



ORAL TELEHEALTH COALITION

Oral health is one of the main pillars in our digital healthcare ecosystem, yet it has not received the policy attention it deserves. CTeL hopes to change this through our Oral

Telehealth Coalition. **We invite you to participate in the Coalition by becoming a CTeL Member.**

The purpose of this Coalition is to educate policymakers and the entire healthcare ecosystem on how oral health can be better integrated into our nation's care delivery system. Recent advancements in digital health have allowed for the virtual examination and treatment of oral health conditions.



While oral-telehealth was performed and utilized prior to the Public Health Emergency, this field has grown tremendously the last 3-years and will continue to increase access to care for millions of Americans.

In 2021, the American Dental Association (ADA) issued updated guidance to help broaden the understanding and documentation of teledentistry events, including guidance and insights on two full CDT codes for synchronous and asynchronous modalities. CTeL's Oral Health Coalition will build upon this momentum through agnostic education, research, and action.

OUR GOALS FOR THIS COALITION ARE:





EDUCATION

-  Inform the oral healthcare communities on legal and regulatory telehealth considerations to remain compliant with state and federal laws, and discuss appropriate use-cases and effective care models.
-  Share agnostic research with the healthcare community, insurers, and employers on how digital oral health interventions can be incorporated into our larger healthcare ecosystem.






RESEARCH

-  Compile peer-reviewed research studies on the cost-benefit of virtual oral healthcare.
-  Deliver state and federal reports pertaining to oral telehealth examination requirements, reimbursement coverage, and prescribing of controlled substances.



ACTION

-  Engage with policymakers on the importance of integrating oral health into primary, emergency department, and behavioral healthcare services.
-  Educate Medicaid offices and private insurance on the importance of access to care through oral telehealth interventions and increasing reimbursement coverage for patients and providers.



This Coalition's mission is to better inform the digital health community and policymakers on the benefit of oral telehealth coverage and access through academic and policy research. There is a strong case for the expansion of virtual oral healthcare. It **increases access to care** for patients, particularly in underserved rural and urban areas. It also saves costs by **decreasing unnecessary ER visits** for preventable dental emergencies, helping to alleviate the clinician shortage by redirecting patients to appropriate oral healthcare specialists rather than to general providers.

**WE ASK YOU TO JOIN US IN THIS INAUGURAL EFFORT BY
BECOMING A FORMAL MEMBER OF CTEL.**

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