

1 **Additional file 6.** Rating on a scale from 1-5 (where 1=minimum and 5=maximum) of every
2 potential limitation of telemedicine chosen in the previous question, according to the importance
3 to them, among people who use drugs (N=162) recruited in Athens, Greece, and according to
4 housing status.
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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 (%)				0.50
1	5 (5.3)	3 (6.7)	2 (4.1)	
2	5 (5.3)	3 (6.7)	2 (4.1)	
3	16 (17.0)	9 (20.0)	7 (14.3)	
4	13 (13.8)	8 (17.8)	5 (10.2)	
5	55 (58.5)	22 (48.9)	33 (67.3)	
Security threats, n (%)				0.67
1	2 (2.4)	1 (2.4)	1 (2.4)	
2	7 (8.5)	4 (9.8)	3 (7.3)	
3	12 (14.6)	8 (19.5)	4 (9.8)	
4	11 (13.4)	4 (9.8)	7 (17.1)	
5	50 (61.0)	24 (58.5)	26 (63.4)	
Technical problems, n (%)				0.43
1	2 (2.0)	2 (3.6)	0 (0.0)	
2	12 (12.1)	5 (9.1)	7 (15.9)	
3	25 (25.3)	14 (25.5)	11 (25.0)	
4	16 (16.2)	11 (20.0)	5 (11.4)	

5	44 (44.4)	23 (41.8)	21 (47.7)	
Requires technology devices, n (%)				0.90
1	2 (1.9)	1 (1.8)	1 (2.1)	
2	4 (3.8)	3 (5.4)	1 (2.1)	
3	13 (12.5)	7 (12.5)	6 (12.5)	
4	13 (12.5)	6 (10.7)	7 (14.6)	
5	72 (69.2)	39 (69.6)	33 (68.8)	
No direct personal contact, n (%)				0.04
1	4 (3.5)	2 (3.4)	2 (3.7)	
2	10 (8.8)	3 (5.1)	7 (13.0)	
3	20 (17.7)	14 (23.7)	6 (11.1)	
4	14 (12.4)	11 (18.6)	3 (5.6)	
5	65 (57.5)	29 (49.2)	36 (66.7)	
No physical examination possible, n (%)				0.52
1	2 (1.6)	1 (1.7)	1 (1.6)	
2	8 (6.5)	2 (3.3)	6 (9.4)	
3	14 (11.3)	5 (8.3)	9 (14.1)	
4	26 (21.0)	14 (23.3)	12 (18.8)	
5	74 (59.7)	38 (63.3)	36 (56.2)	
Difficulty trusting the doctor, n (%)				0.24
1	1 (1.6)	0 (0.0)	1 (3.7)	
2	2 (3.1)	1 (2.7)	1 (3.7)	
3	21 (32.8)	16 (43.2)	5 (18.5)	
4	9 (14.1)	5 (13.5)	4 (14.8)	
5	31 (48.4)	15 (40.5)	16 (59.3)	
Substandard patient-doctor relationship, n (%)				0.11
1	1 (1.7)	0 (0.0)	1 (3.6)	

2	3 (5.2)	1 (3.3)	2 (7.1)
3	13 (22.4)	7 (23.3)	6 (21.4)
4	12 (20.7)	10 (33.3)	2 (7.1)
5	29 (50.0)	12 (40.0)	17 (60.7)

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