



# 4G Health- The Long Term Evolution of m-health

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# Summary

- 4G Technologies
- LTE v/s WiMAX
- Evolution of m-health and defining '**4G – Health**'
- Diabetes in the Middle East.
- M-health for Diabetes Management and clinical trials
- Potential of m-health for Diabetes in the middle East
- Future trends

# History of radio/wireless technology and healthcare

In 20<sup>th</sup> Century the invention Of the ' Radio' or wireless made a major paradigm shift in healthcare



# 4G Technologies and Future Networks

The two main candidates of the 4G Systems are :

- WIMAX Technology based on the IEEE802.16 standards
- The Third Generation Partnership Project's (3GPP) Long Term Evolution (LTE)

These to be most likely to be endorsed by the ITU-R and IMT – Advanced systems

On the 8th of January the [Global Certification Forum](#) announced that it is on course to deliver a complete LTE device certification scheme before the end of 2010.



# 4G Technologies and Future Networks

## IMT – Advanced specifies among other parameters:

- All IP packet switching
- Peak download data throughputs of at least 1Gbit/s ( low mobility) and 100 Mbits/s ( high mobility)
- The use of OFDM digital modulation

**Neither WiMAX nor LTE support today these throughputs.**

However, although both technologies have somewhat different designs, there are many concepts, features to meet common requirements and expectations in both:

For example:

- 1- **Physical layer**: Both systems use OFDMA with MIMO configuration and fast link adaptation
- 2- **MAC layer** : Both systems support multicarrier operation and heterogeneous networks of cells ( macro, femto and relay nodes) for supporting wide range of applications and mobility challenges, traffic management

	<b>HSPA</b>	<b>mWiMAX</b>	<b>LTE</b>
<b>Peak Data Rate</b>	<b>Useful: 10.8 / 4.3 Mbps</b>	<b>Useful: 42 / 14 Mbps</b>	<b>Useful: 75 / 37.5 Mbps</b>
<b>Spectral Efficiency</b>	<b>Useful: 2.16 / 0.86 bps/Hz</b>	<b>Useful: 3.15 / 2.1 bps/Hz</b>	<b>Useful: 3.75 / 1.88 bps/Hz</b>
<b>VoIP Performance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 concurrent users/cell/MHz**</li> <li>• 430 km/h with guaranteed QoS*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 concurrent users/cell/MHz**</li> <li>• Focus on nomadic mobility, also vehicular speeds up to 120 km/h</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 concurrent users/cell/MHz*</li> <li>• 350 km/h target speed</li> </ul>

