### **Telemedicine Solutions** Impact On Occupational Injuries

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Telehealth

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### Definitions can vary by state and industry organizations

Telerehabilitation

Telerehabilitation is a component of telemedicine.

Virtual delivery of physical therapy using video conferencing for a live, two-way interaction between a patient and a physical therapist

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Telehealth vs. Telemedicine vs. Telerehabilitation nedicine

Telemedicine use is accelerating

Telehealth Has Been in Use for 60+ Years

- U.S. government agencies such as NASA and Department of Veterans Affairs were early adopters
- **Group Health Focus on Delivery and Access**
- Health plans, health care systems, employers, technology companies
- Addressing adoption challenges
- High patient satisfaction
- Occupational Injury Care May Be The Last Frontier



### Telemedicine 101

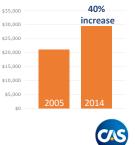
# Other Take-aways for today?

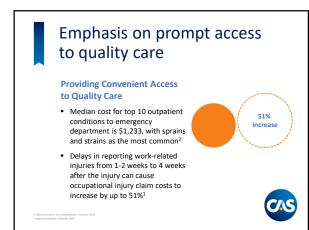


## Occupational injury care costs continue to escalate

#### **Rising Costs**

- Employers pay almost \$1 billion per week for direct occupational injury care costs<sup>1</sup>
- Average medical cost per lost-time claim has increased over 40% from 2005 to 2014<sup>2</sup>





## Problems drive innovative solutions

#### Problems to Solve

- Need convenient access to quality care
- Need employees to engage in their recovery
- Minimize impact to worker
- productivityCombat rising health care
- costs

#### How Telemedicine and Telerehabilitation Can Help

- Improved access to occupational medicine care
- No travel for the employee and less time away from work
- Initiate treatment earlier and convenient follow up
- Positive experience and easy to use
- Reduce unnecessary emergency department visits

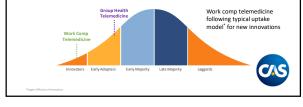


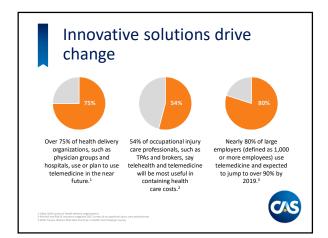


# Favorable telemedicine environment will facilitate growth

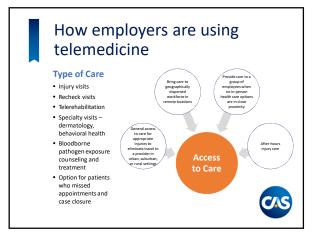
#### Growing acceptance by consumers and regulators

- All states have adopted telemedicine in some form with an
- increasing number accepting telemedicine for WC
- Telemedicine licensure compact covering numerous states facilitates broader physician licensing











## Immediate attention for minor occupational medical issues

Concentra Telemed is designed to provide immediate attention for minor medical issues. Up to 30% of initial injuries and 50% of injury rechecks can be tracked via telemedicine. If referred to physical therapy, patients will also have the option for telerenba Serious injuries — on rinjuries that need handson care, like stitches – will still need to be seen in person by a clinician. Depending upon the severity of an rinjury, the Concentra Telement clinician ways till refer an employee for in-person medical or therapy care.

#### When to use Concentra Telemed

Grade I and II upper and lower extremity strains/sprains

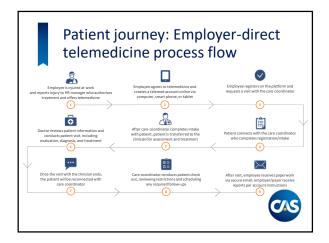
- First degree burns
  Back strains/sprains (without significant limitations)
- Neck strains/sprains (without significant limitations)
- Contusions (without deformity)
- Partial thickness abrasionsContact occupational dermatitis (rashes)
- Tendonitis/repetitive-use injuries
- Bloodborne pathogen exposures















## What patients are saying

Willing to see a doctor using video – nearly 70% of adults<sup>1</sup>

Patients with telemedicine visits – **90%** satisfaction rate²

More than 50% say telemedicine helps increase their involvement in treatment decisions<sup>3</sup>

More than 20% cite "high quality of care" and "don't have to travel" as benefits of telemedicine<sup>3</sup>

1-American Well 2017 Consumer Survey. 2-BMI Open "Telebailth and Patient Satisfaction: a systemic review and narrative anal 3-Software Advice 2015 Telemedicine Report.



