



**American Telemedicine Association  
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## **Definitions of Telehealth Nursing / Telenursing**

**Telehealth Nursing** - is the removal of time and distance barriers for the delivery of healthcare services or related healthcare activities, some of the healthcare services or related healthcare activities. Some of the telecommunications technologies employed in telehealth include telephones, computers, video transmissions, direct connections to instrumentation, and image transmission. Millholland, 1997

**Telenursing** – is the delivery, management, and coordination of care and services provided via telecommunications technology within the domain of nursing. American Association of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN), 2004

**Telenursing** -is the use of telemedicine/telehealth technology to deliver nursing care and conduct nursing practice. Encyclopedia of Nursing Research, Fitzpatrick J. ed., 1999

**Telenursing** -refers to the use of telecommunications technology in nursing to enhance patient care. It involves the used of electromagnetic channels (e.g.wire, radio and optical) to transmit voice, data, and video communication signals. It is also defined as distance communications, using electrical or optical transmissions, between humans and/or computers. International Council of Nurses (ICN), 2001

**Telenursing** – is defined as the practice of nursing over distance using telecommunications technology. National Council of State Board of Nursing (NCSBN), 1997

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**Telenursing** -is defined as the use of telemedicine technology to deliver nursing care and conduct nursing practice. Schachta & Sparks, 1998

**Telenursing** -is the use of telecommunications technology to provide nursing practice at a distance.  
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**Telenursing** – refers to the use of telecommunications and information technology for providing nursing services in health care whenever a large physical distance exists between patient and nurse, or between any number of nurses. As a field it is part of telehealth, and has many points of contacts with other medical and non-medical applications, such as, telediagnosis, teleconsultation, telemonitoring, etc. ([www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org))