverage telehealth as a tool for improving communication and physician engagement

## Close Alignment with ACO Objectives

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- Personalized care coordination services across the healthcare continuum
- More effective physician visits and communication among providers
- Targeted health and wellness programs focused on disease prevention
- Coordination of appointments, medication management, and follow-up care
- Improving efficiency in patient care

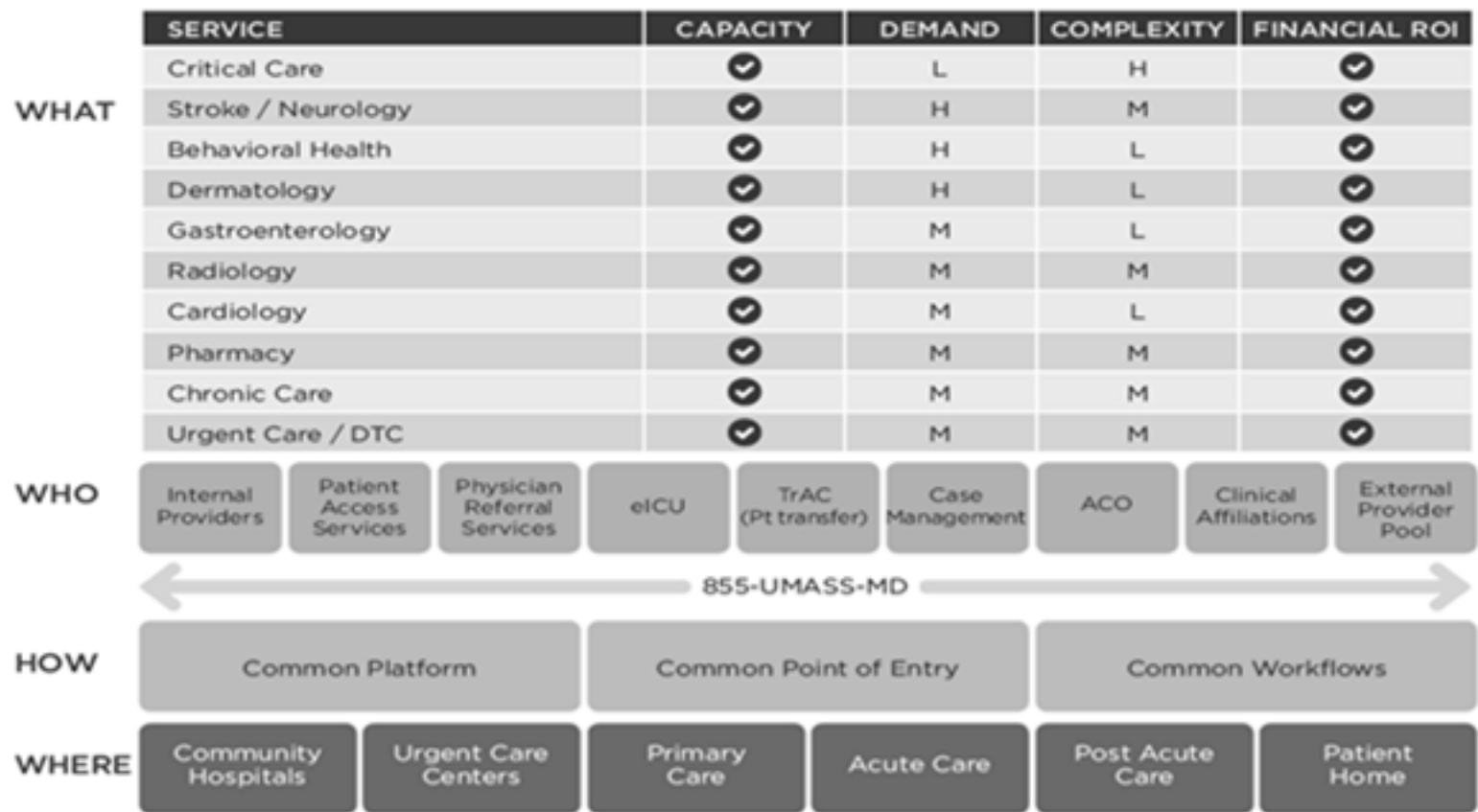




# Interdisciplinary Approach to Virtual Care Delivery

## EXTEND INFORMATION SERVICES AND EPIC TO CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

► Improve Outcomes and Access to Care in a Cost-effective Setting (Telehealth)



