



April 2020

Leverage eConsult during this coronavirus pandemic, review your contribution to the Multi-County eConsult Initiative (MCeI) for April, and discover what's in store for May.

News &

Updates

#eConsult First

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Improve the outcomes of specialist visits for your patients by reviewing the case first with our eConsult specialists. Either they can help your patients avoid visits altogether by providing a care plan for more benign conditions, or save your patient's time by guiding you to get pre-evaluation testing and labs done prior to the in-person consultation.

Get the care your patient needs in a more efficient way, while helping them avoid unnecessary exposure to the coronavirus.

The MCeI team is here to support you every step of the way. Thank you for your continued service, sacrifice, and strength.



COVID-19 in the Inland Empire





Stay up-to-date about coronavirus-related developments in the Inland Empire at **CovidIE.com** (developed by **WISE Healthcare** for the Inland Empire; not an IEHP-sponsored product).

The website features an assemblage of news releases, links & videos, dashboards, maps and statistics about the San Bernardino and Riverside counties (compiled from publicly available sources).

Over 50,000 eConsults!

ARMC & SBCSD eConsults Processed This Month

Combined, ARMC, the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) and Riverside University Health System (RUHS) have processed **52,477 eConsults.**

ARMC primary care clinics & SBCSD play a major role, having submitted **589 eConsults** this month alone, and **15,208 eConsults** since MCeI's genesis.



Meet Your Specialist Reviewer

Dr. Adrienne Estes, Podiatry

Meet Dr. Adrienne Estes, DPM, MS. She is a Podiatrist and alumnus of University of California, Santa Barbara. She earned her Masters of Biomedical Science at Rosalind Franklin University of Science.

Dr. Estes is an Assistant Professor of Podiatric Medicine Surgery and Biomechanics at her alma mater, Western University of Health Sciences. She is Board Qualified by ABFAS and is wound care certified. She completed a fellowship in reconstructive ankle and limb salvage surgery. Outside the office, she enjoys spending time with her 2 dogs and her fiance Charlie.



Your Month in Review

Bettering Patient Care

Your efforts are improving patients'

By coordinating with 55 specialist reviewers via eConsult, 159 providers at 7 ARMC clinic sites succeeded

access to appropriate

care!

Percent of eConsults closed out non-face-toface for ARMC patients in April: in resolving **75 cases** without the need for an in-person visit this month.



Over one-third of eConsults for hematology, pulmonology, and podiatry services were resolved between providers on the eConsult platform. By coordinating with specialists sooner via eConsult, primary care providers are helping reduce delays for patients to obtain clinically necessary care.



New Specialist Reviewers

This month, workflow engineer Nida Javed trained additional specialists to review eConsults for ARMC and SBCSD submitters.

Specialties included gastroenterology, otorhinolaryngology, and radiology.

Remember: Clinics providing virtual or telephone visits qualify as IEHP encounters if the visits are tracked and provided to IEHP in data submissions.

May We Move Forward

Virtual Health Access At Your Fingertips

The MCeI team will assist you and your clinic with **virtual health access** to patients, including but not limited to platforms such as:

 Doxy.me, Vsee, Zoom, AfyaHub, ConnectOnCall, SimpleVisit, Polycom, and SnapMD.

(Disclaimer: IEHP does not sponsor or support any of these vendors.)

Work Group Calls

MCeI workflow engineers set aside this time for clinicians and staff to discuss ways to utilize eConsult and virtual health access to **fight the pandemic.**

Friday, May 15th at 12:00 pm

Add to Calendar We support using current existing tools provided by Apple and Android such as:

• WhatsApp, iMessage, Line, GroupMe, and Google Duo.

The More the Merrier

The MCeI team is always open to bringing more specialist reviwers aboard to join our mission.

Who better to provide recommendations for the MCeI specialists than those already involved?

If you know specialists willing to contribute and who believe in improving access to care for patients in the safety net, please submit their names and contact information to eConsultIE@iehp.org.

Connect With Us

We are here to support you in any way we can. Our MCeI team offers continuous support and training to providers and clinical staff, which can be done virtually or in-person.

> Need eConsult Support? Contact our support desk engineer!

Support Desk

From username and password assistance to technical aid and clarification of workflow processes, Jessica Ayala is here to help!

Submit a ticket via the eConsult platform or call the help desk at (909) 687-0244.

She will assist you within 24 hours.

Jessica Ayala

In Person & Virtual Assistance

Schedule appointments for provider and clinical staff introductory and refresher eConsult trainings with our workflow engineers:

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