

A MESSAGE FROM

Our president, Jack Williams

Can you imagine waiting nine months for an appointment with a neurologist while dealing with Parkinson's disease? How about waiting eight months while suffering from migraines? It seems extreme, but it is happening. But it doesn't have to be that way. At VirtualMed Staff, we have a passion for providing quality, invaluable neurology care at a time when it has never been more needed.

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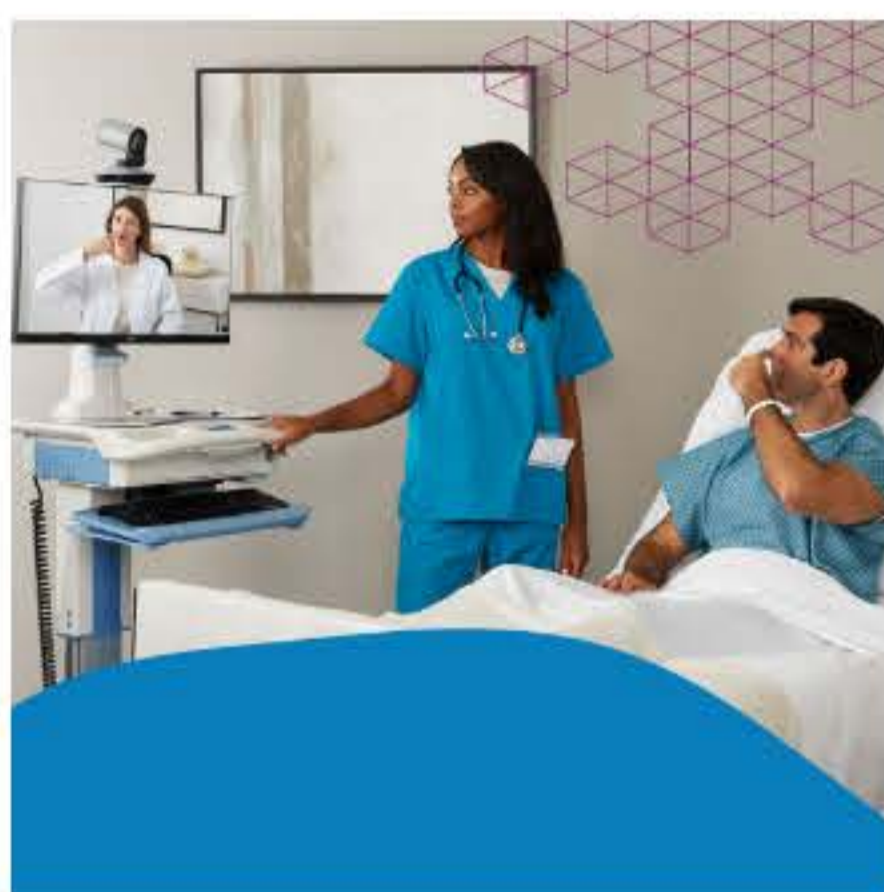
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Neurologist shortage places emphasis on the importance of teleneurology

Between an aging population and many providers leaving the medical field, there is a significant gap between the demand for neurologists and their availability. To reach patients in need, many hospitals are implementing teleneurology programs and therefore reducing wait times, minimizing transfers, decreasing costs, and limiting unnecessary testing.

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Neurology evaluations that can be adapted for telemedicine

At the beginning of the pandemic, with the demand for telemedicine and safe medical exams skyrocketing, neurologists examined 23 essential practices that take place during most neurological examinations to determine if they could be conducted online. What they found is that all but two were easily performed in a virtual setting.

