Pediatric Telepsychiatry Curriculum

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INTRODUCTION

This curriculum was developed using Kern’s 6-stage model of curriculum development.

**KERN’S 6-STAGE MODEL OF CURRICULUM**

1. Identification of the core need/problem and general needs assessment
2. Targeted needs assessment
3. Development of broad goals and measurable specific objectives
4. Development of educational content and method
5. Implementation
6. Evaluation and feedback at the level of the individual learner and the program

*Thomas, et al. 2016*

**PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

The United States currently faces a dire shortage of child/adolescent psychiatrists (CAPs). While the estimated need is 30,000, only 8,000 CAPs are in practice nationally, and their mean age is 53 years. Most counties in the United States (US) have no CAPs, and the average wait time to see a CAP is 7.5 weeks (AACAP 2018). Telepsychiatry offers an opportunity to improve access to pediatric behavioral health care, and its effectiveness with children and youth has been demonstrated (Boydell et al. 2014).

In a survey of all US ACGME-accredited Child and Adolescent Psychiatry fellowship programs conducted in April 2019, 100% of respondents felt that it is “somewhat” or “very” important for telepsychiatry to be part of their program; yet 35% reported offering no telepsychiatry experience to their fellows. Of the 65% who reported having “some” or “a lot” of telepsychiatry experience, 60% reported they had no formal didactic curriculum. In a 2013 survey of general psychiatry residents, 72% of
respondents were “interested” or “very interested” in telepsychiatry, and 79% “agreed” or “strongly agreed” that telepsychiatry is important in training (Glover et al. 2013).

Current approach
Proposals and resources for national telemental health training programs exist in general psychiatry (Godlesksi 2012; Sunderji et al 2015; Hilty et al 2015; Maheu et al 2018). However, few resources specific to child psychiatry exist, and the uptake of pediatric telepsychiatry in both service and training nationally remains low and inconsistent. Dr. Kathleen Myers, Co-Chair of AACAP’s Committee on Telepsychiatry, recently reported that a key remaining barrier is low uptake by training programs due in part to lack of faculty expertise (Myers 2018). She notes a disparity between the uptake of telepsychiatry in commercial settings as compared to academia. The result is that current CAP fellows are unprepared for the jobs that await them in the private and public sectors, and patients and families’ mental health needs nationally continue to be inadequately met. Older child psychiatrists in practice currently lack the expertise to provide tele-psychiatric care and to supervise fellows. Telepsychiatry offers the potential to improve treatment for youth by providing direct care; consulting to primary care (the integrated or collaborative care model) and other healthcare professionals; by consulting to non-healthcare settings (e.g. schools, juvenile justice); and by providing education, supervision and consultation to learners locally and nationally.

Ideal Approach

• CAP training programs should have a systematic, competency-based approach to teaching telepsychiatry in their didactic and their clinical curricula with defined sub-competencies and milestones for each level of developing competence.
• CAP training programs should have faculty expert(s) in pediatric telepsychiatry to serve as supervisors and teachers.
• Graduating CAP fellows should have expertise in Pediatric Telepsychiatry minimally at the level of Novice and preferably at the Competent or even Expert level so that they are prepared to meet the critical workforce need in child psychiatry and contribute to improving mental health access and equity across the United States.
• CAP Faculty and Staff should be able to develop competence in Pediatric Telepsychiatry through online and broadly disseminated curricular resources so that they can become teachers and supervisors of PTP.
• Curriculum should be based on recognized curriculum models, e.g. Kern’s 6-staged approach
• Curriculum should acknowledge that child psychiatrists are mobile and may work from multiple settings, including home, while also maintaining a community of practice.

TARGETED NEEDS ASSESSMENT
Developers of this curriculum surveyed current CAP fellowship programs in the US (N= 138, response rate=35%) in March 2019 to better understand current needs and obstacles. A literature search on education in telepsychiatry was conducted and existing curricula in general psychiatry were reviewed. Additional experts (outside of the AACAP Telepsychiatry Committee) were identified and interviewed. The consensus that emerged from these sources included:

1. No complete curriculum in PTP currently exists; one that was nationally accessible and online would be helpful to training programs
2. The approach should be systematic, competency-based and include teaching and assessment methods
3. Formative and summative evaluation data about the effectiveness of the curriculum should be collected
4. While experts suggest ideal training includes both didactic and clinical components, CAP training directors expressed a preference for didactic educational resources, perhaps because didactics are easier to implement
5. CAP training directors identified top 5 content areas as the evidence base for PTP, getting paid for PTP, different applications and models of PTP (direct patient care, collaborative care, asynchronous consultation, education, etc.), psychotherapy treatment using PTP, and legal, regulatory and risk management considerations.
6. Current barriers to providing PTP training in programs include limited number of faculty with expertise, time, and funding to develop a curriculum

Our Approach:
This curriculum is based on the following educational principles:

1. Teaching should include a variety of educational methods, both didactic and clinical, and draw upon adult learning principles (Knowles 1990). We use:
   • Readings
   • Lectures
   • Large or small group discussion
• Problem based learning
• Debate
• Audio-visual recording and review
• Peer teaching
• Supervised clinical experience
• Reflection
• Role-modeling
• Demonstration
• Simulation
• Role play

2. The effort is to link the learner, teacher, patient and desired goals to specific knowledge, skills and attitudes; our belief is that there is no substitute for practicing the clinical skills under faculty observation and feedback.

3. **This curriculum is modular.** Training opportunities may be phased into a fellowship program over time, perhaps starting with didactics (see p. 20-22 for examples). The whole curriculum may be used in whole or in part, depending on the needs of the program and learners.

4. Learners ‘clinical responsibility should develop and be evaluated over time, moving from observation and knowledge-building to simulation and role-play to clinical care under direct supervision and lower-complexity, lower-risk situations to indirect supervision and higher-complexity, higher-risk clinical situations.

5. Learning goals should be matched with appropriate instructional methods and evaluation tools.

6. Not all learners have similar professional goals; this curriculum distinguishes between suggested minimum training and aspirational or elective training activities. Programs should aim to have some of their graduates able to teach PTP to future trainees.

Graduates should be able to teach PTP to future trainees.
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CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

This curriculum is intended as a modular approach to a variety of topics that can be adapted in whole or in small parts depending on time available and program needs. See pages 20-22 for a visual representation of the modular nature of the curriculum.

For example, one program may only want to use telepsychiatry for psychopharmacology as direct patient care and could choose to use Y1 Didactic 5 and Clinical Skills Session 5. Another program might only be interested in using telepsychiatry in consultation to primary care and could use Y1 Didactic 6 and Clinical Skills Session 3.

The curriculum combines didactics and clinical experiences over the two years of CAP training. Training in the first year assumes direct supervision takes a graduated responsibility approach. The second year covers more complex topics that may be elective in many programs, depending on how they are set up for PTP.

**CAP Fellowship Year 1** includes approximately **six 50 to 60-minute didactic sessions** and **six clinical sessions** which may be done individually, in combined fashion or sequentially. Sessions can be compressed or broken up depending on the time and needs of the program. The clinical sessions offer an opportunity to apply what has been learned didactically. Year 1 didactic and clinical sessions cover core skills such as technological proficiency, conducting an evaluation, conducting a clinical consultation to health care professionals, maintenance treatment (pharmacotherapy and behavioral management), and treatment planning and management. The 6th didactic sessions introduces more complex skills.

**CAP Fellowship Year 2** includes approximately **nine 50- to 60-minute didactic sessions** and **seven clinical sessions**. These, too, may be done concomitantly or sequentially, in whole or in part, compressed or broke up. Year 2 didactics attempt to cover more sophisticated topics (acute interventions, clinical challenges) and different applications of PTP, including in the community (schools, juvenile justice and patients’ homes). One session covers setting up a telepsychiatry practice as part of a private
practice career. Clinical skills taught involve greater clinical sophistication and less direct oversight of the patient, including consultation to non-healthcare sites; higher-level nonverbal communication skills; consultation to and teaching of others; quality improvement initiatives; issues around physical and psychological wellbeing; and practicing PTP in a global setting.

The CAP 2 curriculum acknowledges that many programs may have limited telepsychiatry services set up and/or available to them. While the didactic curriculum might cover a wide range of PTP models and experiences, the hands-on clinical experience, which we believe is critical, may be limited by what is available in the program. We suggest making every effort to offer at least one experience that involves consulting to a non-healthcare setting. For some motivated fellows, some of these skills might be acquired in an external elective experience.

