

**REGULATING TELEMEDICINE  
IN TIMES OF COVID-19:  
Challenges and Solutions  
(The Ukrainian Experience)**



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## Purpose

**To give a glimpse of the legal landscape of E-Health and Telemedicine in the time of COVID-19 and some ideas for further research in the sphere of Public Administration and Law**

# Issues for Discussion

- **E-Health and Telemedicine: the interrelation**
- **Legal regulation of Telemedicine in Poland, Ukraine and other countries: the common features and the differences**
- **Telemedicine and COVID-19: Issues and Solutions**
- **E-Health and Telemedicine in the COVID-19 and post-COVID era: the directions for further research.**

# The Speaker

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- **20 years** of practice in Medical and Pharmaceutical Law;
- **16 years'** experience in teaching Medical Law-related courses;
- **more than 100** seminars, webinars and courses conducted for physicians and lawyers;
- **international activities**

# E-Health and Telemedicine

- **Electronic healthcare system** is the information and telecommunication system that ensures automatization of healthcare services recording and management of medical information.
  - Is an element of e-Government
  - Shall apply to perform the program of the state financial guarantees of health care (state benefits package)
- **Telemedicine** is the set of measures and technologies applied in the course of the provision of health care with the use of distance communication means in the form of electronic information sharing
  - May be an element of e-Government
  - Shall be a service paid by a patient

# Legal Regulation of Telemedicine in Poland and Ukraine: the common features

- Legally introduced in 2015
- May be provided by a licensed provider
- Special focus on rural medicine
- Was not well-developed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Acceleration due to COVID-19. **E-referrals, e-receipts, etc.**
- Care about patients with COVID-19 by GPs via distance communication means is allowed

# **Legal Regulation of Telemedicine in Poland and Ukraine: the common features and differences**

## **Ukraine:**

- **Aimed at providing telemedical consultations within the “Doctor – Doctor(s) format” rather at “home (household) telemedicine” within the “Patient-Doctor” format**
  - **Little regulation of the “Patient-Doctor” format tools**

# Telemedicine and COVID-19: Issues and Solutions

- **Licensing and provision of telemedical services**
- **Special platform**
- **Personal data protection**
- **Integrity of data**
- **Explanation of limitation and fixation of it**
- **Informed consent**
- **Recording of the services provided via the tools of Telemedicine**
- **Medical activity (type of medical services) that can be provided via the tools of Telemedicine**
- **Legal Liability**



# Legal Solutions

- **Legislative**
- **Using existing legal tools**
  - **International cross-fertilization**



# **E-Health and Telemedicine: Directions for Further Research (A Few Examples)**

- **National Policy (Strategy) of E-Health Development: Responsiveness to the new challenges**
- **Human Rights, E-Health and Telemedicine: The pressing issues**
- **AI, E-Health and Telemedicine**
- **Electronic medical records and quality of health care: organizational and legal issues, etc.**

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