

Innovative 3D Telemedicine to Help Keep Astronauts Healthy

Aexa's holographic teleportation technology helps keep astronauts healthy

HOUSTON, TX, USA, April 9, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Aexa's](#) CEO is proud to share the article published on [NASA's](#) website regarding how Innovative 3D Telemedicine will help to Keep [Astronauts](#) Healthy. During almost two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, the growth of telemedicine and new ways of reaching people has changed and developed. In October 2021, NASA flight surgeon Dr. Josef



NASA Flight Surgeon Dr. Josef Schmid Holoported into the ISS

Schmid, industry partner AEXA Aerospace CEO Fernando De La Pena Llaca, and their teams were the first humans “holoported” from Earth into space. Using the Microsoft HoloLens Kinect camera and a personal computer with custom software from Aexa, ESA (European Space Agency)

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astronaut Thomas Pesquet had a two-way conversation with live images of Schmid and De La Pena placed in the middle of the International Space Station. This was the first holoportation handshake from Earth in space.

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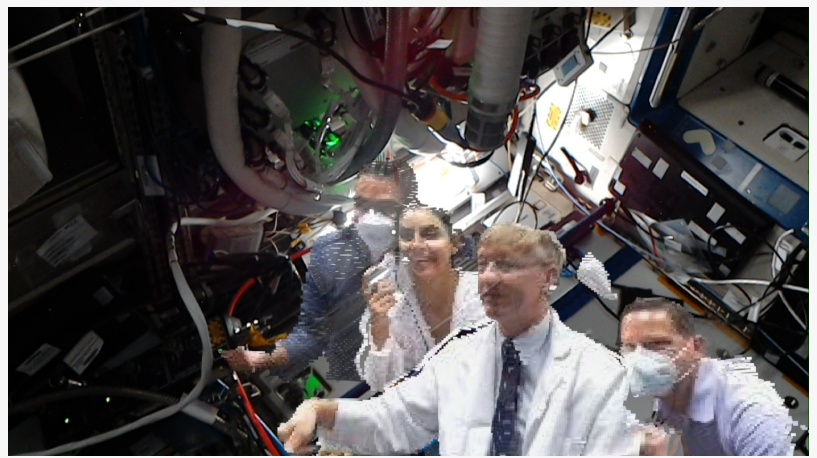
such as HoloLens, it allows users to see, hear, and interact with remote participants in 3D as if they are actually present in the same physical space. Holoportation has been in use since at least 2016 by Microsoft, but this is the first use in such an extreme and remote environment such as space.

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Holoportation Team Members as seen projected as Holograms on the International Space Station

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Holoportation and tools like it could have great implications on the future of deep space travel. As plans shape up for missions to Mars, an obstacle to overcome will be the communication delays that are present during the travel to and from Mars. A delay of up to 20 minutes each way will present a unique challenge to communication whether through simple radio transmissions, video streams or new methods such as Holoportation. Communication is critical, whether for medical or mission support reasons, or staying in touch with family members. The crew will need to be connected with Earth and Mission Control, no matter where humans explore.

There are also direct applications here on Earth. Whether in other extreme environments such as Antarctica, offshore oil rigs or military operation theaters, this type of technology may help people in such situations communicate, bringing people together no matter the distance or environmental challenges.

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Aexa's CEO discussed that the company plans to go public next quarter by launching its application globally.

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