New Zealand Telehealth Leadership Group history timeline

2010

- Telehealth leaders hold their first inaugural meeting. Key attendees included Malcolm Pollock, National Institute for Health Innovation; Pat Kerr, Telehealth NZ Ltd; and Graeme Osborne, National Health IT Board and head of Ministry of Health.
- A submission is made to the National Health IT Board and received approval to proceed with start-up funding for an Establishment Board.

2011

- The first Establishment Board meeting was held in April to develop Terms of Reference (ToR).
- A formal Expression of Interest (EOI) was issued for applications to Telehealth Leadership Group membership.

2012

- A Telehealth Symposium "A Call to Arms" was held at the National Institute for Health Innovation (NIHI) with approximately 200 people in attendance.
- The New Zealand Telehealth Leadership Group (NZTLG) formed as an advisory group for the Ministry of Health.
- The Telehealth Leadership Group (TLG) held their first inaugural meeting.

2013

- John Garret became chairperson and Ruth Large appointed deputy chair.

2014

- A partnership with Mobile Health came to fruition to set up the Telehealth Resource Centre and launched the NZ Telehealth Resource Centre website telehealth.org.nz
- The first major stocktake of telehealth across the district health board sector was published, followed by a report on PHO/NGO activity in March 2015. A follow-up survey of district health boards was carried out in 2018.

2015

- The NZ Telehealth Resource Centre website was officially launched by Jonathan Coleman, NZ Health Minister on 14th August 2015.

2017

- Ruth Large, emergency medicine specialist and clinical director of virtual health, succeeded John Garret in the role of chairperson in early 2017 and remains the chair.

2018

- Internationals and Professionals working group was established.

2020

- Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health - Data and Digital provided certainty of funding for 24 months from 1 July 2020 to 31 June 2022.
- Pat Kerr retired and was succeeded by Charis Frethey as Telehealth Leadership Group (TLG) programme lead.

2021

- Eight working groups were established.
- Two Community of Practice (CoP) working groups were established.

2022

- NZ Telehealth Forum celebrates its 10-year anniversary.
- NZTF launched online training module in partnership with Healthcare Home Collaborative.
- In June, the NZTF launched PASE white paper (Patient Anywhere Specialist Elsewhere) model of care - outlining the need for national telehealth capability.
- In June 2022, Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health - Data and Digital confirmed funding for 12-months until June 2023.
- The NZTLF published a white paper on PASE - Patient Anywhere Specialist Elsewhere model of care.
- In August 2022, the Programme Lead role was divided into two with Annemarie Thomas and Nicola Green taking the roles as Programme and Project Managers, respectively.
- In September 2022 a comprehensive Funder report was released, detailing the past two years work of the NZTF.

2023

- Following feedback about the 2022 PASE white paper, a 2023 white paper was released and was renamed PACE - Patient Everywhere Clinician Elsewhere.
- In July 2023, Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health confirm funding for 12-months until June 2024.
- In 2023, forecast NZTF membership is more than five times that of 2020.