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**CAP2 CURRICULUM**

- Hands-on clinic experience is **critical**
- Trainees should have at least one experience in a nonhealthcare setting
- Motivated fellows may acquire additional skills through elective experience

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## Section 5

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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| **TECH1 Technical Skills** (Hilty et al. 2015 (Yellowlees & Shore, 2018)) | After observing PTP, describes use of hardware, software and accessories; integration of various technologies; necessary accommodations | Operates hardware, software and accessories mostly without assistance; modifies patient and telepsychiatrist sites as needed to optimize care; performs routine trouble shooting at both ends of the connection; collaborates with information technology (IT) team as applicable | Optimizes use of all technologies  
Keeps apprised of and embraces new technologies as they develop  
Manages larger PTP systems  
Customizes development of system with IT |
| **Patient Care** | | | |
| **PC1 Psychiatric Evaluation** | Describes the process of evaluating children and families via PTP in direct [non-consultative] care | Conducts initial evaluation of children, adolescents and families via PTP using partners at patient site as appropriate, including:  
• Taking full history, including understanding baseline  
• Conducting focused physical exam (PE) with appropriate adjustments (e.g. using clinician who is with patient)  
• Conducting comprehensive mental status exam  
• Administering appropriate screening tools | Conducts initial evaluation of complex cases, including youth with psychosis, DDs, sensory deficits; very young or nonverbal children; medically ill children  
Teaches staff how to perform PE; trouble-shoots; develops means to |
| PC2 Psychiatric Formulation and Differential Diagnosis | • Integrating multiple sources and partner with team at patient site to obtain collateral data, including lab work and test results  
• Referring to additional services as indicated, incorporating interventions, e.g. de-escalating of agitated patient | obtain data when working at a distance |

| | Formulates case in biopsychosocial model, incorporating sociocultural factors particular to the patient site/location  
Demonstrates understanding of social determinants of mental health at the patient site/location  
Provides summary and recommendations to patient and interprofessional team | Formulates complex cases  
Consults to and supervises others |

| PC3 Treatment Planning and Management | Describes factors particular to PTP in developing treatment plan and managing care | Consults to and supervises others in providing clinical care  
Leads clinical teams in PTP  
Develops clinical innovations in PTP |

| | Demonstrates consideration of locally available resources, treatment approaches, and community and cultural factors while adhering to treatment evidence base, standards and guidelines  
Establishes clear plan for follow-up, including means of communication between treatment team and patient/family and how prescriptions and emergencies will be managed  
Assesses risk and triages appropriately | |

| PC4 Psychotherapy | Describes potential role of PTP in providing psychotherapy | Consults to and supervises others in providing psychotherapy via PTP |

<p>| | Provides psychotherapy treatment of children, adolescents and families via PTP in a culturally informed manner | |</p>
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<th>PC5 Somatic Therapies</th>
<th>Describes potential role of PTP in providing somatic therapies</th>
<th>Provides medication treatment of children and adolescents via PTP adhering to standards of care [FN: See also PROF 1]</th>
<th>Via PTP, consults to and supervises others in providing somatic therapies</th>
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<td>PC 6 Clinical Consultation</td>
<td>Describes various models of clinical consultation in PTP, e.g. direct observation, asynchronous video review, etc.</td>
<td>Helps establish and/or conduct a consultative PTP service at a variety of sites, including: A) Where a clinician is overseeing the patient at the originating [patient] site, e.g. primary care, satellite services, freestanding community clinics B) Where no clinician is overseeing the patient at the originating [patient] site, e.g. schools, forensic settings, patient’s home</td>
<td>Leads in developing a consultative PTP service and/or team</td>
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### Medical Knowledge

| MK1 Pediatric Telepsychiatry [new subcomp specific to PTP] | Describes core concepts and terms of PTP e.g. communication using PTP, adapting standard evaluation to PTP, medicolegal issues (Crawford et al. 2018) | Describes: • Evidence base for and against PTP: Access, cost, preference, quality of care, etc. • Applications and models of PTP • History of PTP • Session logistics • Administrative issues (coding, payment, etc.) • Legal, regulatory and risk management issues • How to set up a private PTP practice; business aspects | Teachers others about core concepts and terms of PTP |

### Systems-Based Practice

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<th>SBP1 Patient Safety and Quality Improvement</th>
<th>Describes potential risk management and safety issues in PTP</th>
<th>Demonstrates understanding of risk management/safety issues as evidenced by appropriate management of safety concerns and efforts to assess and improve the PTP system</th>
<th>Leads quality improvement (QI) effort in a PTP service</th>
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<td>SBP2 System Navigation for</td>
<td>Describes various models of PTP, e.g. in-</td>
<td>Demonstrates understanding of how the PTP network is organized, the steps by which a patient/family accesses the</td>
<td>Consults to other systems on PTP</td>
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<td>Patient-Centered Care</td>
<td>person care, PTP care, and consulting care (both synchronous and asynchronous) and how models are set up at proximal and remote ends</td>
<td>service, and how the service is set up and administered at the originating and distant sites</td>
<td>Demonstrates how to use the system optimally to advocate for needs of the patient, family, and community</td>
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<td>SBP3 Physician Role in the Healthcare System</td>
<td>Describes psychiatrist’s role in improving MH care access and equity through PTP</td>
<td>Helps to establish and conduct a PTP service in healthcare settings (originating site) with clinical oversight/collaboration available from health or mental health professional who is with the patient e.g., hospitals, outpatient clinics, CMHCs, primary care settings, acute care settings</td>
<td>Leads in establishing a PTP service and/or team in a healthcare setting</td>
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<td>Practice-Based Learning and Improvement</td>
<td>Describes advantages and limitations of PTP, citing evidence</td>
<td>Integrates the current and developing evidence base for telepsychiatry (pros and cons) into clinical practice</td>
<td>Engages in research and scholarship to advance and disseminate the evidence base</td>
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<td>PBLI1 Evidence-Based and Informed Practice</td>
<td>Identifies gaps in own PTP knowledge/skills/attitudes and demonstrates interest in filling them</td>
<td>Assesses patient outcomes and own performance data to improve professional skills and systems using a QI model</td>
<td>Role-models reflective practice and personal growth in PTP</td>
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<td>PBSI2 Reflective Practice and Commitment to Personal Growth</td>
<td>Describes current legal, regulatory and risk management requirements and recommendations (e.g. licensing, prescribing)</td>
<td>Practices according to legal, regulatory and risk management requirements and recommendations (e.g. licensing, prescribing)</td>
<td>Consults to and teaches others about professional and ethical issues in PTP</td>
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<td>Ethical Principles</td>
<td>requirements in own jurisdiction. Identifies common ethical and professionalism concerns in PTP, e.g. confidentiality, privacy.</td>
<td>Raises ethical and professionalism considerations and manages them appropriately (e.g. informed consent, privacy, confidentiality, boundaries, and scope of PTP framework)</td>
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<td>PROF2 Accountability/Conscientiousness</td>
<td>Describes role of physician as advocate to promote PTP</td>
<td>Advocates for the use of PTP as a means to address healthcare inequities and improve access</td>
<td>Develops strategies and innovations to improve PTP in addressing healthcare inequities and improve access</td>
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<td>PROF3 Wellbeing</td>
<td>Describes potential risks to wellbeing in practicing PTP</td>
<td>Attends to potential physical and psychological considerations of practicing PTP and identifies ways to prevent and address them, e.g., posture, technology fatigue</td>
<td>Innovates and educates about wellbeing issues in practicing PTP</td>
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**Interpersonal and Communication Skills**

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<th>ICS1 Patient and Family-Centered Communication</th>
<th>Describes aspects of verbal and nonverbal communication via PTP important in promoting rapport and ensuring clear communication</th>
<th>Uses verbal and nonverbal communication skills to establish and develop telepresence and rapport to engage patient and family/caretakers</th>
<th>Transitions from one modality to another (e.g. PTP to in person) appropriately</th>
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<td>Demonstrates flexibility (adjusting to technological and other needs), adheres to timeframe, incorporates family members appropriately</td>
<td>Overcomes/addresses limitations in or obstacles to effective communication</td>
<td>Develops expertise in practicing PTP in specific sociocultural settings and/or patient populations; teaches/consults on this topic</td>
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<td>Considers aspects of diversity and demonstrates cultural humility in communicating across sociocultural differences within the framework of PTP</td>
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<td>Assesses need for interpreter and uses interpreter in sessions appropriately</td>
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<td>ICS2 Interprofessional and Team Communication</td>
<td>Describes process for communicating with team during and outside of PTP session</td>
<td>Effectively runs a PTP session</td>
<td>Incorporates team members appropriately during and outside of PTP sessions</td>
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<td>ICS3 Communication with Healthcare Systems</td>
<td>Describes key considerations in documenting PTP sessions</td>
<td>Appropriately documents PTP encounters in both direct care and consultation</td>
<td>Documents in the electronic medical record (EMR) in accordance with all compliance standards</td>
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<td><strong>Session One</strong>&lt;br&gt;The evidence base for PTP</td>
<td>Access to care, return on investment, patient preference, quality of care, pros &amp; cons, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Session Two</strong>&lt;br&gt;Brief History of PTP&lt;br&gt;Applications and PTP models/systems of care&lt;br&gt;Integration of PTP into existing systems</td>
<td>History of telemedicine, synchronous versus asynchronous use, patient monitoring, education delivered to families/communities/providers, and use of hybrid models.</td>
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<td><strong>Session Three</strong>&lt;br&gt;Creating a telepresence in a virtual therapeutic space&lt;br&gt;Session logistics&lt;br&gt;“Netiquette” or “webside manner”</td>
<td>Positioning, lighting, background, etc. Sustaining attention and eye contact, framing the session, etc.</td>
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<td>Evaluating and treating patients directly via PTP, including management of acute presentations.</td>
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<td><strong>Session Six</strong>&lt;br&gt;Conducting clinical consultation via PTP</td>
<td>Consulting to healthcare partners via PTP (health and mental health).</td>
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## YEAR ONE CLINICAL SKILLS (Y1CS)