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# Development of Standard Work

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UMMHC clinical portal @<https://ummhc.avizia.com>  
Standardized devices for various use cases and care settings

Emergent, on demand, scheduled, ad hoc workflows built  
Designing and implementing Epic workflows

Centralized intake through clinical portal  
Begin to align service areas and care coordination

*Simple, effective, efficient, repeatable, reproducible...*

# Communities our Programs Serve

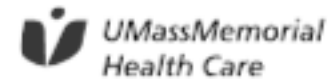
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# Program Highlights and Outcomes



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# Tele-ICU



*Pictured: Dr. Craig Lilly, eICU Medical Director*



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## Tele-ICU Program Statistics

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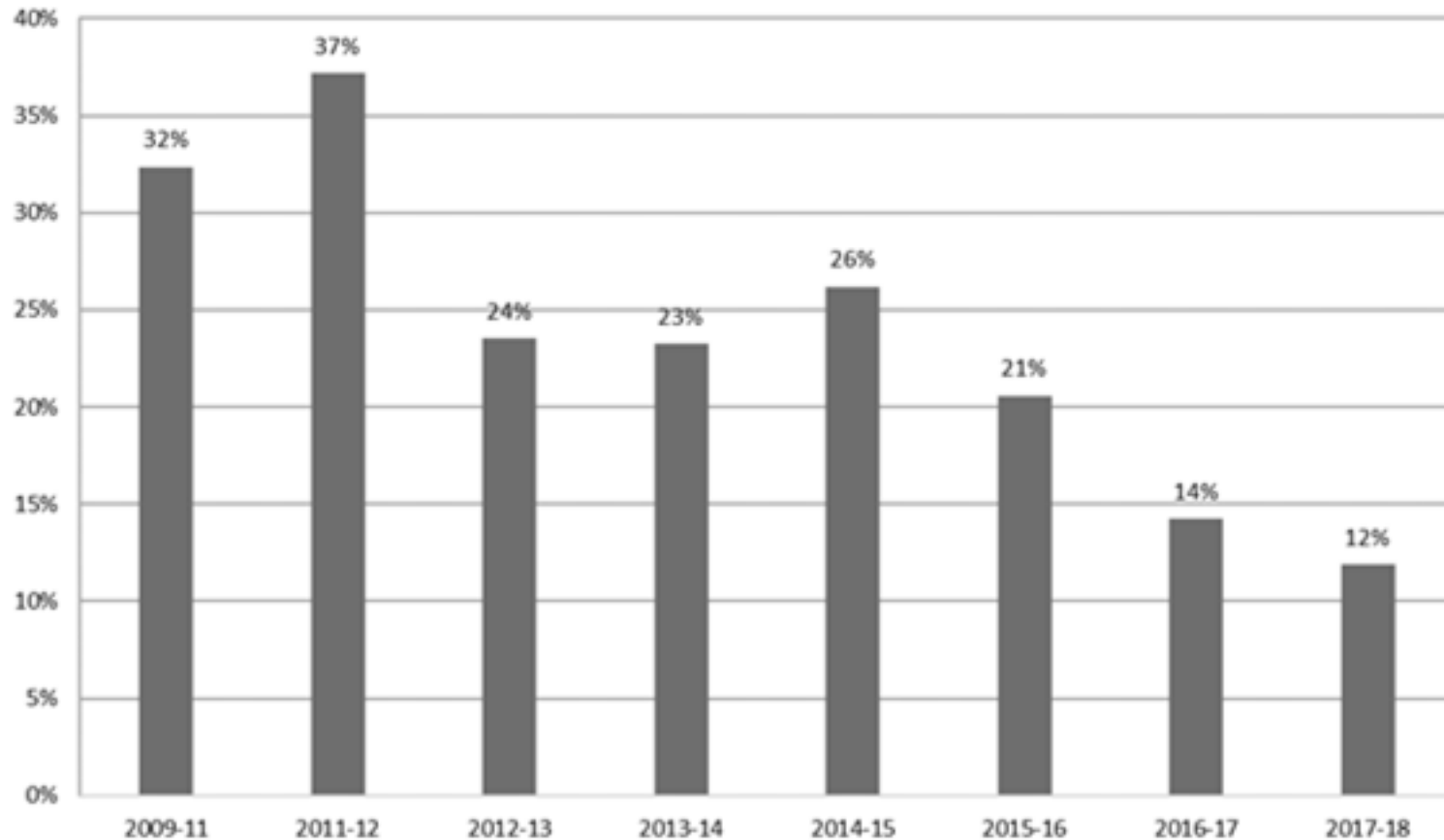
- 149 beds monitored 24x7x365 across 14 adult ICUs and PACUs
- 24,820 true positive alarms responded to in 2017
- 6,570 medical interventions managed from the eICU in 2017
- Substantial reduction in preventable adverse events

