

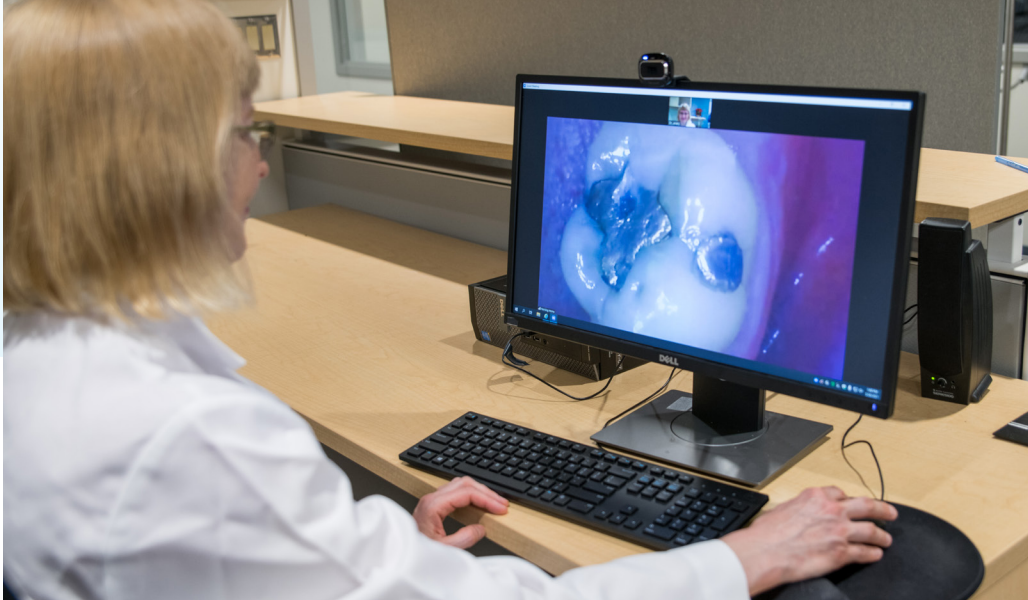
# Teledentistry

for individuals with IDD in group homes.



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## Help your clients get the dental care they need.

Because of the strict safety measures in place at group homes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, your clients may not be getting adequate oral health care. And without timely intervention, the progression of oral disease can cause pain and infection, negatively impacting your clients' quality of life.

That's why Eastman Dental is now offering teledentistry services to group homes. With teledentistry, your clients can receive convenient, comfortable dental care right where they live.



## HOW DOES TELEDENTISTRY WORK?

Teledentistry connects patients, caregivers, and providers by using a special, high-definition, intraoral camera.

