

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed new challenges for people living with movement disorders. In a brief survey of 130 patients, the Movement Disorders Policy Coalition explored the scope of the pandemic's impact as well as the role of telemedicine in bridging gaps in care.

KEY FINDINGS

Amid the pandemic, people with movement disorders have experienced worsening symptoms, heightened concerns about visiting health care facilities and a growing sense of isolation.

Patients reported that:

Physical symptoms

have worsened.



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They've been afraid to visit a medical provider's



They have felt more isolated.



Telemedicine has played an important role in keeping patients connected to health care providers during the pandemic.

Patients who had used telemedicine at least once



Before COVID

After COVID

Patients reported that:

Telemedicine allowed them to 58% keep a medical appointment they otherwise would have missed because of COVID-19.

They hope health care 66% providers continue to make telemedicine appointments available even after COVID-19.

DEMOGRAPHICS