Measure	Pre TeleICU	Post TeleICU
ICU Mortality Rate	10.7%	8.6%
ICU Length of Stay (Days)	6.4	4.5
Stress Ulcer Prevention	83%	96%
DVT Prophylaxis Prevention	85%	99.5%
VAP Cases	13%	1.6%
Cardiovascular Protection	80%	99%

Source: JAMA, Published online 16 May 2011

# Tele-ICU Program Statistics

Percentage of Transfers to UMass Memorial



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# Tele-ICU in the News

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**“UMass Memorial finds success with remote ICU”**

*THE BOSTON GLOBE, May 17, 2011*



**“JAMA study finds remote monitoring in e-ICUs reduced mortality”**

*iMedicalApps, May 27, 2011*

**“Use of telehealth network can boost care, study says”**

*USA TODAY, December 5, 2013*



**“UMass, state taking telemedicine to next level”**

*Worcester Business Journal, August 1, 2016*

**“Telemedicine Study Cites Tele-ICU’s Positive Impact on Patients”**

*mHEALTH INTELLIGENCE, January 25, 2017*






# TeleStroke



*Pictured: Dr. Wiley Hall, TeleStroke Program Director*



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## Case Study : TeleStroke

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### The Problem:

- Stroke is the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the US
- Many rural areas lack access to 24x7 neurology services
- Brain-saving treatment is extremely time sensitive

### The Solution:

- Rapid access to a specialist through interactive video
- Remote interpretation of brain image (CT)
- Mobile video cart for physical exam and treatment plan



