TeleRehabilitation for Assistive Technology

Improving access and quality of care for Veterans

Assistive Technology (AT) provides services over a video conference interface, allowing treatment and evaluations to be performed in a patient’s home, community, local Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) and other VA Medical Centers. Assistive Technology providers use telehealth as a service delivery model to help Veterans identify their assistive technology needs, train on the usage of the recommended AT devices and provide education on AT options in the various environments in which they live, work, and enjoy life.

TeleRehabilitation for Assistive Technology at a Glance:

- Assistive Technology services may include evaluation, intervention, education and training techniques for;
  - Adaptive sports
  - Augmentative & Alternative Communication
  - Electronic cognitive devices
  - Electronic aids to daily living
  - Adaptive computer access
  - Learning technologies
  - Complex powered mobility
  - Mounting of AT devices
  - Alternative Access Methods to various devices

- Affords Veterans the opportunity to practice hands on skills learned in the clinic in their home or in their community with AT providers present via Telehealth to provide feedback and specified training.

TeleRehabilitation for Assistive Technology can be used to enhance a Veteran’s treatment program to incorporate face to face clinic visits, telehealth to home visits and post treatment follow ups.

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