

*[P-373E] Telepharmacy: moving the profession to new roles in ambulatory care practice*

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*Telemedicine is the use of electronic information and communication technology to provide and support health care when distance separates the participants. The use of this technology will have enormous impact on pharmacy activities over the coming years. Pharmacists will ultimately be able to improve many aspects of practice and patient care by using the new methods of information management and communication. This evaluation will show how the use by pharmacy of a telepharmacy concept has led to significant savings in the overall cost of pharmaceuticals and more timely delivery of the medication to the patient. This new and innovative pharmacy service is recently underway and has thus far accrued more than \$100,000 in savings for pharmacy services. This is an evaluative study with continued research in progress.*