

**American Telemedicine Association**  
**2007-2008 Member Group Profiles**  
**April 2008**

**ATA Mission Area Legend:**

- 1 = Educate Government (Educating government about telemedicine as an essential component in the delivery of modern medical care.)  
 2 = Clearinghouse (Serving as a clearinghouse for telemedical information and services.)  
 3 = Networking (Fostering networking and collaboration among interests in medicine and technology.)  
 4 = Research and Education (Promoting research and education including the sponsorship of scientific educational meetings and the *Telemedicine and e-Health Journal*.)  
 5 = Guidelines and Standards (Spearheading the development of appropriate clinical and industry policies and standards.)

**Telemental Health SIG**

**Chair:** Terry Rabinowitz, MD

**Vice Chair:** Lisa Roberts, PhD

**ATA Board of Director Member Liaison(s):** Barbara Johnston, MSN

**Total Number of Active Members:** 307

ATA Mission Area	Objective	Lead	Start Date	Target Date	Progress/Strategy
4 - Research and Education	Develop half or full-day course for 2008 Annual Meeting.	Jay Shore, Carolyn Turvey	July 2007	April 2008	Developed proposal for half-day, onsite course; developed course outline/curriculum; invited speakers; finalized agenda; sent course material. Holding 2-hour research workshop and discussions at ATA 2008.
4 - Research and Education	Peer review of abstracts for 2008 ATA Annual Meeting.	Jay Shore, Carolyn Turvey	July 2007	Nov 2007	Completed
5 - Guidelines and Standards	Development of standards and guidelines in Telemental Health.	Brian Grady	Ongoing	Ongoing	Working Group developing draft telemental health standards; experts reviewing and providing comments; participation on ATA Standards and Guideline Committee.
3 Networking	Outreach and liaison efforts with other organizations to promote ATA and Telemental Health.	Gene Augustefer, Jay Shore, Terry Rabinowitz, Lisa Roberts	Ongoing	Ongoing	Representatives promoted ATA at various meetings. Targets: American Psychiatric Association, American Psychological Association, American Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine, American Academy of Family Physicians and SIGs: Human Factors, Business and Finance and Technology.

2 - Clearinghouse	Continued development of SIG Directory.	Eve-Lynn Nelson	Ongoing	Ongoing	Information collected; need to distribute to SIG
3 Networking	Increase SIG membership participation.	Terry Rabinowitz, Lisa Roberts	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing efforts to increase member participation through conference calls, list server dialog, and recruitment of new members from other associations. Measure the following over time (with the goal of increasing) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of people joining the SIG</li> <li>• Number of people indicating primary membership to the SIG</li> <li>• Telemental Health submissions for presentations at annual meeting</li> <li>• Acceptances of presentations for telemental health</li> </ul> Held monthly calls every month since ATA summer meeting. Have regular attendance and distribute meeting notes.
5 - Guidelines	Address issues pertaining to ethics and telemental health.	Eve-Lynn Nelson, Lisa Roberts	July 1, 2007	Ongoing	Ongoing efforts to raise awareness of issues related to ethics and telemental health activities. Ethics added as part of Half Day Course at annual meeting.
1 - Educate, 3 Networking	Publicity for the SIG.	Gene Augustefer	Ongoing	Ongoing	Promotion of ATA and telemental health through interviews, articles, etc.
4 - Research and Education	Development of online training course in telemental health.	Lisa Roberts, Jay Shore	Ongoing	Ongoing	Course outline reviewed by Terry and Lisa and discussed with Jon and Jordana.
1 - Educate	Address CPT coding for telemental health.	Gene Augustefer	Ongoing	Ongoing	As a result of SIG conference calls, Gene, Robert Cuyler, Brian Grady and others are working to define coding and reimbursement issues and recommendations for MH activities with ATA Policy Committee
2 - Clearinghouse	Develop telemental health bibliography for the web site.	Brian Grady	July 2007	Ongoing	Ongoing
2 - Clearinghouse, 3 Networking, 4 - Research and Education	Telemental Health SIG group publication for Journal.	Terry Rabinowitz, Lisa Roberts, Jay Shore, Gene Augustefer, Carolyn Turvy, Elizabeth Krupinski	Begin in July 2007	April 2008	Completed