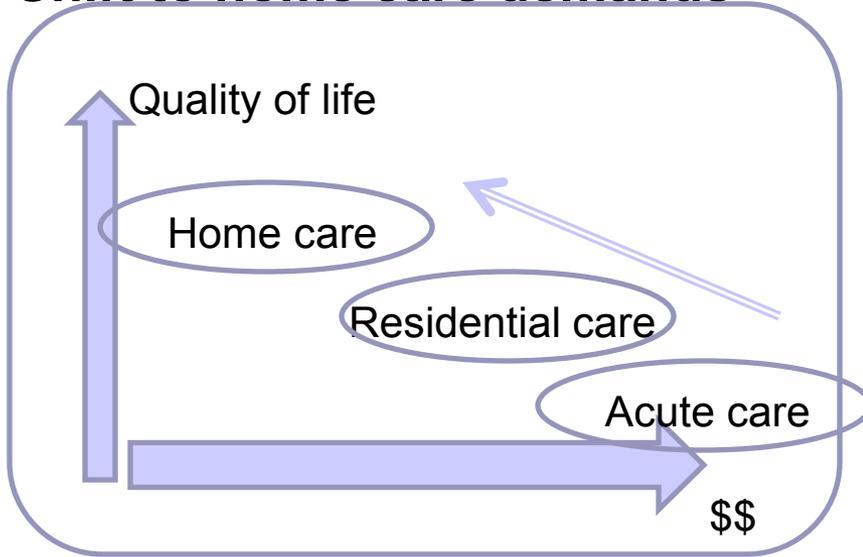
# 4G: LTE v/s WIMAX

		HSPA	mWiMAX	LTE
1	Capacity			
2	Coverage			
3	Complexity			
4	Cost			

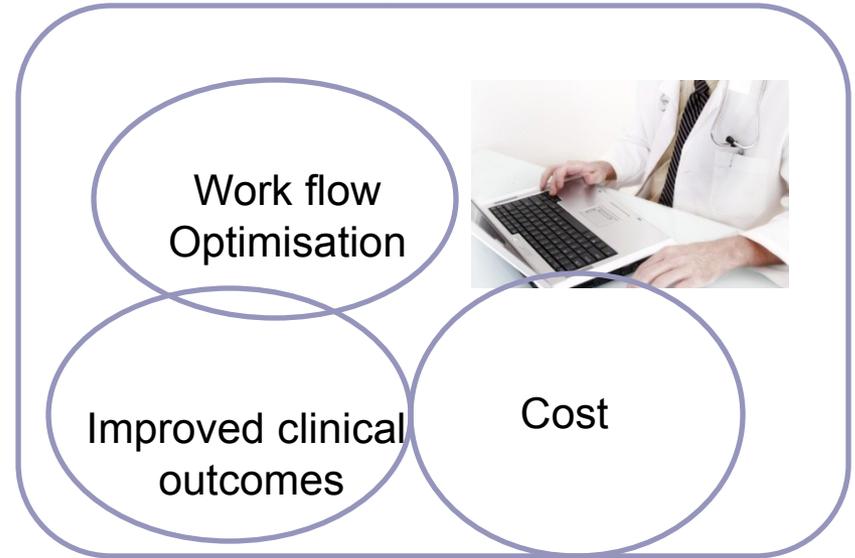
Source: \*Huawei Technologies, \*\*PA Consulting