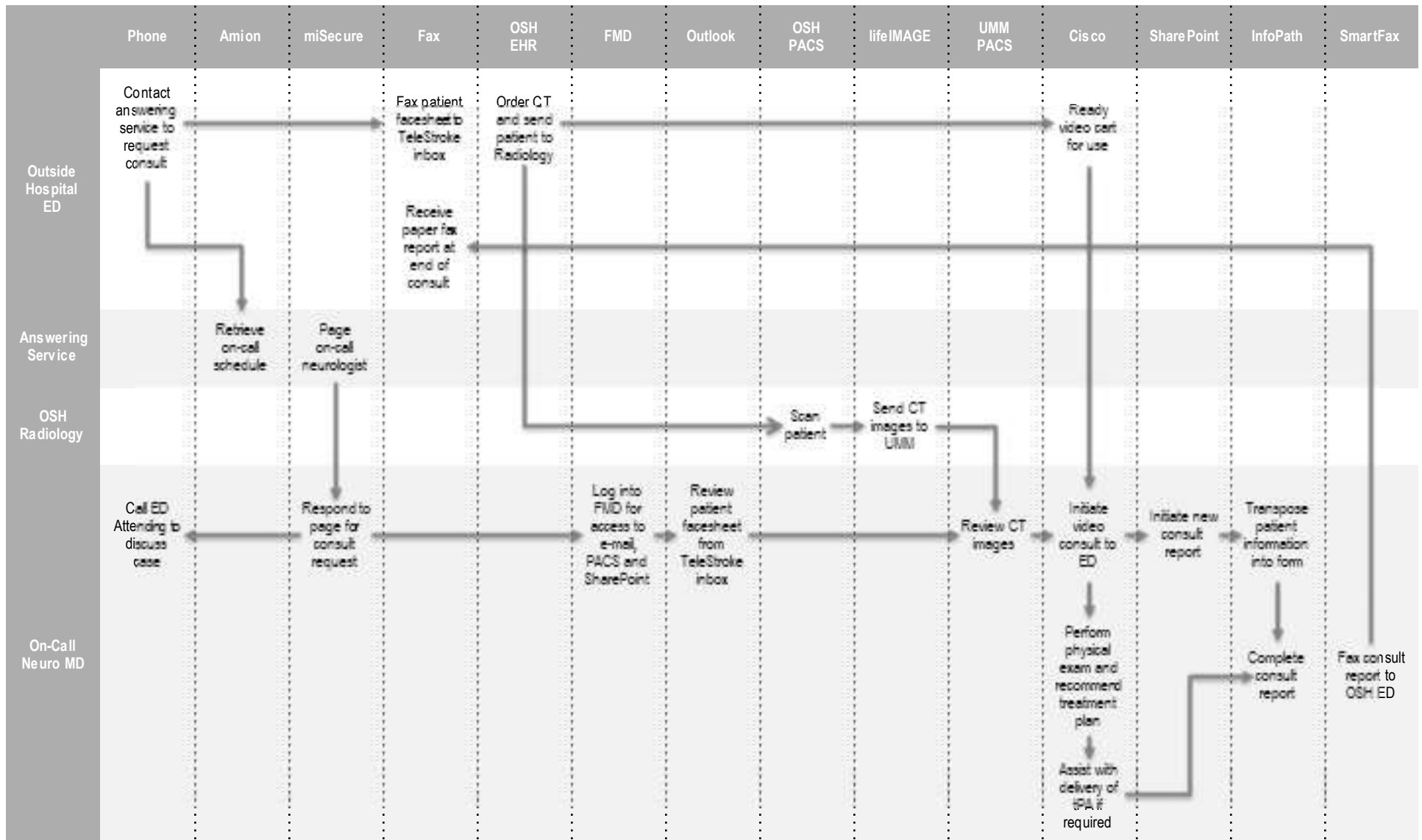
# Case Study : TeleStroke

## Program Requirements:

- Two-way audio/video capability
- Mobile video cart in ED
- HD video with PTZ and far end camera control
- Access to patient CT scan
- Multiple points of entry (both on and off network)
- Ability to perform remote consultation from home



# TeleStroke Prior State Workflow



# Streamlined Workflow

## Which Clinical Module?

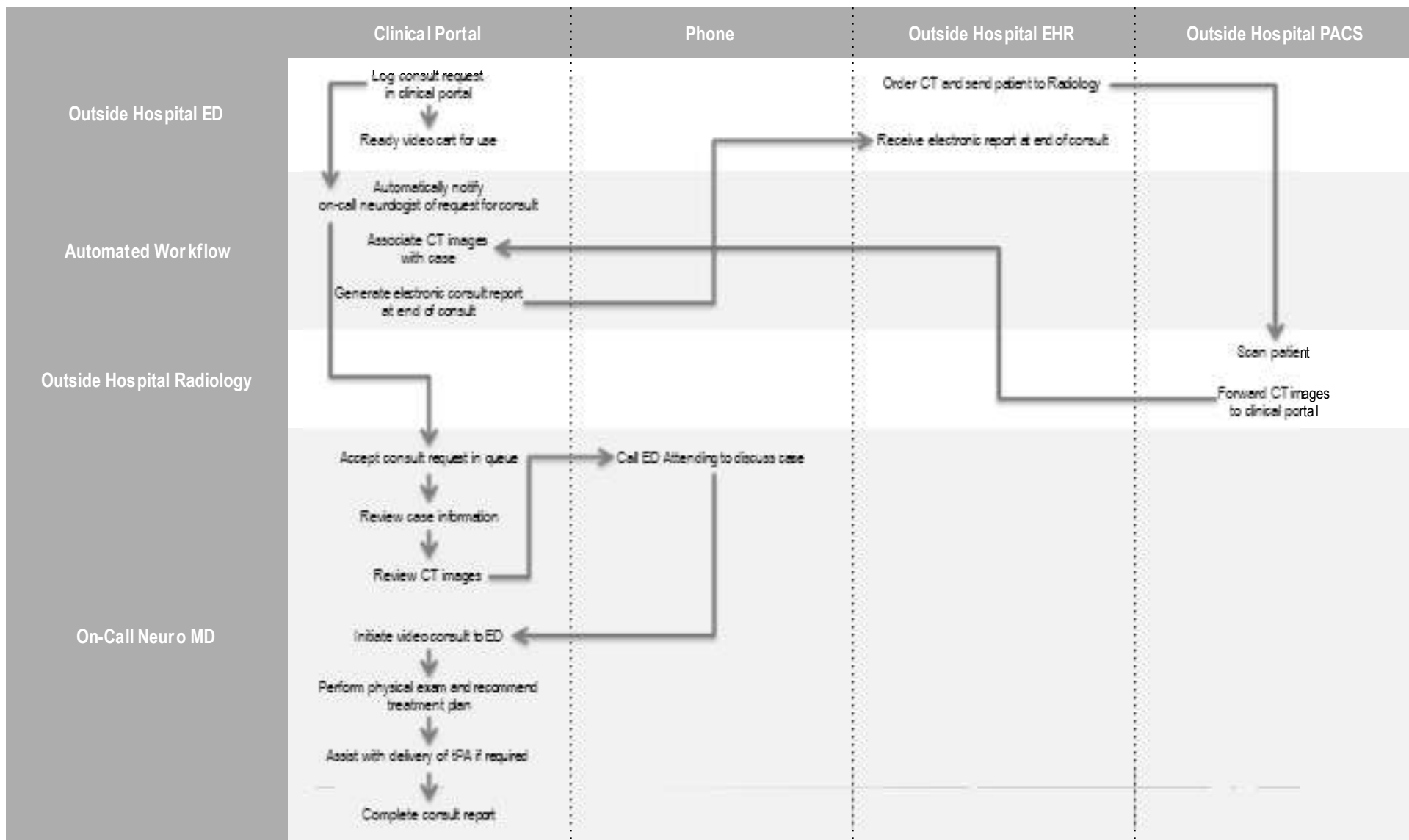
Select the clinical module from the list below.

