

# Resources for Telehealth

Where to Turn When You Need Help

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## Back in the old days....

- In the early '90's when HRSA began to fund telemedicine programs, the programs had to rely on each other and vendors for help. None of us knew a lot. We shared everything we knew with each other

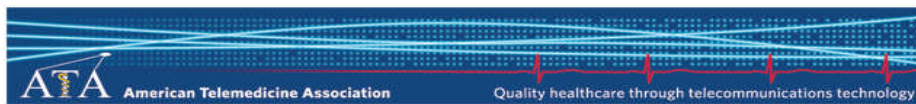


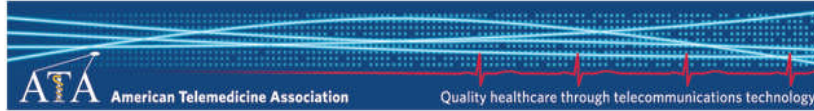
## As Telemedicine became more organized...



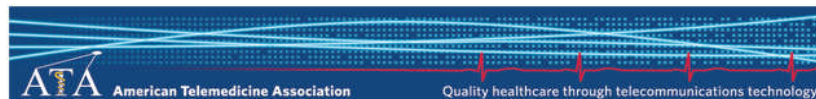
- There were conferences and meetings where programs shared what they were learning and developing. Not surprisingly many programs were developing the same policies, resources and tools.

## Knowledge-based organizations were formed

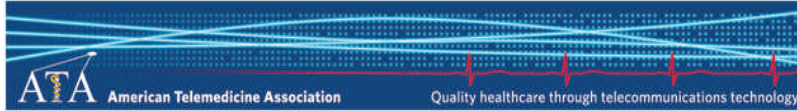




- Established in 1993
- A non-profit organization governed by a board of directors
- Headquartered in Washington DC
- Open to individuals, healthcare institutions, companies and other organizations interested in promoting the deployment of telemedicine throughout the world



- Educates government and the public about telemedicine
- Serves as a clearinghouse for telemedical information and services
- Fosters networking and collaboration
- Promotes research and education
- Spearheads the development of appropriate clinical and industry policies and standards



- Offers two special interest groups that members of EHDI might be interested in:
  - Pediatric Telemedicine
  - Telerehabilitation
    - Many ASHA participants

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# ATA 2010

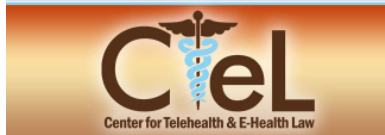
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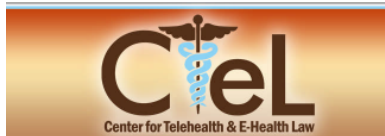
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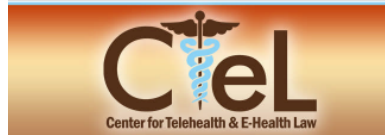


- Created in 1995 as the Center for Telemedicine Law
- Based in Washington DC
- Disseminates and analyzes key telehealth information and research on key legal, regulatory, policy, and legislative documents.
- Selected in 2006 by HRSA as the National Telehealth Resource Center



### Areas of Expertise

- Reimbursement
- Licensure
- Privacy, Security and Confidentiality
- FDA Regulatory Issues
- Telecommunications Legal and Regulatory Issues
- Credentialing and Accreditation



- Offers a yearly Telehealth Leadership Conference a national public policy conference dedicated solely to telehealth issues
- Presents monthly brown-bag webinars on public policy issues
- Publishes, *Inside Washington & Beyond*, an e-newsletter keeping the telehealth community apprised of important public policy information and developments.



- In 2006 the federal Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT) initiated a regional telehealth resource center grant program to provide support and guidance to telehealth programs.
- There are five resource centers (TRCs) – one national and 4 regional.
- They can provide services, resources and tools to both developing and operating programs.
- Each TRC also has an understanding of regional concerns and the climate for telehealth in their geographic region.

## Technical Assistance Services

- Program development and operational support
- Information on legal and regulatory issues
- Readiness assessments
- Business model development
- Program Evaluation
- Sharing of best practices
- Strategic planning
- Market analysis
- Education on reimbursement provisions
- Technology assessments
- Equipment selection
- Tools and templates

## TRC Toolbox

- In addition to the services that can be provided by the individual centers a comprehensive toolbox is being developed with modules for:
  - Operations
  - Technology
  - Reimbursement
  - Legislation and Regulation
  - Marketing
  - Training
  - Business Planning
  - Evaluation

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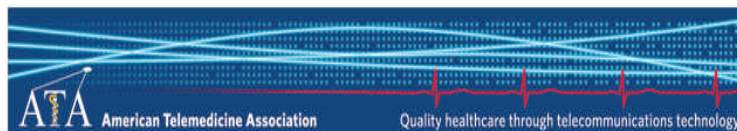
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