Teleoncology: applications and associated benefits for the adult population
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Authors' objectives
"Objectives: A systematic review and an overview of teleoncology applications were conducted to provide information for cancer agencies and other organizations involved in providing cancer care services to rural and remote communities. The reviews considered services for the adult population across the cancer continuum (prevention, screening, diagnosis and treatment, psychosocial and supportive care, rehabilitation, and palliative care). The project aimed to be patient and family centred and did not include appraisal of teleoncology applications used by healthcare providers for administrative or continuing professional development purposes. Applications that use various computer-based technologies were also excluded." (from executive summary)

Authors' conclusions
From the perspective of the Alberta Cancer Board, the literature suggests some useful possibilities for developing new services using internet or web-based, telephone-based, and video-based technologies for cancer patients in rural areas. However, it seems likely that these applications would need validation with suitable local studies.

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