# Push/ Pull of Telecom industry v/s healthcare trends

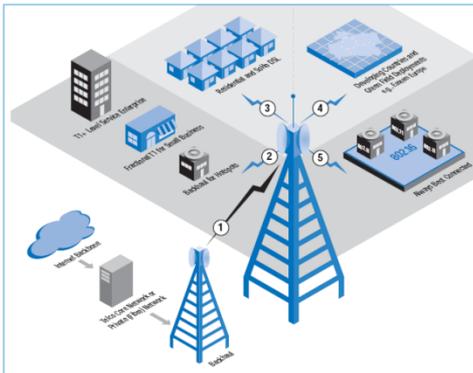
## Shift to home care demands



## Mobility in Healthcare



## Wireless and IP based Infrastructure Growth

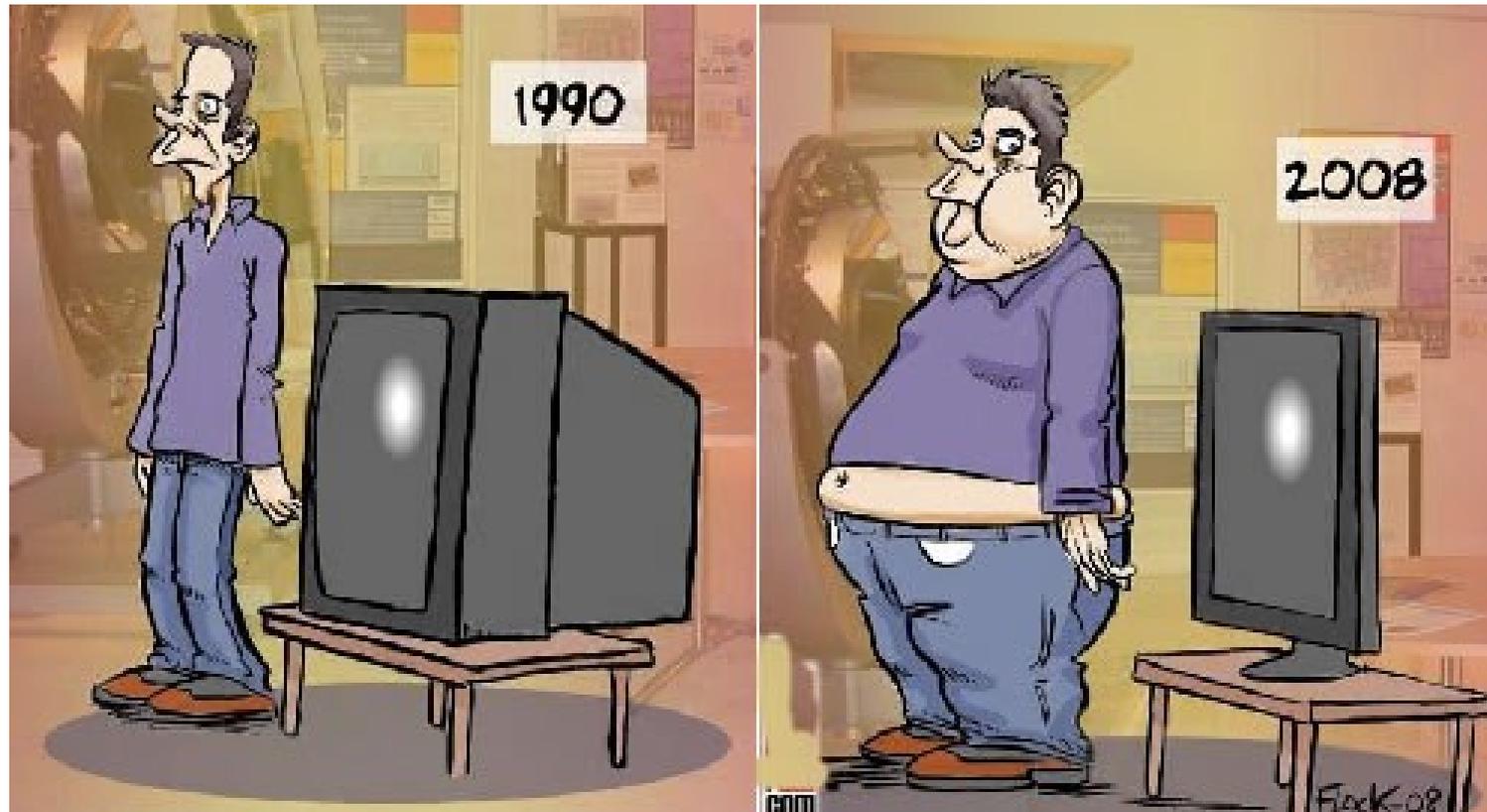


## Advances in mobile and medical Devices



## Global Diabetes and Obesity

It takes 10-12 years for the HbA1C in the body to become or start becoming higher than the normal levels



# M-health Evolution: 1997-2003

## Guest Editorial Special Issue on Mobile Telemedicine and Telehealth Systems

### Design of a Telemedicine System Using a Mobile Telephone

B. Woodward, *Member, IEEE*, R. S. H. Istepanian, and C. I. Richards

*Abstract*—This paper describes the design of a prototype integrated mobile telemedicine system that is compatible with existing mobile telecommunications networks and upgradable for use with third-generation networks. The system, when fully developed, will enable a doctor to monitor remotely a patient who is free to move around for sports medicine and for emergency situations.

Proceedings of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference of the IEEE EMBS  
Cancun, Mexico • September 17-21, 2003

### Emerging Mobile Communication Technologies for Health: Some Imperative notes on m-health

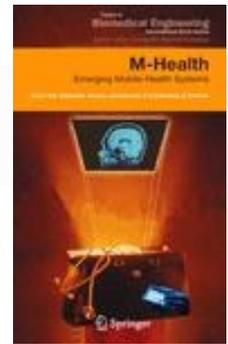
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# m-Health Defined

Mobile Health Care (m-Health)



Emerging Mobile Communications ,Network and Sensor Technologies  
For Healthcare Systems and Applications'

Istepanian (*etal.*), 'm-health: Beyond Seamless Mobility for Global Wireless Healthcare Connectivity' ,  
*IEEE Trans. Information Technology in Biomedicine*, Vol. 8, 4, pp. 405-412, 2004.

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN BIOMEDICINE, VOL. 8, NO. 4, DECEMBER 2004

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## Guest Editorial

# Introduction to the Special Section on M-Health: Beyond Seamless Mobility and Global Wireless Health-Care Connectivity

# Mobile HealthCare (M-Health)



Wearable and Sensors  
( BAN, PANs etc.)



