

# Teledentistry: Revolutionizing Dental Care

## 💡 What is Teledentistry?

Teledentistry uses technology to connect with patients and providers remotely. This includes consultations, education, data sharing, pre- and post-op support, and oral health coaching.

Types of Teledentistry Modalities (ADA):

- **Live Video (Synchronous):** Real-time interaction between patient and provider.
- **Store & Forward (Asynchronous):** Images and data are sent to a provider for later review.
- **Remote Patient Monitoring:** Data collected remotely and transmitted to providers.
- **Mobile Health (mHealth):** Apps, forms, follow-up tools, and education via smartphones.

## 📋 Common Use Cases

- Head Start & School-based programs
- Skilled-nursing & long-term care facilities
- Oral lesion monitoring
- Sleep test consults & follow-ups
- Post-op check-ins
- Oral hygiene coaching

## 🔍 Enhancing Teledentistry with Technology

### 📷 MouthWatch Intraoral Cameras

- Easy-to-use, affordable intraoral cameras that connect directly to a laptop or tablet.
- Capture high-resolution images that can be shared instantly with supervising dentists or for patient education.
- Ideal for use in remote settings, mobile clinics, or school-based programs.
- Boosts patient understanding and case acceptance by showing “what you see.”

### 🌐 Dentistry.One Teledentistry Platform

- HIPAA-compliant teledentistry software powered by **Toothpic/Overjet**, offering full virtual visit capabilities.
- Enables dental professionals to triage, consult, and refer patients online.
- Integration with EHRs and image sharing allows for seamless care coordination.
- Particularly helpful for:

- After-hours support
- Second opinions
- Oral health coaching
- Public health outreach in dental deserts
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## 🧩 Why This Matters

### For Dental Teams:

- Expanded reach & access
- Efficient triage & scheduling
- Stronger interprofessional collaboration
- Improved diagnostics via shared data

### For Patients:

- Easier access (especially rural or mobility-limited)
- Lower costs & time commitment
- Reduced dental anxiety
- Better education & follow-up

## ⚠️ Challenges to Keep in Mind

- Resistance to change within dental teams
- Variable internet/wifi access
- Changing state policies & scope of practice laws
- Need for clear workflows, training, and HIPAA-compliant tools

## 🌐 [Scope of Practice by State](#)

## 📋 Billing Codes to Know

- **D9995:** Teledentistry, synchronous
- **D9996:** Teledentistry, asynchronous
- **D0140, D0170, D0171:** Limited or re-evaluations
- **D9992:** Dental case management – care coordination

## 🌍 The Bigger Picture

Teledentistry is more than a video call — it's a tool for transforming access, equity, and efficiency in oral health. With the right tech, training, and team buy-in, we can truly **meet patients where they are** — even if that's on their phones.