Integrating Telehealth into the Graduate Nursing Curriculum: A Simulation Experience

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Benefits of Telehealth for Older Adult

➤ Telehealth benefits homebound older adults who have difficulty accessing care due to disability, transportation or isolation.

➤ Telehealth is emerging in long-term care as a tool for ready access to providers to prevent unnecessary emergency room visits and hospitalizations.

➤ Healthcare providers of all types are being exposed to telehealth.

NP Competencies

The *Adult-Gerontology Acute and Primary Care NP Competencies* under the *NP Competency Area of Technology and Information Literacy* recommended telehealth be included in NP curriculum.

Simulation Experience

Pre-Work
➤ Telehealth Etiquette Module
➤ Practice With Equipment & Peripherals
➤ Cardiovascular Practice Guidelines

Set-up
➤ Student in Clinic with Patient
➤ Student at distance location providing consultation
➤ Faculty Preceptor

Scenario Experience
➤ New On-Set Palpitations
➤ Direct Clinic Staff On Peripherals
➤ Communication with Clinic Staff & Patient

Nurse Practitioner Students' Exposure and Practice With Telehealth Technology Improves Their Marketability and Raises Confidence.

Student Comments

➤ I was surprised how good of an assessment could be done using Telehealth technology

➤ It was frustrating when the technology didn't work well. This forced me to learn to adapt to different situations though.

➤ I was surprised at how much could be done with telehealth.

➤ It took some getting used to, but once I had practiced a bit the process was easy.

➤ I felt like I was in Star Trek or a futuristic Sci Fi program!

➤ It was really cool!