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| **One**                 | **Technical Skills**  
Operating equipment and software, trouble shooting, developing telepresence, etc.                                                                                                                 |
| **Two**                 | **Psychiatric Evaluations at originating site (with staff present)** (PC 1)  
How best to evaluate a child/adolescent remotely, including full mental status exam (MSE), vital signs, and management of an acute presentations. E.g., Integrated care at remote primary care office or affiliated satellite psychiatric site with physician or nursing staff with patient. |
| **Three**               | **Clinical Consultation to Healthcare via PTP** (PC 6)  
Integrating the healthcare partners at patient site into the evaluation. May include:
- Community Mental Health
- Collaborative care with primary care
- Emergency room satellite |
| **Four**                | *Medication and psychotherapy maintenance treatment of children and adolescents via PTP** (PC 4, 5)  
Prescribing via PTP  
Assessing therapeutic and side effects  
Behavioral management  
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)  
Using play remotely as part of assessment and treatment. |
| **Five**                | **Treatment planning & management** (PC 3)  
Developing treatment plan sensitive to culture and community resources while ensuring clarity in responsibility of psychiatrist.                                                                 |
| **Six**                 | Higher level skills (PC1):  
Administering screening tools  
Conducting physical exam  
Integrating multiple sources and partnering with team at patient site to obtain collateral data, including lab work and test results.                                                                 |
## YEAR TWO DIDACTICS (Y2D)

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<td>De-escalating complex and agitated patients.</td>
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<td><strong>Session Two</strong>&lt;br&gt;Special Considerations in PTP</td>
<td>Evaluation and maintenance treatment requiring extra care, including: youth with psychosis, developmental disorders including autism spectrum disorder, sensory deficits; very young or nonverbal children; medically ill children.</td>
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<td><strong>Session Three</strong>&lt;br&gt;Consultation to remote non-healthcare sites:&lt;br&gt;1. School-based PTP (PC6B)</td>
<td>Three-part series on consultation to schools, juvenile justice settings, and community health centers.</td>
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<td><strong>Session Four</strong>&lt;br&gt;Consultation to remote non-healthcare sites:&lt;br&gt;2. Juvenile justice (PC6B)</td>
<td>Sessions 3-5 May be incorporated into one session, depending on needs of program.</td>
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<td><strong>Session Five</strong>&lt;br&gt;Consultation to remote non-healthcare sites:&lt;br&gt;3. Patient home (PC6B)</td>
<td>“Direct to Consumer” (DTC) care.</td>
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<td>Practical tips for establishing an individual or group telepsychiatry practice.</td>
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<td><strong>Session Seven</strong> (elective)&lt;br&gt;Consultation to remote healthcare professionals – Project ECHO™ model</td>
<td>Synchronous and asynchronous consultation to remote mental health professionals using a national model.</td>
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<td><strong>Session Eight</strong> (elective)&lt;br&gt;Teaching and supervising via PTP</td>
<td>Consider teaching in Y1 and then using CAP2s as teachers.</td>
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<td><strong>Session Nine</strong> (elective)&lt;br&gt;Global PTP (PC6B)</td>
<td>Use of videoconferencing to meet the global mental health needs of children and families.</td>
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| **One**  
Consultation to remote non-healthcare sites                            | Longitudinal clinical experience in consultation to at least ONE non-health care setting such as school or juvenile justice setting. |
| **Two**  
Practice-Based Learning & Improvement in PTP (PBLI 2)                  | Assessing patient outcomes, building own skill set, and making system improvements appropriately in a QI model.                       |
| **Three**  
Professionalism and wellbeing (PROF 3)                              | Integrating PTP into professional identity. Attending to potential psychological and physical impact of conducting PTP (e.g., technology fatigue, posture). |
| **Four**  
Consultation to remote healthcare professionals – Project ECHO™ model | Synchronous and asynchronous consultation to remote mental health professionals using a national model.                                 |
| **Five**  
Teaching and supervising via PTP                                        | Demonstrating mastery by utilizing higher-level communication skills to teach and supervise.                                            |
| **Six**   
Higher-level Communication Skills in PTP (ICS 1-3)                       | Sophisticated use of verbal and nonverbal communication; specific socio-cultural populations; optimal documentation.                  |
| **Seven**  
Global PTP (PC6B)                                                        | Providing direct care, consultation, supervision, and education to sites outside of the US.                                          |
| **Eight (elective)**  
Innovation and QI in technology                                            | Designing, implementing, evaluating, and translating to promote innovation, growth, and sustainability in the field.              |
## VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF CURRICULUM AS PROPOSED

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Sample 1: This program has limited time for PTP in the curriculum and mostly only in the CAP1 year, and the only PTP clinical care service available as a training site is consultation to the juvenile justice system.
**Sample 2:** This program, also with limited time for PTP in the curriculum, wants to emphasize using PTP for consultation to healthcare and non-healthcare settings. The only PTP clinical rotation available is a Project Echo™ service providing addictions consultation to clinicians and teachers in remote rural settings.

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**Legend**
- Year 1 Didactics
- Year 1 Clinical Skills
- Years 2 Didactics
- Year 2 Clinical Skills
Section 7

CURRICULUM GUIDE
[SEE APPENDIX J for “How to Teach” guides for each didactic session in Y1 and Y2, available 12-20]

YEAR ONE DIDACTICS (Y1D)

a. Content by Session
   i. Session One focuses on the evidence base for (and against) PTP. This includes data about clinical care (patient preference, quality), systems (access), and cost-effectiveness.

   ii. Session Two focuses on a brief history of PTP, different applications, and systems of care integrating PTP.
      - **Telemedicine**: face-to-face clinical care via electronic means in which patient and provider are in different locations
      - **Store-and-forward/Asynchronous**: saving a study/image/video and transmitting electronically to distant provider for interpretation/review at a later time
      - **Remote patient monitoring**: recording patient information at one location and electronically transmitting to provider at a different location for assessment (e.g., vital signs measured and data transmitted to provider through a patient portal)
      - **Education**: using electronic means for transmission of information to community, providers, families, etc.
      - **Collaboration/consultation**: collaboration with healthcare professionals (e.g., collaborative care with primary care providers) and non-healthcare professionals (e.g., school staff).
      - **Hybrid model**: combining telepsychiatry with in-person care

   iii. Session Three focuses on the logistics of setting up the clinical space in the provider’s office and at the patient site. Important topics include:
      - Virtual space – tech issues, audio-visuals, lighting, etc.
      - Communication – verbal, nonverbal, pauses
      - Developing rapport/telepresence
      - Provider issues - posture, frequent breaks, etc.
• Clinical - managing more than 1 participant, incorporating the EMR, etiquette, redundancy measures, emergency back-up plan
• Time management and organization
• Patient orientation to logistics

iv. Session Four addresses administrative and professionalism issues. These include getting paid for PTP sessions (diagnostic and CPT coding, billing, insurance contracts) and legal, ethical, regulatory and risk management issues.

v. Session Five focuses on how to provide direct patient care (evaluation and maintenance treatment) using PTP.

vi. Session Six focuses on how to conduct a clinical consultation to healthcare partners via PTP. Examples could include consulting to primary care, community health clinic nurses, or to emergency clinicians at a satellite site. The emphasis is on understanding the clinical question from the team, collecting the necessary data both through history and examination and through collateral sources such as screening instruments and laboratory results, and integrating the data into a reasonable formulation and treatment plan for the remote site to be able to implement.

b. Methodology
• Webinars and Videos (e.g., APA Telepsychiatry Toolkit)
• Didactic by in-house or remote expert (See sample powerpoints in APA Toolkit).
• Journal Club (See References).
• Debate (pros and cons of PTP)
• Case-based and problem-focused facilitated group discussion (see cases)

c. Resources


American Psychiatric Association and ATA. Best Practices in Videoconferencing Based Telemental Health, April 2018 and associated PowerPoint slides.

APA/AACAP Telepsychiatry Toolkit
https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/telepsychiatry/toolkit/child-adolescent

Includes chapters on:

- “Evidence Base for Use of Videoconferencing and Other Technologies in MH Care,” “Clinical Settings and Models of care in Telepsychiatry: Implications for Work Practices and Culturally Informed Treatment”
- “Media Communication Skills and the Ethical Doctor-Patient Relationship”
- “Data Collection from Novel Sources”


d. Assessment
Pre and post-quiz (See Section 8D)
The exact content will be determined by what is available to the training program. Rather than suggesting content for individual sessions, we suggest a phased approach in which the fellow has an opportunity to gradually build up a skill set. Different fellows may require different amounts of time spent practicing and consolidating skills.

