

## Riley Connections is Expanding to South Bend!

Plans were finalized this week to begin implementing the necessary infrastructure to support telemedicine and tele-education activities between Riley and South Bend Memorial.

Kathleen Nania, Executive Director of Women's and Children's Services and Dr. Bob White, Director of the NICU, were among those involved from Memorial in this decision. Both parties agree that South Bend patients will begin realizing direct benefits in the very near future!

### Did You Know?

Telemedicine has been used for over 30 years. NASA helped pioneer early efforts during the 1960's missions to space. Physiological transmissions from the astronauts' flight suits were sent through a satellite and monitored on Earth.

[\(Telemedicine Information Exchange\)](#)

### *Telemedicine Making a Difference*

This story is told by Lynn Bell, Social Worker at Deaconess Riley Children's Services in Evansville.

"We had a little girl who was diagnosed with Autism. The family was very tight knit and wanted "everyone to be at the appointment". They wanted both sets of grandparents, the teacher, and teacher's aide to be there, because they take care of her just as much, if not more than the parents do. All of these people wanted to be there, but not all of them could drive four hours to Riley to meet with the doctor. However, they could all drive to Evansville and meet with the doctor via *telemedicine*. The appointment was set up using telemedicine technology, and allowed everyone involved in the patient's care to be present. Everyone was pleased with their experience and they left grateful for "technology" that allowed them to do this together."

### Activities of TAC

The Telemedicine Advisory Committee recently met and reviewed Indiana State Senate Bill 566. This bill creates a Medical Informatics Commission that will assess state telecommunication resources and develop a plan for a statewide health care information system. The TAC is planning on assisting the commission through collaboration of resources. To learn more about Bill 566 please [Click Here](#)

### Counting the Consults

We have facilitated 220 cases and over 115 live interactive consultations

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or to set up a demonstration

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