

Telemedicine facilitates diabetes foot ulcer care

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resources could make the use of telemedicine in home-based care more robust," the authors write.

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(HealthDay)—Telemedicine follow-up enables more comprehensive diabetes foot ulcer care, according to a study published online Nov. 29 in the *Journal of Clinical Nursing*.

Beate-Christin Hope Kolltveit, R.N., from the Western Norway University of Applied Science in Bergen, and colleagues assessed the implications of telemedicine adoption for diabetes-related foot care on health professionals through field observation and interviews.

The researchers found that use of telemedicine in home-based care was more challenging than in the outpatient clinic setting. Health care professionals in both the hospital and home care contexts felt that telemedicine facilitated a more comprehensive approach towards the patients, but acknowledged the need for modified applications depending on the setting.

"Introducing more updated equipment and minor structural adjustments in consultation time and

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