**Topic/Phase one** focuses on technical skills needed to operate equipment and software and perform basic trouble-shooting. Opportunities to practice and build confidence are critical.

**Topic/Phase two** focuses on conducting a psychiatric evaluation. While some initial learning may be achieved by observation, we believe hands-on, experiential learning is necessary to cement skills and confidence. While this learning could initially take place using simulation (e.g. a two-way mirror set up), we recommend an actual clinical setting in which an evaluation would typically be performed, e.g. remote emergency room, primary care consultation, direct care to a remote site.

**Topic/Phase three** focuses on consultation to a remote healthcare setting. Skills include communication, integrating healthcare partners into the evaluation, and developing a clear formulation and set of recommendations with a person responsible for follow-up for each of the recommendations.

**Topic/Phase four** addresses ongoing care, including medication management and psychotherapy. (May be divided into two sessions as required)

**Topic/Phase five** focuses on treatment planning and management. Key skills include developing knowledge about and sensitivity towards the resources and culture of the remote site; clarity about assigning roles and responsibilities;
developing a clear plan for care in between sessions and when/how to reach out to the psychiatrist when needed.

**Topic/Phase six** focuses on higher-level skills including incorporating screening instruments and adapting them as needed; conducting a focused physical exam including AIMS with the help of remote clinical staff; and obtaining and integrating collateral data including laboratory data, neuropsychological assessments, etc. Technological skills include screen sharing. Optimal documentation for direct care and consultation are included.

b. **Methodology**
A combination of role play, simulation and clinical service learning experiences is recommended.

c. **Resources**
**Topic/Phase One** - The “Technology-Specific Training Considerations” webinar on the APA Toolkit may be useful as preparation, in a flipped classroom model. Balog DJ, Narasimhan M and Shore JH. "Clinical documentation in the era of electronic health records and information technology." Hilty and Yellowlees 2018, pp. 227-250

Integrating Mental Health and Pediatric Primary Care – A family guide. NAMI, 2011.

**Topic/Phase 4** – Blog by Ariel Lundrum 03-15-20 on therapeutic interventions with children online.
https://www.guidancett.com/blog/interventions-for-online-therapy-with-children-and-youth-2020

d. **Assessment [see Section 8]**
- Mini Clinical Evaluation Exercise (CEX) for PTP (may be integrated into Clinical Skills Verification Exam)
- Retrospective review of videotaped sessions
- Formative oral and written feedback by supervisor/preceptor/peers/team members
• 360 (multi-informant) evaluation form
• Patient/family satisfaction and alliance questionnaires
• Reflective essay
• Self-assessment tool

YEAR TWO DIDACTICS (Y2D)

a. Content by session
   i. Session One
      This session focuses on setting up PTP in private practice.

   ii. Session Two
      This session focuses on acute interventions via PTP. This include patients who become acutely unsafe due to self-harm, agitation, aggression etc. Trainees may have cases from their practice they can discuss.

   iii. Session Three
      This session continues the focus on clinical management of patients via PTP including youth with severe hyperactivity, psychosis, developmental disorders, sensory deficits; very young or nonverbal children, and medically ill children. The particular challenges of each presentation and how to manage them are presented.

   iv. Session Four
      This session introduces a 3-part series on consultation to remote non-healthcare sites (schools, juvenile justice settings, and community mental health centers), at least one of which will be the focus of a clinical experience. Particular emphasis is places on considerations that pose new challenges from care in the health care setting.

   v. Session Five
      This focuses on consultation to the juvenile justice setting.

   vi. Session Six
      This session focuses on consultation to patients in community mental health centers.
vii. **Session Seven**
This session focuses on providing consultation to remote mental health professionals. One specific model to discuss is Project Echo™ model, which was first used to help treat hepatitis in underserved areas and is now a national model. Synchronous and asynchronous consultation can be discussed using cases.

viii. **Session Eight**
This session focuses on teaching and supervising child psychiatry using videoconferencing. Increasingly, supervision and teaching are happening remotely to reduce travel times and enhance efficiency. Uploading and discussing videotapes of clinical sessions with children and families can enhance the experience.

ix. **Session Nine**
This session focuses on using videoconferencing in global mental health to meet the mental health needs of children and families around the world.

b. **Methodology**
A combination of role play, simulation and clinical service learning experiences is recommended.

c. **Resources**


APA/AACAP Telepsychiatry Toolkit:

Schools:

Juvenile Justice:

Community Mental Health Centers:
https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/telepsychiatry/toolkit/child-adolescent/community-mental-health


Children’s Hospital brings behavioral health care into schools.
https://www.childrenshospitals.org/Newsroom/Childrens-Hospitals-Today/Articles/2019/02/Childrens-Hospital-Brings-Behavioral-Health-Care-into-Schools

Project Echo Resources:
APA/AACAP Toolkit:
https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/telepsychiatry/toolkit/child-adolescent/project-echo
https://echo.unm.edu/
https://echo.unm.edu/about-echo/model/


d. Assessment
Pre- and post-quiz. (See Section 8E)

YEAR TWO CLINICAL SKILLS (Y2CS)

a. Content
This section is divided into 7 topics. The first, consultation to remote non-healthcare sites using PTP, is considered essential for a novice in at least ONE non-healthcare setting (e.g. school, forensic, patient home, etc.). The second (Practice-Based Learning and Improvement) is required for competence (see Curriculum Goals by ACGME Competency). The last 4 topics (Higher-level Communication Skills, Consultation to remote healthcare professionals, teaching and supervision using videoconferencing, and Global PTP) are all encouraged but viewed as elective.

b. Methodology
Topic/Phase One
For consultation to non-healthcare settings, we recommend teachers and training directors piggyback on whatever service in their training program that is most amenable to PTP. For example, of the program has a well-developed school consultation rotation, integrating PTP into it may make the most sense.

Topic/Phase Two
We recommend integrating PTP into existing QI initiatives in the training program.

c. Resources
See resources above for Y2 Didactics.
For further guidance on QI, see Arbuckle MR and Cabaniss DL. Quality Improvement Curriculum – Engaging psychiatry residents in implementation and QI strategies. Available at: https://www.aadprt.org/training-directors/virtual-training-office

d. Assessment [See Section 8]
• Mini CEX for PTP (may be integrated into Clinical Skills Verification Exam)

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4032077/
• Retrospective review of videotaped sessions
• Formative oral and written feedback by supervisor/preceptor/peers/team members
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# Section 8

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We recommend a 4-step evaluation process based on Kirpatrick’s Model of Evaluation (1996):

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SECTION 8B
DIRECT OBSERVATION AND/OR SUMMATIVE FEEDBACK FORM BY COMPETENCY
(TECH, PATIENT CARE, PROF AND ICS)

Author: Sandra DeJong, MD, MSc (2019)

Instructions to Observer/Rater: After observing a resident observing the use of or themselves using telepsychiatry to conduct a clinical session directly or indirectly (e.g. via videotape), please rate the resident on each of the following levels of competency. Check the appropriate box under the level that applies. If the competency is not applicable to the setting or you are unable to evaluate for some other reason, please check the box in the left-hand column.
This form may be also used as summative feedback at the end of a telepsychiatry rotation.

Resident's Name:

Date:

Clinical service:

Age/gender of patient:

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<td>After observing PTP, describes use of hardware, software and accessories; integration of various technologies;</td>
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| **Check here if unable to evaluate or not applicable**                     | Describes the process of evaluating children and families via PTP in direct [nonconsultative] care | Conducts initial evaluation of children, adolescents and families via PTP using partners at patient site as appropriate, including:  
  - Taking full history, including understanding baseline  
  - Conducting focused physical exam with appropriate adjustments (e.g. using clinician who is with patient)  
  - Conducting comprehensive mental status exam  
  - Administering appropriate screening tools  
  - Integrating multiple sources and partner with remote team to obtain collateral data, including lab work and test results  
  - Referring to additional services as indicated, incorporating interventions, e.g. de-escalating of agitated patient |
| PC 2 Psychiatric Formulation and Differential Diagnosis                    |                             |                             |
| **Check here if unable to evaluate or not applicable**                     | Formulates case in biopsychosocial model, incorporating sociocultural factors particular to the patient site/location  
Demonstrates understanding of social determinants of mental health at the patient site/location  
Provides summary and recommendations to patient and inter-professional team | Formulates complex cases  
Consults to and supervises others |
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<p>|       | Describes key considerations in documenting PTP sessions |
|       | Appropriately documents PTP encounters in both direct care and consultation |
|       | Documents in accordance with all compliance standards |
|       | Models concise, thorough documentation that meets all compliance standards |
|       | Optimizes coding |</p>
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SECTION 8C
MINI-CLINICAL EVALUATION EXERCISE (CEX) FOR PEDIATRIC TELEPSYCHIATRY - INSTRUCTIONS

ABIM, 1994; adapted for PTP by Sandra DeJong, MD, MSc, 2019

The Mini-CEX (ABIM 1994) is a Workplace-Based Assessment tool that has been adapted to the Pediatric Telepsychiatry setting. Its purpose is to promote CAP Fellows’ learning by providing structured feedback on performance within a real-life work setting. Fellows are assessed according to their expected developmental competencies for their stage of training.

