

# **TELEHEALTH: THE NEW FRONTIER**

# Helping to Achieve Superior Care for Vulnerable Individuals

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### StationMD: A Healthcare Solution to Meet these Challenges and Support People with I/DD

Founded by board certified emergency medicine doctors, telehealth pioneers

Treat complex medical issues, thousands of encounters, COVID-19 experience

Certified to provide specialized care to people with I/DD , multiple states



### Committed to Pioneering Advancements for Individuals with I/DD

Proud members/sponsors of:

• Featured speakers across the country





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- JeffConnect-SEARCH2017
- Coleman Institute
   Conference
- American College of Emergency Physicians
- National Caregivers
   Conference
- The Arc's 2018 National Conference

- The Arc of California 2019 Policy Conference
- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual AADMD Conference
- AAIDD 2019
- The Arc's NCE 2019 Summer Leadership Institute

### People with IDD and ER utilization

□ People with IDD use the ER significantly more than other groups

- □ Individuals with IDD were more likely than individuals with no IDD to visit the ED (33.96% versus 20.28%, p < 0.0001).
  - Emergency Department Use: Common Presenting Issues and Continuity of Care for Individuals With and Without Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Durbin et al. Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders. October 2018, Volume 48, <u>Issue 10</u>, pp 3542–3550
- □ UK data showed people with IDD were twice as likely to use the ER, and more than five times likely for UTIs and pneumonias

Population Health Research Institute, St George's University of London, United Kingdom

### People with IDD and Hospitalizations

□ People with IDD get hospitalized more frequently than other people

□ Most due to seizures and pneumonia

- **5x more likely to contract COVID-19**
- **5x increased mortality from COVID-19**
- Gastrointestinal
- Mental Illness

Reasons for hospital admissions among youth and young adults with cerebral palsy. Young et al. Arch Phys Med Rehabil. 2011 Jan;92(1):46-50

### COVID-19 and the IDD Population

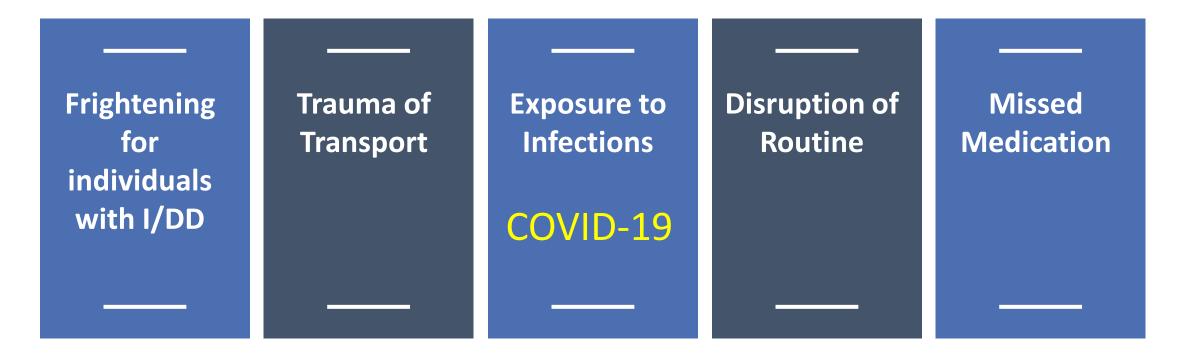
## Background (virus, evolving situation)

### Transmission (droplet, PPE, social distancing)

## Symptoms (typical and varied)

## Vulnerable Populations and Challenges (local impact)

#### ER Experience for Individuals with I/DD



#### General disruption, weeks to stabilize and puts many at risk

#### The Problem with the ER – Expensive yet Suboptimal Care

	atient Trauma posure/Spread COVID-19	+	Unspecialized Care Disruption of Routine	=	<u>Suboptimal Care</u>	
Unr	necessary Tests	+	Unnecessary Hospitalizations	=	<u>Excessive Costs</u>	



#### **Challenges for Provider Organizations**







Meet complex care needs

Staffing

- Staff safety
- Overtime pay
- Shortages



#### Challenges for Staff



Unexpectedly **Extended Shifts**  Decompensating Behavior



### Benefits of Telemedicine in Caring for those with I/DD

Helps vulnerable populations lead healthy, independent, and productive lives.

Expands Access to the Optimal Care SAFELY!

Decreases Healthcare Costs Improves the lives of people with I/DD <u>and</u> their caregivers

### Causes of Frequent ER/Urgent Care Use for People with I/DD

High Risk/Multiple Co-Morbidities	Lack of Access to Medical Care Otherwise	Regulatory Requirements	Primary Doctor Lacks Immediate Availability
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#### How can individuals with I/DD access personalized care in a nondisruptive and stable environment?

