

Setting up and implementing video consultations



DO'S

- Be open-minded about video consultation.

 Spend some time researching how other professionals in your field are approaching this topic and get inspired.
- Check to see if your practice management system includes a video consultation feature.
- Update all of your online and offline communication channels to let your clients know about your new offer.
- Consider if it would be worth your while to target a new audience if you're not bound to specific locations.
- Provide detailed **step-by-step instructions** so your clients know how to access the video consultation.
- Be as **relaxed and natural during the session** as possible (while still being professional) so your clients feel more at ease.
- Ask for feedback on the video consultation at the end of each session and discuss whether the client would like to continue with this format in the future.
- Take the opportunity to use video consultation to continue **helping and supporting your clients** during a period of great uncertainty and anxiety.

DONT'S

- Don't view video consultation as One-Size-Fits-All.
 Spend some time thinking about who should and shouldn't be able to participate.
- **Don't invest heavily in technology**. A good internet connection, a webcam and your built-in mic is all you need.
- Don't pick a location where you could be interrupted or overheard and remove and confidential information that could be seen in the background.
- Don't forget to **train everyone in your clinic** on the new procedures and provide all the required tech before you start offering video consultation.
- Don't leave your clients in the dark. Tell them what they can expect from the video consultation so they can feel less nervous.
- Don't stare into the camera the entire time.

 Comfortably looking at the screen will come across way more natural.
- Don't forget that you're having a virtual conversation. Speak clearly and slowly. Leave enough time for your clients to speak and if possible, use props whenever you're explaining something.
- Don't schedule too many video consultations back to back. Allow enough time for tech difficulties, explanations and note-keeping after the session.

Streamline your practice, save time & connect with your patients