What is the Mini-Clinical Evaluation Exercise?
The Mini CEX is a brief, validated method of assessment using real patients and providing real-time feedback and goals for learning. Self-reflection should be incorporated into this process.

Using the Mini-CEX for Pediatric Telepsychiatry
Items 1-7 are standard measure on the CEX.
Items 8-9 have been added for the PTP setting.

Guidelines
1. The fellow and the evaluator discuss which competencies will be assessed during the patient encounter.
2. The Mini-CEX takes place during regular clinical supervision time.
   Observation should last 15-20 minutes, discussion/feedback 10-15 minutes, self-reflection 5-10 minutes, rating by evaluator 5-10 minutes.
3. The evaluator does not participate in the patient encounter unless necessary for safety.
4. The evaluator rates the fellow on the 1-9 scale, 5 being the expected standard for that stage of training.
5. Not all assessment criteria may be rated each time. Ratings should focus on the agreed-upon competencies.
6. Feedback should include identification of strengths and areas to work on, establishment of goals, and methods to achieve those goals.

Clarification of Specific Items
Item 9 “Appropriate adaption to PTP” is intended to assess the fellows’ capacity to make necessary adjustments to the non-in-person setting. For example, the fellow should maintain awareness of the limited views that patient and fellow have of each other and avoid use of noisy toys that may impede clear communication.

Item 10 “Self-presentation” is intended to assess the professionalism of the fellow’s manner, dress, grooming, and office space.
**SECTION 8C**

**MINI-CLINICAL EVALUATION EXERCISE (CEX) FOR PEDIATRIC TELEPSYCHIATRY**

Adapted by Sandra DeJong from the Mini-CEX Workplace Based Assessment (RANZCP 2012)

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**Brief description of the case:**

**Learning Outcomes being assessed:**

**Performance Assessment:**

Basic: _______  Proficient: _________  Advanced: __________

Please indicate the activity in which the assessment is taking place:

| Assessment of a psychiatric emergency | Management of a psychiatric emergency |
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- Personal Essay
- Journaling
- A work of literature: short story, poem
- Art
- Video Clips
- Patient Narratives

Personal Essay and Journaling allow for confidential reflection. Displacement of learners’ experience can be facilitated by creating art, presenting video-clips, and recording patient narratives.

Methods can also be combined. For example, learners may be given a poem and then asked to write a personal essay in response to it.

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Please rate how confident and competent you feel on each of the following dimensions. Your ratings should be based on your experience in working in Pediatric Telepsychiatry.

**Communication (verbal and nonverbal)**

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

**Your availability during and in between PTP sessions**

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

**Emotional intelligence**

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

**Decision-making**

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

**Relationships/rapport with patients**

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

**Relationships/rapport with family members, caregivers**

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

**Relationships/rapport with psychiatrists and other mental health professionals at the remote site**

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

**Relationships/rapport with you team**

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

**Technological facility**

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

**Comments:**
SECTION 8H
CHILD PATIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY
TASC–R and TASCP Items Therapeutic Alliance Scale for Children—Revised (TASC–R)
(Creed & Kendall, 2005; Shirk & Saiz, 1992)

1. I like spending time with my therapist.
   1  2  3  4
   Not true  Very much true

2. I find it hard to work with my therapist on solving problems in my life.
   1  2  3  4
   Not true  Very much true

3. I feel like my therapist is on my side and tries to help me.
   1  2  3  4
   Not true  Very much true

4. I work with my therapist on solving my problems.
   1  2  3  4
   Not true  Very much true

5. When I’m with my therapist, I want the sessions to end quickly.
   1  2  3  4
   Not true  Very much true

6. I look forward to meeting with my therapist.
   1  2  3  4
   Not true  Very much true

7. I feel like my therapist spends too much time working on my problems.
   1  2  3  4
   Not true  Very much true

8. I’d rather do other things than meet with my therapist.
   1  2  3  4
   Not true  Very much true
9. I use my time with my therapist to make changes in my life.
   1    2    3    4
   Not true     Very much true

10. I like my therapist.
    1    2    3    4
    Not true     Very much true

11. I would rather not work on my problems with my therapist.
    1    2    3    4
    Not true     Very much true

12. I think my therapist and I work well together on dealing with my problems.
    1    2    3    4
    Not true     Very much true
SECTION 8H
PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY
Therapeutic Alliance Scales for Caregivers and Parents (TASCP)

1. I like spending time with my child’s therapist.

   1  2  3  4
   Not true  Very much true

2. I find it hard to work with my child’s therapist on solving problems in our lives.

   1  2  3  4
   Not true  Very much true

3. I feel like my child’s therapist is on my side and tries to help me.

   1  2  3  4
   Not true  Very much true

4. I work with my child’s therapist on solving our problems.

   1  2  3  4
   Not true  Very much true

5. When I’m with my child’s therapist, I want the sessions to end quickly.

   1  2  3  4
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6. I look forward to meeting with my child’s therapist.

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7. I feel like my child’s therapist spends too much time working on our problems.

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   Not true  Very much true

8. I’d rather do other things than meet with my child’s therapist.

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EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION OF CURRICULUM

The first draft of the curriculum was sent to seven peer expert reviewers, one training program, and the AACAP Committee on Training and Education. Reviewers’ comments were incorporated into the current draft.

The current draft was then released in an open-access model to the AADPRT listserv, on social media, and the AACAP website.

It was also submitted to the AADPRT Model Curriculum Committee (May 2020) for consideration as a Model Curriculum in its current form that could be posted on the AADPRT Virtual Training Office. This form provides a curricular outline; teaching goals, methods and resources; and evaluations tools.

The authors are currently working on the development of downloadable video-based modules for didactic teaching (Appendix 13J) to enhance the curriculum. These materials should be available by December 2020.

The curriculum will then be annually revised and maintained based on ongoing feedback.
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<td>Novice: After observing PTP, describes: use of hardware, software and accessories; integration of various technologies; necessary accommodations  Competent: Operates hardware, software and accessories mostly without assistance; modifies patient and telepsychiatrist sites as needed to optimize care; performs routine trouble shooting at both ends of the connection; collaborates with information technology (IT) team as applicable</td>
<td>Y 1 Clin</td>
<td>Live demonstration in PTP clinical setting or training classroom Learner-initiated PTP under direct supervision/precepting</td>
<td>Supervisor/preceptor/peer Direct Observation feedback Standardized patients (Direct Observation Feedback) Mini-CEX for PTP</td>
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<td>Y1 Did 5</td>
<td>Classroom case-based and problem-focused learning, including literature review and readings; role-play;</td>
<td>Pre- and post-tests</td>
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| PC 5 Somatic Therapies | Novice: Describes potential role of PTP in providing psychotherapy treatment of children, adolescents and families via PTP  
Competent: Provides psychotherapy via PTP | Y1 Did 5  
Y1 Clin 4 |
| PC 6 Clinical Consultation | Novice: Describes various models of clinical consultation via PTP  
Competent: Helps establish and/or conduct a consultative PTP service at a variety of sites | Y1 Did 4-7  
Y2 Clin 1 |
| Medical Knowledge | Novice: Describes core concepts and terms of PTP  
Competent: Describes | Y1 Did 1  
Live or web-based didactics by on-site or remote experts, e.g. APA/AACAP Telepsychiatry Tool Kit  
Pre- and post-tests |
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<td>Novice: Describes various models of PTP and how models are set up at patient and telepsychiatrist site Competent: Demonstrates understanding of how the PTP network is organized, the steps by</td>
<td>Did 2 Y2 Clin</td>
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<td>SBP 3 Physician Role in the Healthcare System</td>
<td>which a patient/family access the service, and how the service is set up and administered at both ends. Demonstrates how to use the system optimally to advocate for needs of the patient, family, and community.</td>
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<td>Practice-Based Learning and Improvement</td>
<td>Novice: Describes psychiatrist’s role in improving MH care access and equity through PTP. Competent: Helps to establish and conduct a PTP service in healthcare settings with clinical supervision/collaboration available from health or mental health professional who is with the patient. Describes how PTP services fit into the overall network or system of care</td>
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<td>PBLI 1 Evidence-Based and Informed Practice</td>
<td>Novice: Describes advantages and limitations of PTP, citing evidence. Competent: Integrates the current and developing evidence base for telepsychiatry (pros and cons) into clinical practice</td>
<td>Pre- and post-tests</td>
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Y1 Did 1
Y2 Clin & Did

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Review of documentation during supervision
Use of appropriate outcome measures and development

