

Telehealth/Telemedicine appointments

Cardiology Specialists of Virginia (CSV) is pleased to announce that we have established a telemedicine system that can provide certain appointment services for our stable, established patients for their follow up visits. We are not currently using this system for new or consultative appointments because of the unique requirements of establishing a new relationship with a patient.

Telemedicine is a virtual medical office visit done with your provider over your personal electronic device (tablet, smart phone, computer) from the comfort of your own home or office! You do *not* have to come into our office.

All that you need access to your email, your personal electronic device (tablet, computer or smart phone) and a quiet, comfortable area where you can video consult with your provider.

TRY IT! *A telemedicine visit is an excellent alternative to rescheduling and delaying your follow-up appointment!*

We'll be operating this system during the national emergency imposed by the SARS-CoV-2 ("coronavirus," COVID-19), as the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has authorized covered health care providers to seek communication with our patients and provide telehealth services through remote communications technologies.

Some of these technologies, and the manner in which they are used by HIPAA covered health care providers, may not fully comply with the requirements of HIPAA rules.

CSV is utilizing this communication technology in connection with the good faith provision of telehealth during the current nationwide public health emergency.

Because the technology for these communications is being utilized under the current circumstances as an emergency application, we ask that you understand that:

- The third-party applications that we are using could potentially involve privacy risks and compromise of your protected health or other information.
 - We are, however, enabling all available encryption and privacy modes while using these third-party applications.
- Technical difficulties may occur, leading to disruption or loss of our video and/or audio connections that are beyond our ability to control.
- Telemedicine technology cannot fully replace all traditional, in-person, office visits. For example, we cannot perform a physical examination, which may be able to find and/or identify problems or issues that a video meeting can't. Also, your meeting may identify the need for a test or some other evaluation that can only be performed in person.

If these issues concern you and you don't feel that a telemedicine visit is right for you, you have the option to reschedule a traditional, in-office visit with your doctor. Just give us a call at 703-751-6668 and we'd be happy to assist you.

Please see our other pages for further information! We look forward to seeing you at your telemedicine visit.