

## Network of abilities in the telehealth field

CATEL is a French association created in October 1997. It has become a network of nearly 11 000 contacts concerned by telemedicine (practitioners, firms, associations, institutions, labs...) and more than 600 active members.



**What is telehealth?** Thanks to the new telecommunication networks (telephones, Internet, satellites...) practitioners can exchange information, carry out consultations and analyse medical pictures at distance. This new practice is a way of abolishing the distances, avoiding transfers and hospitalization, giving better life conditions to patients and improving the quality of the care.

### Our Goal : contributing to the development of telemedicine!

- **ORGANISING MEETINGS** : the yearly International Telemedicine Day (in multisite visioconferencing with partners in France and abroad) and four annual Thematic Meetings.
- **INFORMING** : by the internet website [www.portailtelesante.org](http://www.portailtelesante.org) (more than 4 500 articles), the Flash News, monthly Newsletter, the meeting reports, publications...
- **CONSULTING** : support to the evaluation and accompaniment of developing telehealth projects, appraise and launching of new applications of telemedicine.

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