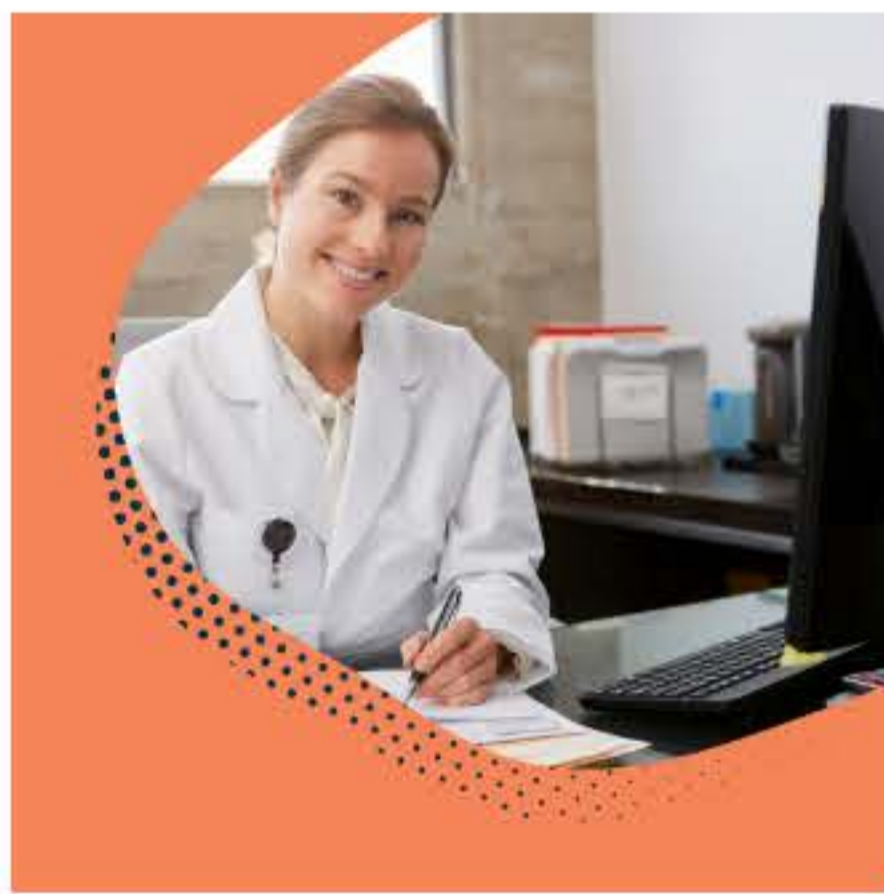
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The brunt of the mental health crisis will fall on employers

As part of the Jackson Healthcare family, VirtualMed Staff understands the challenges medical providers face throughout their careers. Shane Jackson, president of Jackson Healthcare, recently wrote an article about the strain the pandemic has placed on healthcare workers in Georgia. As the rest of the nation has experienced the same stressors and employee dissatisfaction, Jackson discusses how businesses can be a part of the solution by assisting those struggling.

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5 applications of teleneurology

With neurological costs in the United States estimated to be around \$789 billion annually, utilizing cost-effective solutions to expand access and provide care is vital. There are endless applications for teleneurology that enable health systems to improve patient outcomes, streamline care, and see more patients. With teleneurologists, hospitals can treat a wide range of neurological conditions, from strokes to concussions, headaches to epilepsy, and much more.

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What's happening in telemedicine?

Telemedicine is a hot topic right now. Here are some of the latest headlines from around the healthcare industry that may be of interest.

- [AAN urges legislators to tackle US neurologist shortage, extend telehealth services](#)
- [Telemedicine and quantified self are driving 31% of all IoT in healthcare deployments](#)
- [eHealth, telehealth, and telemedicine: Lessons learned and future perspectives](#)

Important dates in healthcare

Health holidays don't just exist to raise awareness about the health issues people live with every day, but also to celebrate those in the medical field who work tirelessly to improve patient care. Below are some notable holidays concerning healthcare.

- August** – Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month
- August 8th** – Happiness Happens Day
- August 30th** – National Grief Awareness Day
- September** – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- September** – Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month
- September 10th** – World Suicide Prevention Day
- September 16th** – National Concussion Awareness Day
- September 25th** – National Psychotherapy Day