## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON TELEMEDICINE IN PODIATRY

Thank you for considering to participate in this epidemiological survey. We are studying the impact of COVID-19 on telemedicine in podiatry. For the purposes of this survey, telemedicine is defined as the remote diagnosis and treatment of patients by means of telecommunications technology. This study is for podiatrists who are utilizing telehealth of any manner in patient care. (If you are not performing any active telemedicine, please decline the survey).

It is projected that the landscape of clinical medicine will change dramatically post-COVID-19 and that telemedicine will have an impact on all disciplines, including ours. In order to better understand how practitioners have been utilizing telemedicine, please answer the following short questions as accurately as possible. We promise it will not take long ( approximately 7-10 minutes). We appreciate it and hope that you and your loved ones are safe, and that we can get back to doing what we were trained to do.

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1. What city and state do you practice in?

2. How many years have you been in clinical practice?

3. Assuming that you had a normal schedule, how many patients did you see weekly IN PERSON, on average in:

January 2020	
February 2020	
4. Were you utilizin	g any form of telemedicine prior to COVID-19?
Yes	
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5. On average, how m telemedicine in:	any TOTAL PATIENTS (ESTABLISHED AND NEW) did you treat weekly via
March 2020	
April 2020	

6. On average, how many NEW PATIENTS did you treat weekly via telemedicine in:
March 2020
April 2020
7. What modifiers have you been using for telemedicine billing?
8. For which of the following pathologies have you utilized telemedicine?
Trauma (fractures, sprains, etc)
Musculoskeletal issues or tendinitis (heel pain included) Post-op care
Medical issues (gout, neuropathy, etc) Pre-operative surgical discussions
Infections
Other (please specify)
9. Please specify the percentage (%) of telehealth visits for each of the above pathologies (MUST ADD UP
TO 100%)
Trauma (fractures, sprains, etc)
Musculoskeletal issues or tendinitis (heel pain
included)
Medical issues (gout, neuropathy, etc)
Infections
Dermatologic issues
Post-op care
Pre-operative surgical discussions

10. On a scale of 1-10 (with 1 the lowest, and 10 the highest) how effective do you feel telemedicine visits were for <u>trauma (fractures, sprains, etc)?</u>

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18. The following question is based on <u>YOUR OPINION.</u> Please rank the pathologies <u>MOST BENEFICIAL TO LEAST BENEFICIAL</u> in regards to telemedicine
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Post-operative care
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19. Did you feel that you could effectively triage emergencies via telemedicine?
If yes, how many patients did you send in for admission in March 2020 and April 2020 after seeing them for
telemedicine visit?
20. On average, how long did your telemedicine visit last (in minutes)?

21. Did you coordinate	e care with a Visiting Nurse Service for	your telemedicine evaluations	?
22. What type(s) of	f video platforms did you use for teleme	edicine visits?	
Zoom		Facetime	
Skype		Whats App	
Google Hangouts		Proprietary EMR or Hospital Platfo	orm
GoToMeeting			
Other (please spe	cify)		
23. Did you inform	your patients that you were offering te	lemedicine as an option? If so,	how did you do it
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Direct phone call			
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