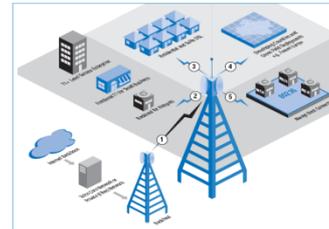
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M-health



Information and  
Communication Systems



# Long Term m-health Evolution

## Some Interesting 'Google' Statistics:

Google Search- April 2010:

- 'm-health' > 212,000,000 Hits
- 'wireless healthcare' > 5,830,000 Hits
- 'mobile Diabetes Management' > 1,910,000 Hits
  - Personalised healthcare > 4,870,000 Hits



**Opportunities in the global mobile healthcare market are estimated to be worth between \$50bn and \$60bn in 2010**

*Source: McKinsey & Company-2010*

# Examples of global m-health Industry

## O2 debuts mHealth division

O2 looks to develop opportunities in healthcare sector with new mHealth unit

Source:



2010

## Qualcomm, AT&T Move in on 'M-Health'

The smartphone boom has tech giants and health-care companies eyeing demand for wireless gadgets and software that can deliver health services



Source:



2010



### MOBILE CLINICAL ASSISTANT

#### What is it?

Nurses and physicians need better access to patient information at the point of decision to provide quality care more efficiently. The Intel® Mobile Clinical Assistant (MCA) reference architecture was designed in collaboration with healthcare professionals to better access up-to-date patient care records at the point of care and to enable documentation of a patient's condition in real time. The MCA is built for the rigors of the clinical environment and with appropriate software the MCA helps to reduce transcription and medication administration errors, enhance clinician workflows, and enable more informed decisions at the point of care.

Source: Intel

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## Interim Definition:

‘The evolution of m-health towards targeted personalised medical systems with adaptable functionalities and compatibility with the future 4G networks’



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# Examples of m-health services In the Middle East



## Etisalat brings mHealth to UAE

(<http://www.mhealthupdate.com/?p=1376>)

By

*Mark*

– October 19, 2010 **Posted in:** [Product News \(http://www.mhealthupdate.com/?cat=422\)](http://www.mhealthupdate.com/?cat=422), [Uncategori: \(http://www.mhealthupdate.com/?cat=1\)](http://www.mhealthupdate.com/?cat=1)

UAE-based telecoms provider [Etisalat \(http://www.etisalat.ae/\)](http://www.etisalat.ae/) unveiled a new mobile health service at [GITEX 2010 \(http://www.gitex.com/\)](http://www.gitex.com/) in Dubai this week. The service will use mobile technology to provide users with personalised and relevant health information via their mobile devices.



# Evolution of Diabetes Care

1552 BC Diabetes Discovered in Egypt



1921 Banting & Best Discover Insulin

1938 NPH Created

1956 Oral Agents Arrive (SU)

1969 First Portable Glucometer



1970 Insulin Pump



2002 Long Lasting Insulin Development

2006 Improved Long Lasting Insulin

**TODAY**  
**m-Health System**



1869 Langerhans identifies pancreatic cells

1920 R.D. Lawrence develops dietary exchange system

1922 Clinical Success with Insulin



1944 Standard Syringe



1986 Insulin Pen



2001 New Insulin Development

1900

1920

1940

1960

1980

2000

2010

# Prevalence in Diabetes in Middle East 2010-2030

	Prevalence (%) adjusted to				Numbers of adults with diabetes (000s)		Mean annual increment (000s)
	World population		National population		2010	2030	
	2010	2030	2010	2030			
<b>Middle-East Crescent</b>							
Afghanistan	8.6	9.9	6.6	7.0	856	1,726	43
Algeria	8.5	9.4	7.4	9.3	1,632	2,850	61
Egypt	11.4	13.7	10.4	12.8	4,787	8,615	191
Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	8.0	9.8	6.1	9.3	2,872	5,981	155
Iraq	10.2	12.0	7.8	9.3	1,176	2,605	71
Kazakhstan	5.8	7.0	5.6	7.1	584	843	13
Morocco	8.3	9.8	7.6	9.7	1,513	2,589	54
Pakistan	9.1	10.5	7.6	9.3	7,146	13,833	334
Saudi Arabia	16.8	18.9	13.6	17.0	2,065	4,183	106
Sudan	4.2	5.2	3.3	4.0	675	1,367	35
Syrian Arab Republic	10.8	13.2	8.3	11.0	974	2,099	56

REF: Diabetes Res & Clini. Prac, 87,2010.

