Current Perceptions of Practicing Audiologists Regarding Teleaudiology Education and Training

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Introduction

The use and or practice of telemedicine within the field of audiology is known as teleaudiology.

There are many ways in which audiologists have utilized telemedicine including remote hearing screening, remote device programming, and the synchronous review of otoscopy and immittance testing (Krumm & Syms, 2012, Bhutta, 2018, Swanepol & Clark 2018).

Benefits of teleaudiology include convenience, accuracy, and cost/time effectiveness. Despite potential patient benefits related to teleaudiology, when surveyed, only 31 out of 422 audiologists reported using it (Schonfeld,2016).

Audiologists surveyed identified several barriers to teleaudiology implementation including lack of education and training, lack of infrastructure and licensure,