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Supervisory evaluation
Practice data metrics, performance improvement measures
<p>| PBSI 2 Reflective Practice and Commitment to Personal Growth | Novice: Identifies gaps in own PTP knowledge/skills/attitudes and demonstrates interest in filling them Competent: Assesses patient outcomes and builds own skill-set and makes systems improvements appropriately in a QI model | of plan for improvement with supervisor | Reflective essay Self-assessment tool |
| Professionalism | PROF 1 Professional Behavior and Ethical Principles | Novice: Describes current legal, regulatory and risk management requirements in own jurisdiction. Identifies common ethical and professionalism concerns in PTP Competent: Practices according to legal, regulatory and risk management requirements and recommendations (e.g. licensing, prescribing) Raises ethical and professionalism considerations and manages them appropriately (e.g. informed consent, privacy, confidentiality, boundaries) | Y1 Did 4 Y2 Clin | Direct and indirect supervision Case write-ups Direct and indirect supervision Direct and indirect supervision Use of ethical and professional guidelines and resources to address question/problems that arise in clinical work | Pre- and post-tests Supervisory evaluations Mini-CEX for PTP Reflective essays or journal |
| PROF 2 Accountability/Conscientiousness | Novice: Describes role of physician as advocate to promote PTP Competent: Advocates for use of PTP as means to address healthcare inequities and improve access | Y1 &amp; 2 Did &amp; Clin |  |  |
| PROF 3 Wellbeing | Novice: Describes potential impact on wellbeing in practicing PTP Competent: Attends to physical and psychological impacts on self of working in PTP and adjusts physical and psychological factors appropriately | Y1 Did 4 Clin |
| Interpersonal and Communication Skills | | |
| ICS 1 Patient and Family-centered Communication | Novice: Describes aspects of verbal and nonverbal communication via PTP important in promoting rapport and ensuring clear communication Competent: Uses verbal and nonverbal communication to establish and develop rapport with patient and family/caretakers Demonstrates flexibility, adheres to timeframe, incorporates family members appropriately Overcomes/addresses limitations or obstacles to effective communication Considers aspects of diversity and demonstrates cultural humility in communicating across sociocultural differences within PTP Assess need for and uses interpreter in PTP | Y1 Did 3 Y1&amp;2 Clin | Clinical work in PTP setting with direct supervision (may include 2-way mirror) Indirect supervision for reflection, deepening Simulation using videotaped or standardized patients Video-taped review of pre-recorded sessions during supervision Review of documentation during supervision | Supervisor/preceptor/peer observation and feedback Standardized patients Mini-CEX for PTP Patient/Parent satisfaction and alliance surveys |</p>
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GENERAL PRINCIPLES
Adapted from the APA/AACAP Telepsychiatry Toolkit for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/telepsychiatry/toolkit/child-adolescent/roi

- Telepsychiatry services offer significant financial savings to families and children in the form of direct cost avoidance, and fewer lost work/school hours. The families' return on the system’s investment benefits both the family and their community.
- Telepsychiatry's return on investment varies across settings with emergency rooms having a particularly high return on investment.
- The return on investment must also consider the assistance that telepsychiatry renders in decreasing the burden on physicians in ERs and in small town medical practices.
- Psychiatrists may consider the return on investment in integrating telepsychiatry into their practices by reducing overhead expenses.
- As technology has continuously improved, the cost of telepsychiatry infrastructure has decreased; and, as telepsychiatry has grown, the increased competitiveness of telehealth platform vendors has further lowered the initial cost of the infrastructure increasing the return on initial investment for most healthcare systems and providers.
- The return on investment for telepsychiatry with youth must consider the potential benefits of supporting medical providers in under-served communities, potentially reducing "burnout" and attrition.
- Offering telepsychiatry in a Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry both as a service and as part of fellowship training can enhance the recruitment and retention of fellows and faculty.

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**BENEFITS TO DIFFERENT GROUPS**

*Author: Bianca Busch, MD*

There is a growing body of literature demonstrating the financial benefits of using telemedicine to deliver mental health care. The benefits relay a high return on investment for families, communities, trainees, private practitioners, and health care systems.

**Families**
- Telepsychiatry services offer significant financial savings to families and children in the form of reduced transportation expenses and fewer lost school and work hours.

**Communities**
- For rural and underserved communities, telepsychiatry offers increased access to Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists. This collaborative work may reduce burnout of general practitioners, leading to their retention in these areas of high need.
- Availability of this mental health expertise has the potential to reduce the burden of disease, thus reducing both direct and indirect costs and improving the quality of life for children, caregivers, and community as a whole.

**Trainees**
- There is increasing attention to the rates of and attempts at reducing physician burnout. Reliford and Adebanjo (2018) found that CAP Fellows using telepsychiatry while On-Call reduced face-to-face evaluations by 75% and saved 2 hours per call day. Telepsychiatry has the possibility to reduce burnout and improve wellbeing. Not only does this modality serve learners well while in training, experience with telepsychiatry broadens post-graduate employment opportunities. Offering telepsychiatry curricula has the ability recruit additional applicants to training programs.

**Individual/Private Practitioners**
- Similar to large healthcare systems, individual practitioners must consider operation costs. Offering care via telehealth may reduce or eliminate the need for physical clinical space, thus reducing overhead spending.
• The ability to offer convenient care creates opportunities for individual families and opportunities to collaborate with schools and other non-healthcare entities.

Health Care Systems

• There is a robust literature on the cost savings for Emergency Departments. Thomas et al (2017) found that when compared with standard care, pediatric patients seen by telepsychiatry in the emergency room experienced a reduction in length of stay (5.5 hours versus 8.3 hours) and incurred lower patient charges ($3,493 versus $8,611.)

• Telemedicine technology has improved, thus lowering the cost of infrastructure and reducing the time/patients needed to have a positive return on investment.

• It can be hypothesized that offering telepsychiatry in outpatient settings would reduce the no-show rate, thus increasing department revenue.

• Offering the possibility to deliver care via telemedicine presents opportunities for flexibility in scheduling and work locale. This flexibility may assist with recruitment, retention, and satisfaction of employee-physicians.

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APPENDIX C
APA-AACAP JOINT TELEPSYCHIATRY TOOLKIT FOR CAP 2019
https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/telepsychiatry/toolkit/child-adolescent

VIDEO TOPICS:
Introduction to Telepsychiatry in CAP
History of Child/Adol TP
My Telemental Health Journey
The Evidence Base
Legal and Regulatory Issues
Patient Safety
Training in TP in CAP Fellowship
Return on investment
Technology-Specific Training Considerations
Developing a Virtual Therapeutic Space
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Systems of Care
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Team-based Models of Care
Cultural Considerations with Youth
Project Echo™
Behavior Management Training
APPENDIX D
SET UP FOR PEDIATRIC TELEPSYCHIATRY SIMULATION TEACHING SESSION
Authors: Deborah Brooks, MD and Shabana Khan, MD

Below are general instructions. The session takes about 60 min from start to finish.

10 min  groups and roles assigned
20 min  conduct simulation exercise, recorded by group member
15 min  small group review of recording and discussion
15 min  large group de-brief

Smartphones or tablets with cameras are required for this session, one per group.

Pre-preparation:
3 sets of 3x5 index cards
1) age and diagnosis of patient (two for each group)
2) family’s clinical question/chief complaint (one for each group)
3) complication (up to 3 for each group)

2 sets of envelopes
1) Mark one “Fellow and Attending Supervisor” and put one age/diagnosis card.
2) Mark the second “Parent, Child and Therapist and put one age/diagnosis card and one clinical question card.
   Hold on to the complication cards; you will distribute these during the simulation exercise.

Goals of the exercise:
• Develop comfort with telepsychiatry
• Demonstrate good videoconferencing etiquette and “webside” manner
• Troubleshoot common problems that may arise during a virtual visit
• Develop comfort with consulting to a remote mental health care professional along with the patient and family

Teacher Instructions:
1. Divide learners into groups (3-5) and assign roles
   e.g. child psychiatry fellow; attending supervisor (both at the provider site); parent; child; therapist (at the originating site)

2. Hand out correct envelope to each group.
   e.g. Fellow and Supervisor: view the “Fellow and Attending Supervisor” envelope which contains only patient age and diagnosis
   Parent, child, and therapist: view the “Parent, Child, and Therapist” envelope which contains patient age, diagnosis, clinical question

3. Explain what learner in each role will do:
**Child psychiatry fellow:** conducts the patient interview and only knows age and diagnosis

**Attending supervisor:** records the session using a mobile device (smartphone or iPad/tablet); provides clinical guidance as requested by fellow

**Child:** plays role outlined in patient presentation (age, diagnosis) and in complications distributed by teacher as in a real-life session

**Parent:** explains the clinical question to the child fellow as in a real-life session

**Therapist:** presents with the child and parent, arranges the telepsychiatry collaborative care consultation, and helps child and parent develop comfort with using this modality to see their doctor

4. **Start timer and observe group interactions.** After 5-10 minutes, as appropriate based on groups’ progress, start handing out complication cards, up to 3 per group over the 10-15 minutes.

