

Telehealth in India: An Overview

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India a rapidly emerging economy is indeed a paradox. While 80% of its 1200 million residents have no direct access to specialist health care, Information & Communication Technology is growing exponentially. With 700 million mobile phones, even towns and villages in India will eventually be using wireless internet. The health issues peculiar to India and the relevance of telehealth will be touched upon followed by a review of the several initiatives taken by the private and public sector in the field of telehealth. This profusely illustrated presentation will give an overview of the evolution of telehealth. It will be demonstrated that mHealth will eventually be an important component of telehealth.