

COVID-19 Telehealth/Virtual Visit Disclaimer

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) viral disease to be a pandemic. As a result of this emergency, a rapidly evolving situation, practice patterns for physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners are shifting to accommodate the need to treat in conjunction with unprecedented guidance from federal, state, and local authorities— which include, but are not limited to, self-quarantines and/or limiting physical proximity to others under any number of circumstances. It is within this context (and with the understanding that some patient encounters are in the patient's best interest as well as the health and safety of other patients and the public) that "telehealth" is being provided for certain patient encounters rather than a face-to-face visit. These patient encounters are appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances given certain patient's current presentation. This disclaimer advises patients of the potential risks and limitations of this mode of treatment (including, but not limited to, the absence of in-person examination) and you are agreeing to be treated in a remote fashion in spite of them. Any and all of the patient's/patient's family's questions on this issue will be answered, and we make no promises or guarantees to the patient. Patient's may contact this office for worsening conditions or problems and seek emergency medical treatment and/or call 911 if the patient deems either necessary.