5. **Stop simulation after about 20 minutes.** Allow each group to view their videotaped simulation on the smartphone or tablet and discuss amongst themselves.

6. Come back into large group to de-brief. What did you learn? What was most difficult? How did you work through the clinical challenges?

**Examples of Age and Diagnosis**
- 16 y/o with sleep difficulty
- 6 y/o with ADHD
- 12 y/o with oppositional behaviors
- 13 y/o with anxiety
- 14 y/o with depression

**Examples of Clinical Questions:**
- Child engaging in self-injurious behavior
- Poor school performance; difficulty concentrating in class
- “I think my child is bipolar.”
- “The meds aren’t working.”
- Medication side effects

**Examples of Complications:**
- Patient has suicidal ideation
- Audio stops working
- Patient starts playing with a loud toy
- Parent won’t let the child talk
- Patient won’t put down their phone/take out earbuds
- Patient won’t stay in the frame
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Conducting Direct Clinical Care;  
Session Logistics |
| 2    | Hyperactive child with ADHD    | Y1 Did 3, 5  
Conducting direct clinical care;  
Session logistics |
| 3    | Video goes out mid-session     | Y1 Did 3, 5  
Conducting direct clinical care;  
Session logistics |
| 4    | Administering screening tools   | Y1 Did 6  
Higher level skills |
| 5    | Student with safety issues     | Y2 Did 4  
School-based PTP consulting |
| 6    | Youth who won’t talk/misrepresents the truth | Y2 Did 5  
Juvenile justice consultation via PTP |
| 7    | Negotiating medication treatment in a juvenile justice setting | Y2 Did 5  
Juvenile justice consultation via PTP |
Case 1: Initial evaluation of a sullen teenager who won't talk

Q: 15 y/o teenager presents with his father at a local community mental health center for a telepsychiatry evaluation. The patient sullenly stares at the ground, earbuds in his ears, arms crossed over his chest. How do you start?

A: Introduce yourself, who you are, and where you are located. Ask the patient his name and who accompanied him to the visit.

Q: The patient shrugs and doesn’t look up. What do you do next?

A: Ask the patient to remove his earbuds.
   a. If he removes his earbuds, direct the conversation to him
   b. If he refuses to remove his earbuds, tell the patient (who is probably not listening) that you will begin by asking his father questions. Any time the patient looks up, try to engage him with a question. Discuss with patient that your preference is to speak with the patient 1:1, without father in the room, for part of the visit.

At the end of the session, discuss with the clinician or administration at the originating site that they should advise patients and families to not use electronic devices or ear buds during appointments.

Take-home points: Take control of the situation as much as you can both before and during the session. You can ask parents or staff to assist. Trying to force compliance from a child may jeopardize the developing therapeutic alliance and it can be challenging to enforce through telepsychiatry. The same ice-breaking strategies used in in-person sessions can also be effective in telepsychiatry: What are the patient’s interests/strengths? Notice details of what patient is wearing (t-
shirt, jewelry, etc). In this case, what is the patient listening to? Ask questions to learn about his community.

**Case 2: Hyperactive Child with ADHD**

Q: You will be conducting an assessment of a 7 y/o child who presents with his mother for evaluation of inattention and hyperactivity. Your camera is set up and working. When you connect with the originating site, you see a harried parent, a therapist, and a child sitting in a wheeled office chair. How do you start?

A: Introduce yourself, explain who you are and where you are connecting from. Direct questions to the child.

Q: You ask the child if he has ever talked to someone on a screen like this before. He shrugs. You ask him if he knows why he is here. He begins to spin around in the wheeled chair and his mother is not making any attempts to redirect him or stop the spinning. What do you do?

A: Attempt to continue the interview, asking the child’s permission to get the information from his mother.

Q: The child spins faster and you start to get dizzy. What do you do?

A: Ask mother or therapist to try to stop the child from spinning. If they are successful, ask the therapist to switch out that chair for a stationary chair.

If the child continues to spin, ignoring redirection, complete the interview as best you can. After the interview, have therapist remove the wheeled chair from the room and replace it with a stationary chair.

**Take-home points:** Collaborate with staff at the originating site to make adjustments to the room set up as indicated to optimize the telepsychiatry session. To help focus a child’s energy, have developmentally appropriate play materials accessible in the room, ideally materials that aren’t very noisy. Tools and paper for coloring, drawing, doing crafts, and a basket of fiddle toys can be helpful; toy
trucks, Legos™, and other toys that can make noise are not ideal because the sound can be amplified and disrupt the session. Consider reducing the amount of time a younger child has to be on camera because it can be too stimulating; consider having the child step out of the room with the therapist to allow time for you to speak with the parent/guardian. To make the evaluation more efficient, consider speaking with the teacher or having parents and teachers complete relevant rating scales before the session. Pan-tilt-zoom cameras can allow you to pan the camera and follow the child around the room, however not all sites have this technology.

**Case 3: The video goes out in the middle of a session**

Q: You are conducting a psychiatric evaluation via telepsychiatry and about thirty minutes into the visit, the video stops working. What do you do?

A:

a. Try restarting your technology/devices and reconnecting
b. Call the originating site (patient) on the telephone to troubleshoot and have them also restart and reconnect
c. Contact IT support for assistance as indicated
d. Complete the session over the telephone

**Take-home point:** Such occurrences are not uncommon. Be flexible!
Case: 4

Q: What is the best way of administering screening instruments for a child who you are seeing via telepsychiatry?

A: Potential options:

Email or fax scales/forms to the originating site prior to the appointment time and have parent/patient complete the form onsite
   Pros: results obtained in real-time, good if the patient is at a clinic site or there is a therapist present to help coordinate
   Cons: pre-planning required

Email scales/forms directly to parent or send to parent through a secure patient portal
   Pros: efficient - scales go directly to parent who can fill it out themselves and/or give it to the child’s teacher(s) as indicated
   Cons: if emailing, must use an encrypted email; parent/patient will have access to your email address, which may not be secure

Email or fax scales/forms directly to school with instructions to return completed forms
   Pros: form gets directly to the teacher (theoretically), don’t have to rely on extra step of parent giving the form to the teacher
   Cons: scales/forms may not get from the school office to the teacher

Have parent/patient complete the scale in-session (may be easier to do using screenshare function)
   Pros: get results in real-time during session
   Cons: use of session time to complete and score

Additional points:
You may need to use more than one method
Link to an online tool may streamline the process; you may be able to use a secure patient portal through an EMR
YEAR 2 DIDACTICS
SESSION 4 CONSULTATION TO REMOTE NON-HEALTHCARE SITES:
1. SCHOOL-BASED PTP

Case 5: Student with safety issues (basics)

Q: A 7 y/o girl is threatening self-harm at school. Staff are concerned the child might harm herself in session or before the next session. What do you do?

A: Before engaging in the telepsychiatry session, it is important to develop a safety plan.
   a. Are there staff at the originating site that can support or redirect a patient that becomes aggressive or engages in self-harm during the session?
   b. What is the direct phone number to reach staff at originating site if they are not in the room with the patient?
   c. What are the relevant local emergency numbers (e.g., police department, fire department, local crisis line) for the originating site? Note: If you call 911 from your office, you will be connected to YOUR local emergency services, not those of the patient.
   d. Is there a plan for keeping the child there so they do not leave?

Q: Staff raise the concern that the child is allegedly being physically abused at home. What do you do?

A:
   a. In what state and county is the child? In what county did the alleged abuse occur?
   b. What is the Child Protective Services’ number for the county where the patient is located?
   c. Is there a plan for keeping the child there so they do not leave? Who is the designated person responsible for the patient until emergency services arrive?
   d. Remind school staff and originating site clinicians that they are also mandated reporters and discuss who is going to report.
Case 6: Sullen youth who won’t talk or who misrepresents the truth

Q: You are seeing an incarcerated youth through telepsychiatry. He does not want to be there and is not telling you anything. What do you do?

A: Begin by introducing yourself, who you are, your location, and what your role is. Show familiarity with the patient’s setting; for example, bring up a beloved staff member. Inquire about patient’s experience in the program, food, outings, levels the patient is working on achieving. Be sensitive to the fact that incarcerated youth work with many adults whose job is to get information, not take care of them. Make sure the teen knows that you are here for them (if you indeed are). State your allegiance: “I’m here to help you out, not to get you in trouble.” Explain that you are can prescribe medications if clinically indicated.

Typically, you will have at least some information about the youth sent from juvenile corrections.

- Review the available information. Avoid repeating questions if you already know the answer.
- If you know why the youth is seeing you (trouble sleeping, poor concentration, etc.) address it directly. “It looks like you were having trouble sleeping.”

Q: What if the teenager continues not to talk? What do you do?

A: If the youth is still not talking, you can address basic questions to the accompanying therapist (if present). If the patient is still refusing to engage, it may have been a win just having the youth see you for a few minutes. Explain to the youth you will reschedule them for your next available appointment to check in.

Q: What do you do if you have the sense that the teenager is beginning to warm up?