<b>Telestroke</b> ✓ 1 Doctor Oncall	<b>TeleNICU</b> ✓ 1 Doctor Oncall	<b>Specialty Consult</b> ✓ 1 Doctor Oncall
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- Automatic case creation and notification
- Standardized and simplified intake
- Single cart for multiple consult types



# TeleStroke Current State Workflow



# Operational Improvements

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## Opportunity:

- Home-grown TeleStroke program was built 10 years ago
- Involved 14 disparate communication systems and 21 process steps
- Required outdated versions of software to maintain compatibility

## Solution:

- Consolidate communication systems and workflow steps
- Standardize and streamline intake and consult notification
- Utilize device-agnostic platform to improve response time

## Result:

- Decreased the number of communication systems from 14 to 4
- Reduced the number of process steps from 21 to 13
- Increased efficiency by consolidating imaging, video, and NIH stroke scale

# Outcomes

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1000+

Telestroke consults completed in the first 6 months

71%


Decrease in number of communication systems used for telestroke

38%

Reduction in steps required to conduct a telestroke consult



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# TeleNICU



*Pictured: Dr. Javed Mannan, TeleNICU Program Director*



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## Problem : Pre-Term Births

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The rates of pre-term births have been rising over the last few years and are now as high as 10% in the United States

With the rise in pre-term births there is an increasing demand for teams with expertise and high levels of knowledge in neonatal resuscitation



# Neonatal Care in Rural Hospitals

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- Pre-term delivery or the need for resuscitation in full term infants is unpredictable
- Clinicians who work in community hospitals may not be exposed to high volume acute cases
- Infants born at community hospitals without NICUs are at risk for increased mortality and morbidity



*Phibbs CS et al, JAMA 1996*

*Phibbs CS et al, NEJM 2007*

*Lasswell SM et al, JAMA 2010*

*Lorch SA et al, Pediatrics 2012*

## Solution : Telemedicine in the NICU

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- Few caregivers receive enough exposure to become proficient in execution of the NRP algorithm
- Telemedicine has been used as a bridge to provide immediate access to expert subspecialty neonatal care
- Also shown to improve patient safety and quality of care, as well as decrease costs