### How Telemedicine Can Help

Problem	Solution
<ul> <li>Lack of Access</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Telehealth technology removes the Geographic Impediments</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Suboptimal care for specialized needs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Utilize Doctors who have specialized I/DD training</li> <li>Provide Access to medical records/database</li> <li>Personalized care provided in safety of person's own environment</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Primary Care Evaluation Unavailable Off-Hours</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Need availablility 24 hours/day</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Regulatory pressures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Need doctor evaluation immediately</li> </ul>

Regulatory pressures

Provide full documentation

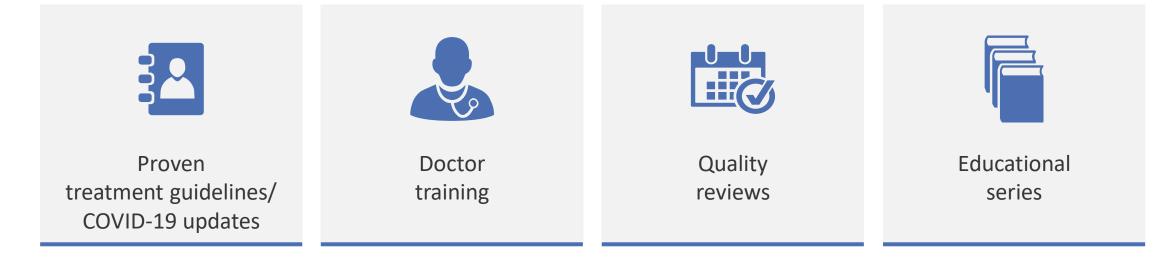
#### Telemedicine Should Augment but does not Replace Primary Care

	Telemedicine	Primary Care
•	Addresses high glucose readings with immediate medication adjustment	<ul> <li>Manages daily meds for chronic conditions (i.e., insulin regimen, cholesterol medications)</li> </ul>
•	Medication refills/clarification/reconciliation	<ul> <li>Prescribe long-term medications</li> </ul>
•	Evaluates after an incident to meet regulatory requirements Performs regular "check-ins" as needed	<ul> <li>Manages long-term goals of treatment</li> </ul>
•	Handles urgent medical issues	<ul> <li>Monitors medical screening issues (i.e., colonoscopy)</li> </ul>



#### Other Tools that Help Augment Care

Immediate access at anytime to high-quality ER doctors, specially trained in the care of people with I/DD can make a significant impact along with:



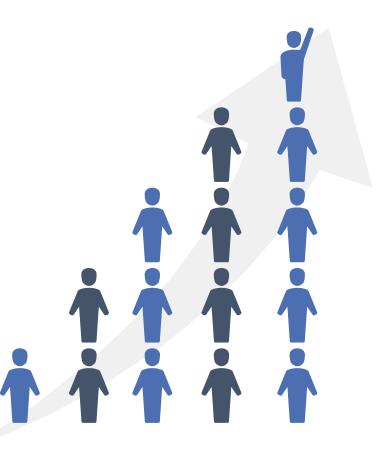
### Reporting/Data Analysis

Comprehensive reporting package is key to analyze trends

Monthly data by site

- Number of visits/calls by
  - Hour of Day
  - Day of Week
  - Physician
  - Outcome i.e. observe, transfer, etc.
  - Diagnosis