A: You may be able to push your questions a little more. But remember, it may be as much of a win to get the patient into the tele room so take the win and build on if for next time. Incarcerated youth have a high prevalence of psychiatric disorders. It
is important to use a patient-centered approach to engage the patient and this may take some time.

Q: What do you do if the youth is providing information you know is not true (e.g., a patient pretending to be someone else who is also incarcerated at the facility)?

A: Check with the therapist or staff bringing the youth to confirm his identity.
Case 7: Negotiating medication treatment in a Juvenile Justice (JJ) setting

Q: A 16 y/o male in detention has longstanding difficulties with aggression. He has tried selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), alpha agonists and psychostimulants without positive effect. You would like to start him on a low-dose antipsychotic, preferably risperidone given the evidence base to support it. Haloperidol is the only antipsychotic available through the formulary for the JJ system in that state. What should the child psychiatrist do?

A: Typical juvenile justice youth have very few options in their daily schedule. They do have a choice whether to come see you and whether to take their medicine, so try to include the youth in the decision making.

If you know there is a medication that may work above all others, try to convince the youth, making sure to explain risks and benefits.

If there are medications with potentially equal benefits and risks, give the youth the option.

If they have an opinion (for example methylphenidate vs amphetamines) and there is no contraindication, giving the youth a sense of agency will likely increase the therapeutic relationship.

In terms of the medication choice, part of your role may be to advocate for out-of-formulary prescribing. Knowing the system at the patient’s site and state is critical.
a. Patient connects with you by for a video visit while she is physically located in a state where you are not licensed (e.g., while on vacation)

b. Patient is discussing a confidential issue that he does not what his mother to know about. The telepsychiatry room in the school-based clinic is not sound-proof and the clinic doesn’t have a noise machine or other device set up to ensure privacy. Patient’s mother, who was sitting outside in the waiting room, hears the entire conversation and abruptly walks into the room to join the discussion.

c. You are seeing a young child via telepsychiatry in-home and he is playing with very noisy toys (trucks, blocks) which are located right by the speaker/mic. The sound of the toys is amplified by the technology, making it very difficult to hear the patient and family.

d. Poor lighting on patient end making it difficult to assess subtleties of affect, crying/tearing, tremors, extrapyramidal symptoms, etc.

e. Telepsychiatrist has a very cluttered and unprofessional background

f. Child with autism that is very difficult to engage. Telepsychiatrist asks what cartoon characters and superheroes he likes and use the screen-sharing function to bring images of these characters up on screen and this helps engage the child. The picture-in-picture view may help engage a child (but can also be a distraction!) Telepsychiatrist asks child/family to share pictures of pet(s) or projects they are working on (e.g., artwork, crafts).

g. Nonverbal communication to engage a child (e.g., telepsychiatrist using virtual high-fives and virtual handshakes)

h. Child with hearing loss – can use technology such as noise amplifying headphones

i. Teen presents to visit intoxicated – telepresenter at patient site smells alcohol on patient’s breath and alerts telepsychiatrist prior to the visit

j. Camera placed to the side of the monitor on patient end so patient and family seem to be looking off to the side during the visit – consider proper placement of camera, minimize gaze angle, telepsychiatrist should periodically look up at the camera on his/her end to make virtual eye contact with individuals on the other end
CHILDREN’S SATISFACTION QUESTIONNAIRE (for children 7-12 years old; Adapted from Seattle Children’s Hospital)

We would like to know what you thought of seeing the doctor over the TV. Please check the boxes below that show how much you agree or don’t agree with each statement. You will help us to make things better for you and other kids. Thank you!

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Do you have any ideas about what could do better?
APPENDIX H
TEEN'S TECHNICAL SATISFACTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Date ______________________

TEENS’ TECHNICAL SATISFACTION WITH TELEPSYCHIATRY SERVICES

Approximate number of telepsychiatry sessions (circle):  1  2  3-6  7-10  11-14  15-20  >20

Read each statement below and rate how strongly you agree or disagree with each one by circling a number from one to five on a scale ranging from: 1=Strongly Disagree to 5=Strongly Agree.

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**TEEN COMMENTS:** Please use the other side for additional comments or suggestions to help us improve the delivery of services through telepsychiatry.
APPENDIX I
PARENT’S TECHNICAL SATISFACTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Date ______________________

PARENTS’ TECHNICAL SATISFACTION WITH TELEPSYCHIATRY SERVICES

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APPENDIX J
TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH DIDACTIC SESSION, Y 1 AND Y 2

Y1, Didactic Session One

Learning Objectives:

Overview: This session focuses on the evidence base for (and against) PTP. This includes data about clinical care (patient preference, quality), systems (access), and cost-effectiveness.

Materials needed:
APA/AACAP Telepsychiatry Toolkit
https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/telepsychiatry/toolkit/child-adolescent
“The Evidence Base” (Myers) and “The Return on Investment” (Ramtekkar and Busch)

Chapters XX: “Evidence Base for Use of Videoconferencing and Other Technologies in MH Care”

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors:
Y1, Didactic Session Two

Learning Objectives:

Overview: This session focuses on a brief history of PTP and different applications and systems of care integrating PTP.

Materials needed:

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors:
Y1, Didactic Session Three

Learning Objectives:

Overview: This session focuses on the logistics of setting up the clinical space in the provider’s office and at the remote site, including:
- Virtual space – Tech issues, audio-visuals, lighting etc.
- Communication – verbal, nonverbal
- Provider issues (posture, breaks, etc.)
- Clinical - managing more than 1 participant, incorporating the EMR, etiquette, redundancy measures, emergency back-up plan
- Time management and organization

Materials needed:

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors:
Y1, Didactic Session Four

Learning Objectives:

Overview: This session focuses on administrative and professionalism issues. These include getting paid for PTP sessions (diagnostic and CPT coding, billing, insurance contracts) and legal, ethical, regulatory and risk management issues.

Materials needed:

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors:
Y1, Didactic Session Five

Learning Objectives:

**Overview:** This session focuses on how to provide direct patient care (evaluation and maintenance treatment) using PTP.

**Materials needed:**

**Session Outline (blow by blow):**

**Potential adaptations:**

**Assessment:**

**Authors:**
Y1, Didactic Session Six

Learning Objectives:

Overview: This session focuses on how to conduct a clinical consultation to healthcare partners via PTP. Examples could include consulting to primary care, community health clinic nurses, or to emergency clinicians at a satellite site. The emphasis is on understanding the clinical question from the team, collecting the necessary data both through history and examination and through collateral sources such as screening instruments and laboratory results, and integrating the data into a reasonable formulation and treatment plan for the remote site to be able to implement.

Materials needed:

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors:
Y2, Didactic Session One

Learning Objectives:

Overview: This session focuses on setting up a PTP in private practice.

Materials needed:

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors:
Y2, Didactic Session Two

Learning Objectives:

Overview: This session focuses on acute interventions via PTP. This include patients who become acutely unsafe due to self-harm, agitation, aggression etc. Trainees may have cases from their practice they can discuss.

Materials needed:

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors:
Y2, Didactic Session Three

Learning Objectives:

Overview: This session focuses on clinical management of patients via PTP including youth with severe hyperactivity, psychosis, developmental disorders, sensory deficits; very young or nonverbal children, and medically ill children. The particular challenges of each presentation and how to manage them are presented.

Materials needed:

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors:
Y2, Didactic Session Four
This session introduces a 3-part series on consultation to remote non-healthcare sites (schools, juvenile justice settings, and community mental health centers), at least one of which will be the focus of a clinical experience. Particular emphasis is places on considerations that pose new challenges from care in the health care setting.

Learning Objectives:

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Materials needed:

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors:
Y2, Didactic Session Five

Learning Objectives:

Overview: This session focuses on consultation to the juvenile justice setting.

Materials needed:

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors:
Y2, Didactic Session Six

Learning Objectives:

Overview: This session focuses on consultation to patients in community mental health centers.

Materials needed:

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors:
Y2, Didactic Session Seven

Learning Objectives:

**Overview:** This session focuses on providing consultation to remote mental health professionals. One specific model to discuss is Project Echo model,™ which was first used to help treat hepatitis in underserved areas and is now a national model. Synchronous and asynchronous consultation can be discussed using cases.

**Materials needed:**

**Session Outline (blow by blow):**

**Potential adaptations:**

**Assessment:**

**Authors:**
Y2, Didactic Session Eight

Learning Objectives:

Overview: This session focuses on teaching and supervising child psychiatry using videoconferencing. Increasingly, supervision and teaching are happening remotely to reduce travel times and enhance efficiency. Uploading and discussing videotapes of clinical sessions with children and families can enhance the experience.

Materials needed:

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors:
Y2, Didactic Session Nine

Learning Objectives:

Overview: This session focuses on using videoconferencing in global mental health to meet the mental health needs of children and families around the world.

Materials needed:

Session Outline (blow by blow):

Potential adaptations:

Assessment:

Authors