



# Inpatient Virtual Rounding

## Beyond COVID-19

### Trinity Health Team Virtual Rounding Tool Use Beyond COVID-19 Patient Care

At Trinity Health, the health and safety of our patients and colleagues remains our top priority. During the COVID-19 pandemic our virtual rounding tools have allowed providers to round on patients while limiting potential exposure to the virus. Beyond COVID-19, Trinity Health's virtual rounding tool will continue to supplement the quality care you deliver by providing an alternative to in person rounding.

**Virtual Rounding** enables providers to establish a remote video visit with patients and is available for any patient interaction where a hands-on physical exam is not necessary.

### Consider Virtual Rounding for:

- Isolation (COVID-19, patients under investigation for COVID-19, Tuberculosis, Influenza, etc.)
- Protected rapid response/code scenario.
  - Virtual rounding is integrated into modified workflows to enable visibility and telephony for rapid response team members who remain outside of the room
- Remote psychiatry evaluations of patients in isolation or of patients at facilities remote from the workspace of the psychiatry staff
- Inpatient follow up visits or "second rounding" to convey test results, status updates, or review plans.
- Consultations by providers outside of the facility, enabling providers who rarely come to the hospital to render their initial opinion remotely.
  - For example, plastic surgery consults performed with the assistance of a local clinical resource to interact with the patient, presenting the wound exam to the remote specialist for immediate examination and guidance of therapy.
- Nursery visitation for parents unable to visit their newborns in the NICU in person
  - Parents may visualize and speak to their baby via virtual rounding.

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- Skilled Nursing Facility visits by providers outside of the LTC facility
- Colleagues providing medical interpretation services may join a provider-patient visit from remote locations, facilitating improved communication
- Enable Medical Students to join the rounding in isolation rooms without entering the room



Trinity Health leadership remains committed to applying telehealth technology so that we may continue safely serving together for the betterment of our patients, colleagues and communities.

## Benefits of Virtual Rounding

- Conserves PPE
- Facilitates rapid specialist evaluation when on-site specialists are immediately available
- Empowers more efficient follow up visits
- Allows on-screen information sharing with patient
- Enables a portion of the team to remain outside the room in situations of increased risk
- Provides opportunity for patient to interact with family members who may be unable to visit

Please contact Informatics with questions or to discuss expanded opportunities for virtual rounding.