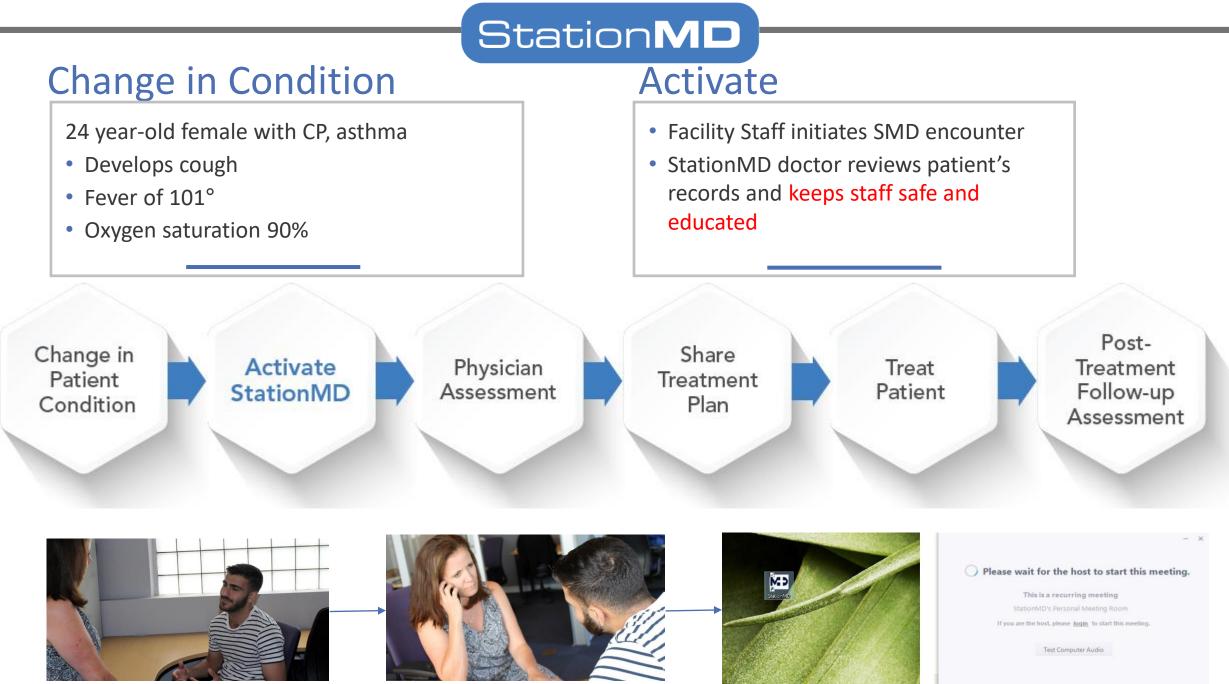
Comparison on before and after implementation data with regards to transfers to Emergency Departments and other regulatory reporting.





# The StationMD Process Step-by-Step





#### **Physician Assessment**

- Telemedicine consultation initiated
- A physical exam is performed



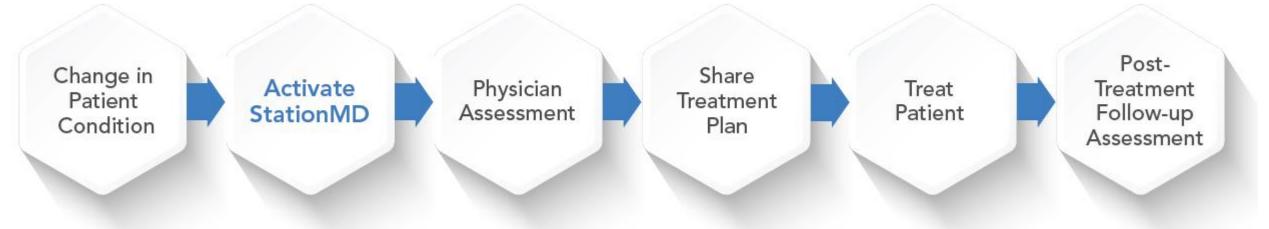


#### **Treat Patient**

- Asthma exacerbation and Respiratory infection
- StationMD provider prescribes meds if needed
- Determine if further treatment/testing needed

#### Share Treatment Plan/Follow-up

- Follow-up exam by StationMD doctor
- Breath sounds show improvement. Patient comfortable. Oxygen 95% (monitored)
- Documentation in EHR, Primary Care Physician Notified

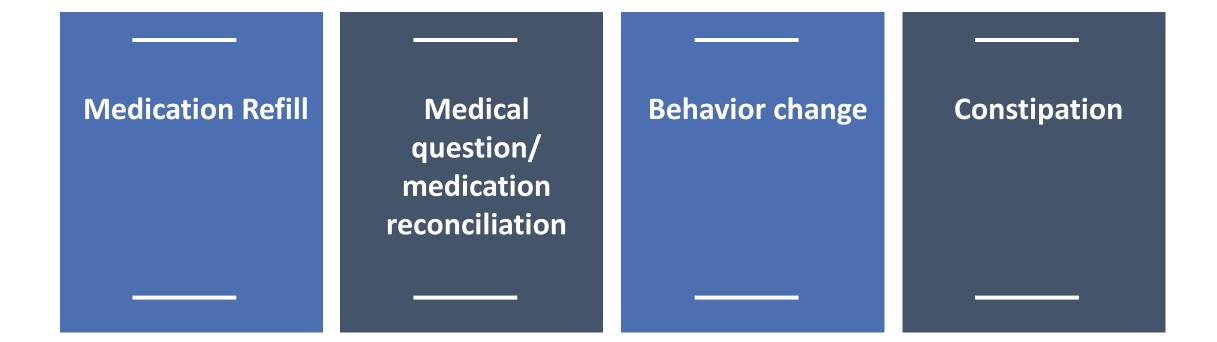




#### Unnecessary trip to ER avoided

If patient had not improved-StationMD would contact ER to expedite visit & review history