*Jukkala AM, JOGNN 2009*

*Kim EW et al, Journal of Perinatology 2013*

*Fang AL et al, Resuscitation 2018*

# High-Level Workflow

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## Remote Site L&D

- Identify need for neonatal consultation
- Bring video cart to bassinet
- Initiate consultation request by tapping “TeleNICU” button
- Provide situational report to NICU provider when video call is initiated
- Follow care instruction from NICU provider until transport team arrives

## NICU Provider

- Receive alert notification of consultation request
- Initiate video call to remote site via app or web portal
- Assess situation and initiate NRP resuscitation algorithm
- Provide care direction and oversight to remote site team
- Invite NICU transport team into video call while en route to remote site

## Transport Team

- Join video call in ambulance via iPad
- Observe resuscitation activities while en route to remote site
- Assume responsibility for resuscitation activities upon arrival to remote site
- Stabilize infant and determine need to transfer to NICU
- Work with NICU to coordinate post-stabilization care plan



## Results : TeleNICU in Simulation

Comparison of time to effective ventilation, interventions, and use of the corrective steps between control and intervention groups:

Time to effective ventilation in seconds, mean (range)	Control group (n=23)	Intervention group (n=23)
	<b>251 (125-479)</b>	<b>162 (98-233)</b>
Use of the first five corrective steps, n (%)	Control group (n=23)	Intervention group (n=23)
M: adjusts mask position	<b>11 (48)</b>	<b>23 (100)</b>
R: repositions the head	<b>16 (70)</b>	<b>23 (100)</b>
S: suction mouth and nose	<b>11 (48)</b>	<b>23 (100)</b>
O: opens mouth or lifts jaw	<b>4 (17)</b>	<b>23 (100)</b>
P: increases positive inspiratory pressure	<b>3 (13)</b>	<b>23 (100)</b>

Fang J et al, Resuscitation 2014  
Umoren RA et al, Air Medical Journal 2018

## Key Takeaways

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- NICU responders can now see and hear what is happening at the point of care, and can direct more effective care within the first minutes of life
- Live simulation training helped all care teams become familiar with the workflow and identify process gaps
- By using everyday communication tools, technology became transparent to the care teams

# The Future of Virtual Medicine



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# Opportunities for Virtual Medicine

Use Cases	Specialties	Care Settings
<input type="checkbox"/> Telementoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Critical Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency
<input type="checkbox"/> Telemonitoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Stroke / Neurology	<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient
<input type="checkbox"/> TeleICU	<input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Hospitals
<input type="checkbox"/> TeleStroke	<input type="checkbox"/> Gastroenterology	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Population Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Dermatology	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent Care
<input type="checkbox"/> E-Visits (asynchronous)	<input type="checkbox"/> Infectious Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Transitional Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Interactive Video Visits	<input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatology	<input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Store and Forward	<input type="checkbox"/> Surgery / Post-Op	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Practices
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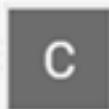
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American Well  
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**Senior AV Technology Engineer/  
Telehealth Manager**  
Connecticut Children's Medical Center



