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Implementing telepsychiatry in New York State prisons: The nursing perspectives

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A growing body of evidence demonstrates telepsychiatry to be an effective treatment modality in various psychiatric conditions with high patient satisfaction and acceptability; however, there is little research to guide the implementation and integration of telepsychiatry into routine care delivery. This presentation instructs on the strides made in the delivery of telepsychiatric services in the New York State prisons and the experiences of nurses working in these prisons. Nurses have been called to lead healthcare transformation and while still finding their way, psychiatric mental health nurses are making an impact in the delivery of telepsychiatric care in terms of patient advocacy, medication treatment, assessment of risks and quality of service, evaluating user satisfaction and possible negative experience with the use of video conferencing. The presentation will focus on the practical experiences of providers of prison-based telepsychiatry care.

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