### Other Typical Cases (not always emergent!)



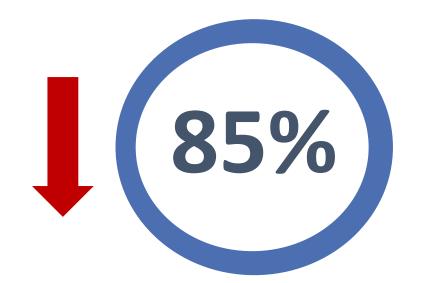


# Clinical and Economic Outcomes





#### **Proven Outcomes**



Historical Data from Clients Demonstrates an 85% reduction in ED Transfers Data for Individuals with I/DD March 2016-December 2019

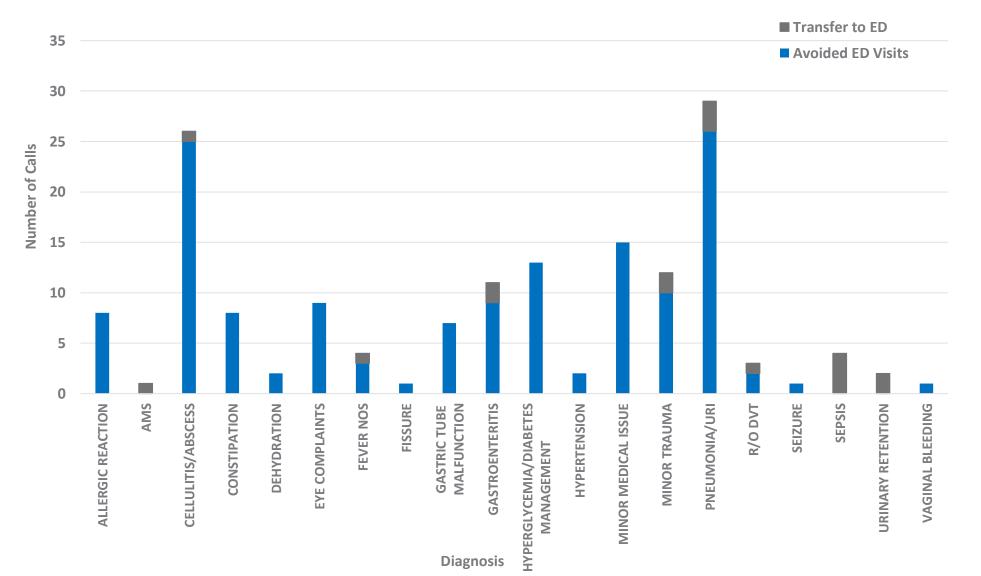
StationMD Visits by Outcome

Time Period	% Observed in Place
03/2016-12/2016	86.4%
01/2017-12/2017	86.0%
01/2018-12/2018	89.1%
01/2019-12/2019	87.2%

87.2% of StationMD Clients with I/DD Are Treated in Place

#### Most calls result in avoided ER transfers across diagnoses

Calls by Diagnosis and Outcome



### Significant Savings for Provider Agencies & Payers

#### StationMD Telemedicine Estimated Cost Savings

Estimated I/DD Agency Savings				Estimated Payer Savings		
		Visits in 12- period	Est. Reduction in ED Visits	Estimated 123 of 374 ED Transfers were Avoide Hospital Admissions		
200 440			374			
Site Loss of Bed ~Cost of Revenue* Bed/Ni			Savings	Averted ED Transfers	Average Cost/ED Visit	Savings
370 Nights \$500			\$185,130	251	\$1,000	\$251,000
Site Transportation Costs Costs		f Transport	Savings	Averted Hospital Admissions	Average Cost/Top DX w. Avg. LOS of 3	Savings
150 \$500			\$75,000		Nights	
			123	\$15,000	\$1,845,000	
	Total Hrs. 1 Staff Member Staff		Savings			
to Cover Avg. ED Visi	t	Salary/Hr.		Total Projected Annual Savings for Payer		\$2,096,000
1,870		\$15	\$28,050			
				Total Savings (Facility & Payer) \$2,384,180		\$2,384,180
Total Projected Annual Savings for\$288,180Agency			\$288,180	***		

\*Assumes 3-day LOS for admissions



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