

Over-the-phone: Disease Management

"In terms of disease management," stated Dr. Devi Shetty in [Sanjit Bagchi's](#) article [Telemedicine in Rural India](#), "there is [a] 99% possibility that the person who is unwell does not require [an] operation. If you don't operate you don't need to touch the patient. And if you don't need to touch the patient, you don't need to be there. You can be anywhere, since the decision on healthcare management is based on history and interpretation of images and chemistry...so technically speaking, 99% of health-care problems can be managed by the doctors staying at a remote place —linked by telemedicine."