

1 **Additional file 5.** Potential limitations of telemedicine, as identified by people who use drugs
2 (N=162) recruited in Athens, Greece, and according to housing status. Participants were allowed
3 to choose more than one response.

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Characteristic	Total (N=162)	According to housing status		p
		Not experiencing homelessness (N=81)	Experiencing homelessness (N=81)	
Privacy issues, n (%)	94 (58.0)	45 (55.6)	49 (60.5)	0.52
Security threats, n (%)	82 (50.6)	41 (50.6)	41 (50.6)	1.00
Technical problems, n (%)	99 (61.1)	55 (67.9)	44 (54.3)	0.08
Requires technology devices, n (%)	104 (64.2)	56 (69.1)	48 (59.3)	0.19
No direct personal contact, n (%)	113 (69.8)	59 (72.8)	54 (66.7)	0.39
No physical examination possible, n (%)	124 (76.5)	60 (74.1)	64 (79.0)	0.46
Difficulty trusting the doctor, n (%)	64 (39.5)	37 (45.7)	27 (33.3)	0.11
Substandard patient-doctor relationship, n (%)	58 (35.8)	30 (37.0)	28 (34.6)	0.74

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