

POLICY AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS

KTHN008 – EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING POLICY

Telehealth providers shall insure patient's informed consent and maintain confidentiality in accordance with the Kentucky Physician Licensure Statute

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Kentucky Telehealth Network (KTHN) Training Centers at the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Baptist Health Madisonville, and St. Claire Regional Medical Center were established in accordance with KRS 194A.125 to provide educational programs. Development and promotion of such programming is not limited to the telehealth training centers or the academic medical centers and all KTHN member sites are encouraged to develop and broadcast programming that would be of interest to others across the Commonwealth. It is hoped that KTHN can become a critical component of a robust, statewide healthcare educational system that extends health-related educational programming to all healthcare facilities, providers, administrators, staff, patients and the general public no matter where they live.

Broadcasting Sites Protocols

All KTHN locations are encouraged to utilize the KTHN web-based network schedule (www.kytelehealth.net) to view the line-up of upcoming programs that are offered by other healthcare facilities and to market programs that originate from the KTHN member site. Every KTHN member is also encouraged to have at least 2 people registered on the KTHN list serve that serves as a vehicle to distribute information about upcoming programs and important information about KTHN programming.

Programs are focused or directed toward the following audiences:

Clinician – Educational programs, most providing free Continuing Education Units (CEUs), are offered to help all clinical healthcare professionals' access clinically relevant education in the convenience of their own healthcare facility, no matter where the presentation originates. Participants are able to see and hear, and are able to interact with the presenter, just as if they were in the same room. Much of the programming originates from the academic medical centers of UK and UL, as well as the Area Health Education Centers (AHECs), but all sites are encouraged to offer their own educational programming to be broadcast to the network.

Student – Educational courses in particular to students during AHEC Clerkship rural rotations are supported by all KTHN locations located near the student's clinic training site. AHEC student coordinators will communicate with the Training Center Directors to procure appropriate rooms and video equipment. KTHN has also become a vital channel, partnering with AHEC "pipeline" programs to engage students in K-12 and undergraduate programs that have an interest in health centers. These

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can be as simple as lectures on the opportunities in the healthcare industry, to more experiential opportunities, such as watching a live surgery and being able to interact with the surgeon.

Patient/Family – KTHN Training Centers will provide video conference facilities for programming focused on healthcare education for the general public. One example of such programs is the statewide Alzheimer’s Disease Family Caregiver Support Group.