

# TELEMEDICINE REAL LIFE RESULTS

## SPIDER BITE:

I was bit by a spider while working in my back yard. It was a Saturday morning and I felt it was overkill to go to the ER. Then I remembered the telemedicine service we got through work. I called and the doctor walked me through the proper steps to take. Ten minutes later, my worries were gone!



## 41-YEAR OLD HEART ATTACK:

My 41-year old son, spent the night with chest pains and assumed it was acid reflux or indigestion. He took antacids with no relief. He waited until the morning and went to the ER at his small, local hospital. He was having a heart attack and they air lifted him to Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta. Surgery and a stint opened up his artery. Had he had a telemedicine program, he could have called, spoken with a doctor and given his symptoms, along with the fact he was a smoker, had high cholesterol and was under stress at work, the doctor would have told him to get to the ER immediately. He is okay now, but could have died.

## EARACHE RIGHT BEFORE VACATION:

My 6 year old daughter had an earache, the night before we were leaving for our vacation. Her pediatrician asked that we visit the office the next day, but our flight left early in the morning! Instead, I called my toll-free telemedicine number and within an hour, my daughter was on an antibiotic to help start her treatment so we could enjoy our vacation.



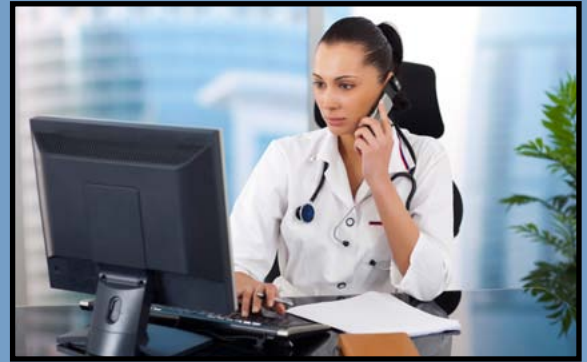
## STOMACH PAINS:

My wife was having considerable abdominal pain. Her doctor could not see her until the next week and we were both concerned. We called our telemedicine doctor and based on her history, symptoms and age, referred her immediately to a gastroenterologist who met her at the hospital that afternoon. Diverticulosis was the diagnosis and medication was prescribed. She got treatment four days before she could see her doctor who she wasn't even able to speak to because he was so busy.

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## HEAD INJURY AFTER BIKE FALL:

Our 10-year old son fell off his bike and hit his head. We called our telemedicine doctor and she told us what to look for to determine if he had a concussion. None of the symptoms occurred and he was fine. No ER, no long drive to wait in a doctor's office. No \$40 co-pay and a half day gone! This is great for only \$10!



## BLOOD CLOT:

I had surgery on my ankle and my lower leg suddenly started getting swollen, red and painful. I called my telemedicine doctor and was told by the doctor to immediately go to a vascular surgeon as I could have a blood clot. He referred me to an office near my house. I did end up having a blood clot and without telemedicine, waiting to see a doctor could have resulted in even more serious health issues.

## PRESCRIPTION REFILL WHILE TRAVELING:

I ran out of my medicine while traveling and could not get a refill without a prescription. The telemedicine doctor had my medical history and phoned in my prescription to a pharmacy two blocks from my hotel in Kansas City.



## SORE THROAT:

My wife had a sore throat for five days and then got a fever. We are in a rural area, an hour from any doctor. Our telemedicine doctor suggested that she could have Strep Throat so he put her on an antibiotic and told her to schedule an appointment with her regular doctor. I felt so much better knowing that she got advice and treatment without having to wait to see the doctor before getting treated.