TELHOSPICE: Promising Outcomes and Lessons Learned from Intervention Studies

Two sessions for your convenience:
8:30 to 10:30 a.m. OR 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 16
INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center auditorium

More than one million terminally ill patients and families receive hospice care annually in the United States, primarily delivered in the home. The home environment creates many similarities to home health care, including large geographic distribution of the patient population. While both the technology and research for telehealth technology has grown dramatically in the last decade in home health care, less focus is placed on technology in hospice care.

The use of telehealth technologies to overcome geographic distances in the delivery of hospice care has been termed telehospice.

The Telehospice Project team conducted three studies* using different types of telehealth technology for terminally ill hospice patients. The researcher will share her experiences in implementing and evaluating telehospice interventions and results of clinical outcomes. Discussion will reveal strategies to improve recruitment in telehospice intervention studies and challenges faced in telehospice research management. She will also identify how they obtained funding and advocated for additional research findings related to telehospice effectiveness.

Upon completion of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Define telehospice and its role in clinical care of hospice patients and families
2. Describe one telehospice intervention to include patients and families in IDT meetings
3. Identify two potential clinical outcomes from telehospice interventions
4. Identify ways communication and empathy can be facilitated with technology to patients and caregivers.
5. Discuss the issues related to implementation of this intervention in their individual hospice team.

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