### Potential Challenges/Risks

- Wi-Fi or camera
- expense/connectivityPrivacy concerns need a private location
- Low/No adoption by injured worker
- Program not successful due to lack of engagement by stakeholders
- Too many claims referred to UC/ER from Telemedicine \*

\*specific to The Cheesecake Factory program



## Potential benefits for **employees**

- Immediate medical care no waiting room
- Flexibility of treatment care at work, home or on the roz/
  Highly satisfied patient
- Highly satisfied patient
- 24 hours a day & 7 days a week accessibleMore focused attention from the doctor
- Return to work with minimal disruption –
- May never have to leave the injury location
- Notes from nurse triage transfer to telemedicine provider
- No MRSA exposure
- Bilingual doctors available
- Rx to the pharmacy of employee's choice if needed

## Potential benefits for **employers**

- Increased productivity less time away and shorter case duration
- Less expensive than urgent care and emergency department visit
- Access to care and the right type of provider support valued employee and the best outcome
  Happy patient = Good claim outcome!
- Measurable hard dollar results
- Financial savings could be significant
- No transportation issues
- No need to cover shift or pay through end of shift
- Injury notes are transferred to intake system
- Immediate care for valued employee
- Keeps employee away from med/legal mills



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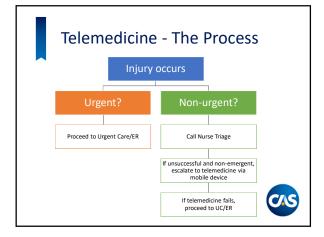
### Focused implementation required to enable uptake Pre-planning • Choose your provider wisely

	Occupational health expertise and experience matter     Confirm understanding of state regulations to ensure best     practices are followed     Understand fees (equipment, technology, visit)     Understand equipment needs and provide a private space
Education	Identify and engage advocates within your organization     Leverage existing processes and workflows     Explain telemedicine work flow/process to stakeholders
Build awareness	Get buy-in from leadership     Promote your telemedicine offerings     Provide resources so injured worker knows how to get to care
The patient experience	Develop streamlined and integrated process     Ensure user-friendly approach
Monitoring and reporting	Keep stakeholders informed of RTW post-visit     Review results (e.g., outcomes, satisfaction, etc.)     Identify areas for improvement

### The Cheesecake Factory Case Study

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### Results (April 2018 – March 2019)

- 3,281 calls into nurse triage
- 950 (29%) successfully triaged by nurse
- 563 (24%) of remaining 2,331 injuries were offered telemedicine by nurse triage
- 388 (69%) accepted telemedicine
- 228 (69%) successfully treated through telemedicine and needed no further treatment
- \$186,048 in hard dollar savings in 2018/2019



## Kaiser Permanente Video Visits (1,274 patients surveyed in Northern California in 2015 )

80% Survey Response Rate

- 90% were confident in the quality of care received.
- 89% were interested in a future video visit.
- 87% said the video visit was more convenient than other ways of getting care.
- 84% said the video visit improved their relationship with their doctor.

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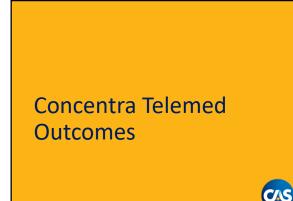


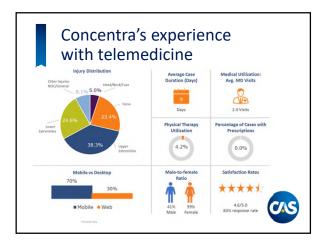
### Opportunities and Lessons Learn-ed/ing

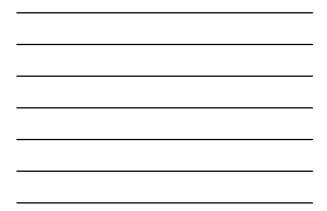
- Our triage nurses needs additional algorithms to identify telemedicine candidates
- It will take time for staff & triage nurses to trust program
  - Continue internal marketing of program
  - Coaching with triage nurses
  - Work with group insurance telemedicine program
- Cultural trust issues will improve with time
- iPad concept was "clunky" Continued automation is critical
- Approval by injured workers is high

   More engagement by doctor
  - Convenience factor is huge













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