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Telemedicine in anesthesia

Telemedicine is defined as the remote delivery of health care services and clinical information using telecommunications technology. As the internet evolves and high-speed cable or satellite technology becomes more available, healthcare providers are exploring new ways to accelerate care or reach patients in remote areas. Clinicians are now applying these techniques in the field of anesthesiology. The business market for telemedicine is growing in USA and the world with new devices or applications being released almost daily. In the anesthesia literature, there are published examples of using telemedicine in ICU and preoperative clinic settings, as well as intra-operative consultations between continents. Application of this technology does, however, create concerns over medical licensure, potential liability, and reimbursement challenges.

Biography

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