

Use of Teledentistry

A frequent question during these unprecedented times is some variation of: “May I use teledentistry to examine my patients?”

The answer from the Board’s perspective is a resounding “Yes!” If, in your professional judgment, the images and information you receive are of sufficient quality for you to reach a conclusion or make a diagnosis, teledentistry is an excellent means to examine and remain in contact with your patients.

However, there are two caveats:

1. Be sure to check with any third parties about payment. The Board has no jurisdiction in this area but understands that some providers may not reimburse for teledentistry examinations.
2. Teledentistry **may not** be used to evade the regulations requiring direct supervision of dental hygienists and dental assistants.