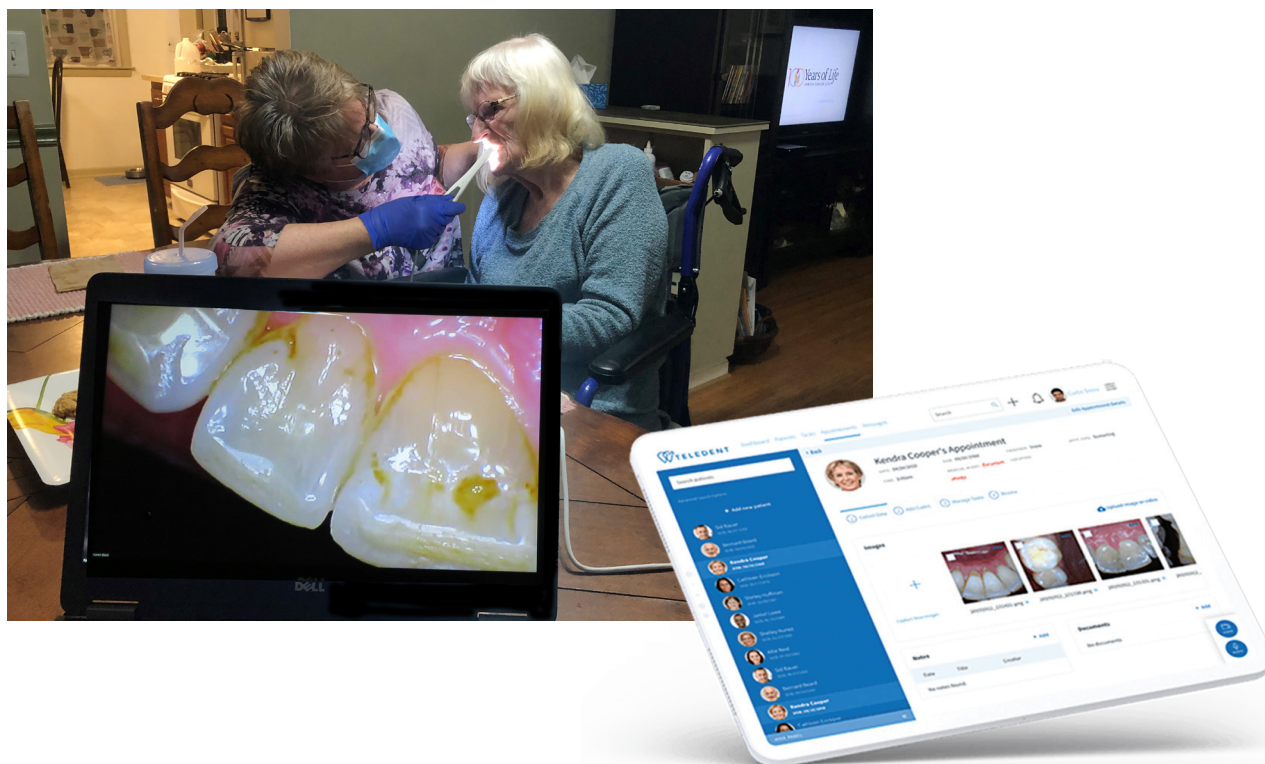
A staff member or nurse from your facility will be trained to operate an intraoral camera to look in the client's mouth and take pictures and videos.

The process allows:

- Staff to coordinate a virtual appointment with an Eastman Dental provider to review the patient's oral concerns
- Group home staff to send photos taken with the camera to a dentist, who will review the pictures to see if additional follow-up care is needed
- Dentists at Eastman Dental to assess the status of previously existing dental condition
- Clients and staff to be spared from stressful and unnecessary travel when treatment can be postponed
- Family members and caregivers to participate in the client's visit with the dentist

### How can teledentistry help your clients?

Unfortunately, current safety restrictions are leading to increased oral health problems among group home residents. But teledentistry makes it possible to maintain safety while providing dental examinations to patients right where they live. When caught early, oral disease can be reversed or managed with appropriate oral hygiene, fluoride exposure, dental sealants, changes in diet, and other measures.



### What are the benefits of teledentistry?

- Convenience! The virtual appointment is provided on-site at your facility, so staff and clients don't need to travel for dental appointments unless required for follow-up care or emergencies.
- Improved access to dental care for clients with limited mobility.
- Reduced risk of exposure to germs, COVID-19, flu, and/or airborne illnesses.
- Improved quality of life by reducing pain and preventing disease.

### Experts in special care dentistry.

Our highly trained dentists and dental hygienists take a tailored approach to help individuals with IDD manage their unique needs and functionality. They are experts in the dental conditions and concerns common in individuals with IDD, including:

- Early or untreated cavities/tooth decay
- Severe gum disease
- Increased plaque buildup
- Dental attrition from grinding
- Limited ability to undergo or tolerate dental treatment
- Dental-related anxiety

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### About Eastman Dental.

Eastman Dental is a local leader in special care dentistry. We take a team approach to give each patient tailored, coordinated care. Our general dentists and dental specialists work with URMC's medical providers to provide comprehensive care to individuals with IDD in the region.

Eastman Dental Specialty Care and the URMC Complex Care Center collaborate with group homes to provide customized dentistry to patients with complex needs. Our providers are experienced in caring for patients with a variety of medical concerns and our teams are proficient in providing specialty care through the use of interactive telehealth technology.

Eastman Dental also offers innovative services for the IDD community, such as our SMILEmobiles, which travel to group homes to provide care for those with limited mobility.





## Give your clients access to better oral health and quality of life.

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