

Teletherapy Informed Consent

Patient Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Introduction

Teletherapy is the form of telemedicine that allows patients to access psychiatric and therapeutic care using audio-video interface such as video conferencing. 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:

1. Improved access to psychiatric care and therapy.
2. More efficient psychiatric evaluation and management.
3. Obtaining expertise of a distant specialist.

Possible Risks:

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

1. 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);
2. Delays in medical evaluation and treatment could occur due to deficiencies or failures of the equipment;
3. In very rare instances, security protocols could fail, causing a breach of privacy of personal medical information;
4. In rare cases, a lack of access to complete medical records may result in adverse drug interactions or allergic reactions or other judgmental errors;

Please initial after reading this page: _____

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 teletherapy, and that no information obtained in the use of teletherapy which identifies me will be disclosed to researchers or other entities without my consent.

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2. I understand that I have the right to withhold or withdraw my consent to the use of teletherapy 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 teletherapy interaction, and may receive copies of this information for a reasonable fee.
4. I understand that a variety of alternative methods of psychiatric and therapeutic 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 and/or therapist of any other healthcare providers involved in my therapeutic/psychiatric care.
6. I understand that I may expect the anticipated benefits from the use of teletherapy in my care, but that no results can be guaranteed or assured.

Patient Consent To The Use of Teletherapy

I have read and understand the information provided above regarding teletherapy, 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 teletherapy in my medical care.

Please note: Any co-pay, co-insurance or deductibles due for the date of service will still be client responsibility. I hereby authorize **Henry Kengong Ntoro, LLC** to use teletherapy 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: _____

Witness _____ Date: _____