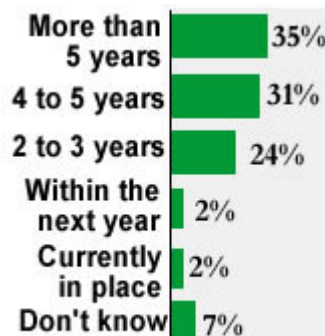


# Clever Health Update

## How Long Will It Be Until Telemedicine Reaches Widespread Adoption?



### HIMSS

adoption, while 2% said widespread telemedicine adoption would occur within the next year and another 2% said widespread telemedicine adoption already is in place.

Forty-seven percent of respondents said the biggest barrier to telemedicine adoption is the lack of reimbursement for offering the technology. Meanwhile, 19% of respondents cited the cost of the technology as the biggest adoption barrier, while 12% said regulatory limitations are the biggest barrier and 7% said the complexity of the technology is the biggest barrier.

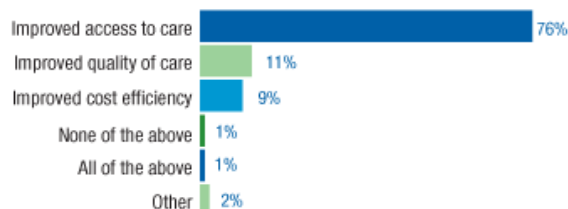
The survey also found that 76% of respondents believe that telemedicine will improve access to health care. In addition, 11% of respondents said telemedicine will improve the quality of health care, and 9% said it will improve cost efficiency.

Results are based on an August survey of 417 health IT professionals.

Source: HIMSS

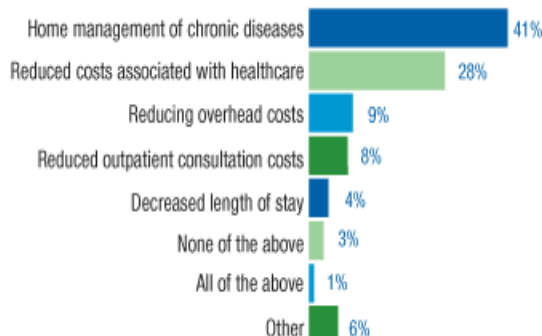
## Telemedicine Benefits

Nearly all of the respondents believe that telemedicine will



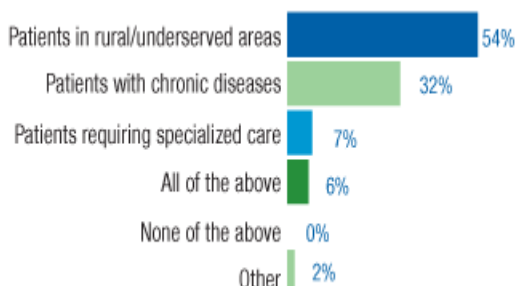
improve healthcare in the United States. Three-quarters believe that the biggest benefit that telemedicine will provide is improved access to care. An equal number of respondents believe that telemedicine will either improve the quality of care or improve cost efficiency.

## Cost Impacts of Telemedicine



Respondents were asked to identify the specific ways that telemedicine would reduce healthcare costs. Nearly half of respondents (41 percent) indicated that telemedicine would be beneficial as it will allow for home management of chronic diseases. Slightly more than one quarter of respondents (28 percent) stated that cost benefits will be associated with general costs of healthcare, such as transportation costs. Fewer than ten percent of respondents believe that costs will be impacted through reduced overhead costs, reduced outpatient consultation costs or decreased length of stay.

## Population That Most Benefits from Telemedicine



Over half of the respondents believe that patient in rural/underserved areas will benefit the most from continued adoption of telemedicine. Another third believe that patients with chronic diseases will benefit the most.

Thought you might find this data interesting, but hopefully not surprising. I think it reflects the expectations of the Clever Health project team

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Thank you