

SCOTTSDALE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Telepsychiatry Informed Consent

Patient Name: _____

Location of Patient: _____

Introduction

Telepsychiatry is the form of telemedicine that allows patients to access psychiatric care using audio-video interface such as videoconferencing.

Electronic systems used will incorporate network and software security protocols to protect the confidentiality of patient identification and imaging data and will include measures to safeguard the data and to ensure its integrity against intentional or unintentional corruption.

Expected Benefits:

- Improved access to psychiatric care by enabling a patient to remain in his/her home or office.
- More efficient psychiatric evaluation and management.
- Obtaining expertise of a distant specialist.

Possible Risks:

As with any medical procedure, there are potential risks associated with the use of telepsychiatry. These risks include, but may not be limited to:

- In rare cases, information transmitted may not be sufficient (e.g. poor resolution of images) to allow for appropriate medical decision making by the physician and consultant(s)
- Delays in medical evaluation and treatment could occur due to deficiencies or failures of the equipment
- In rare cases, a lack of access to complete medical records may result in adverse drug interactions or allergic reactions or other judgmental errors

By signing this form, I understand the following:

1. I understand that the laws that protect privacy and the confidentiality of medical information also apply to telepsychiatry, and that no information obtained in the use of telepsychiatry which identifies me will be disclosed to researchers or other entities without my consent.
2. I understand that I have the right to withhold or withdraw my consent to the use of telepsychiatry in the course of my care at any time, without affecting my right to future care or treatment.
3. I understand that I have the right to inspect all information obtained in the course of a telepsychiatry interaction, and may receive copies of this information for a reasonable fee.
4. I understand that a variety of alternative methods of psychiatric care may be available to me, and that I may choose one or more of these at any time.
5. I understand that it is my duty to inform my psychiatrist of any other healthcare providers involved in my medical/psychiatric care.
6. I understand that I may expect the anticipated benefits from the use of telepsychiatry in my care, but that no results can be guaranteed or assured.

Patient Consent to The Use of Telepsychiatry

By signing this form, I agree to the following tele-psychiatric policies:

1. Telepsychiatry cannot provide any provision of medical or psychiatric emergencies. In the case of an emergency, patients are encouraged to seek local help or call 911.
2. Guidelines generally considered standard for keeping medical records, release of medical information and patient confidentiality will be applied to telepsychiatry as well.
3. No recording of session is allowed in any circumstances. Patients need to notify the psychiatrist if any other person is present during the session in addition to the patient.
4. After initial evaluation or anytime during treatment the psychiatrist may recommend local psychiatric services, if patient needs are judged to be not met through telepsychiatry or if other clinical grounds exist. Every effort will be made to provide local referrals.
5. Medication fills and refills can only be made after the session and is subjected and limited to local pharmacy's guidelines, limitations and policies. Prescribing controlled medications will have higher level of scrutiny and will be solely at the discretion of the psychiatrist based on clinical needs.
6. Sessions will be charged to the insurance as per the patients plan benefits as they apply to telehealth services. Patients are responsible for any financial obligations not covered through their plan benefits.
7. No shows and late cancellations of less than 24 hours of appointment time will be charged with the same rate as regular appointments.
8. All payments will be made before the sessions.

I have read and understand the information provided above regarding telepsychiatry, have discussed it with my psychiatrist or such assistants as may be designated, and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I hereby give my informed consent for the use of telepsychiatry in my medical care.

I hereby authorize Dr. Jaffery to use telepsychiatry in the course of my diagnosis and treatment.

Signature of Patient (or person authorized to sign for patient): _____ *Date:* _____

If authorized signer, relationship to patient: _____