**Telehealth Mental Health Therapist**  
Beacon Health Options  
Boston, MA



**901244 Telehealth Coordinator**  
University of Pennsylvania Health System  
Philadelphia, PA



**TeleHealth Engineer**  
Partners HealthCare  
Somerville, MA



**Program Manager -  
TeleHealth/stroke**  
MaineHealth



**Telehealth/Call Center Nurse**  
Greater Lawrence Family Health Center  
Methuen, MA



**Health Technician Telehealth -  
Internal**  
Department of Veterans Affairs



**Telehealth Manager**  
Cohen Veterans Network  
Stamford, CT



**TeleHealth Clinician-NH**  
Behavioral Health Response  
Nashua, NH



**Telehealth Installer - Full Time**  
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Watertown, MA



**Telehealth Staffing Specialist**  
Barton Associates  
Keene, NH



**TeleHealth Production Technician**  
York Telecom Corporation  
Wilmington, MA



**Senior Financial Analyst, MGPO  
Budget Office (Telehealth Support)**  
Massachusetts General Hospital(MGH)



**Director, Telehealth**  
Hospital for Special Surgery  
New York, NY

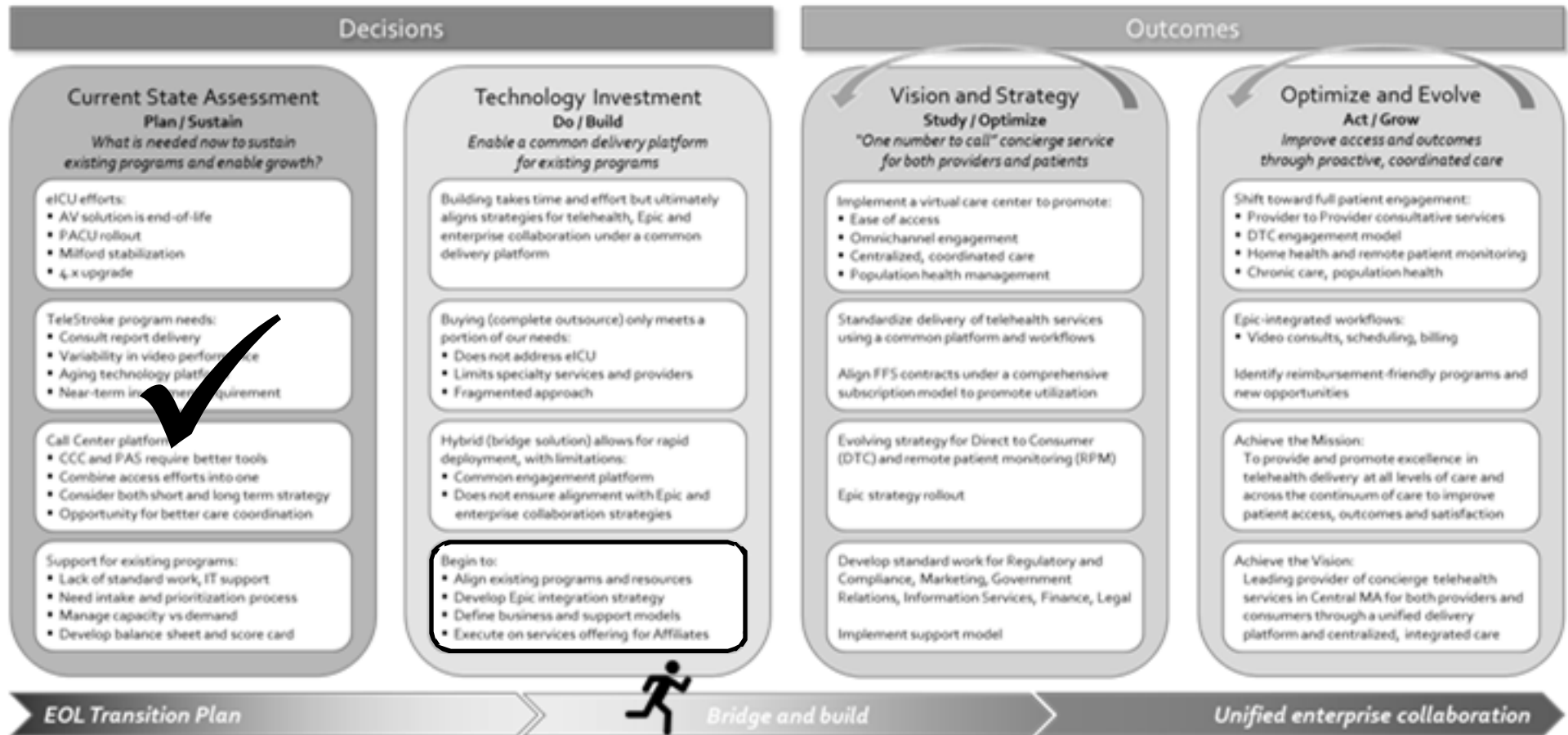


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# Telehealth Transformation...The Journey Continues



# The Future Foretold




“It’s the future of medicine,” said Dr. Eric Dickson, CEO of UMass Memorial Health Care, about the telemedicine expansion.



Coming in 2019-20:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pediatric neurology consults</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Telecardiology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Virtual check-ins</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clinic-to-dinic video visits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Telepsychiatry (more)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Remote evaluation services</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Epic e-Visits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ School-based video visits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Infant SpO2 remote monitoring</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Epic e-Consults</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ED virtual triage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MyChart video visits</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Post-op virtual follow up visits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Affiliate specialty expansion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ VM training and simulation lab</li> </ul>

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