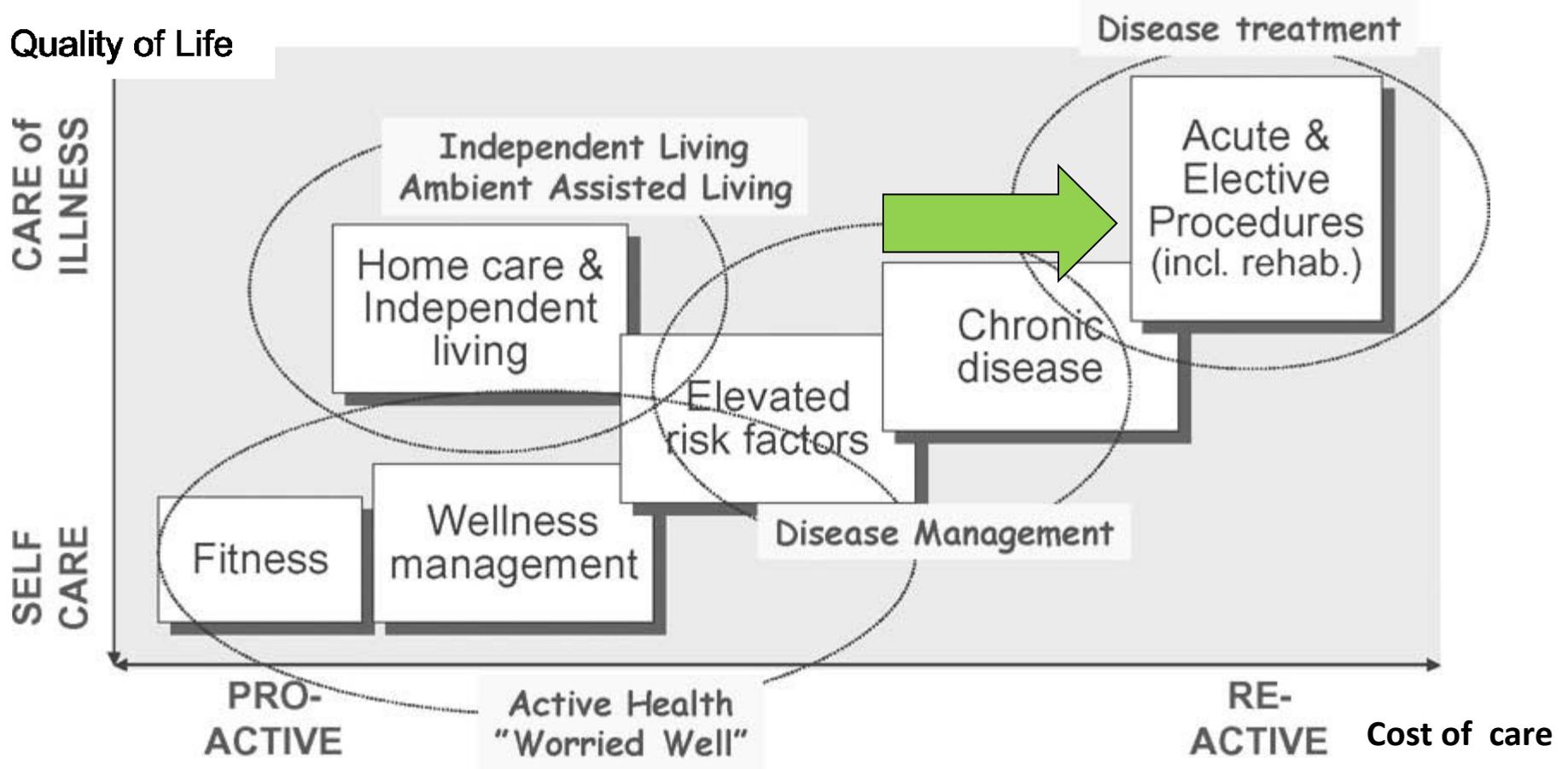


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**Diabetes prevalence in the Middle East is among the highest in the world.**

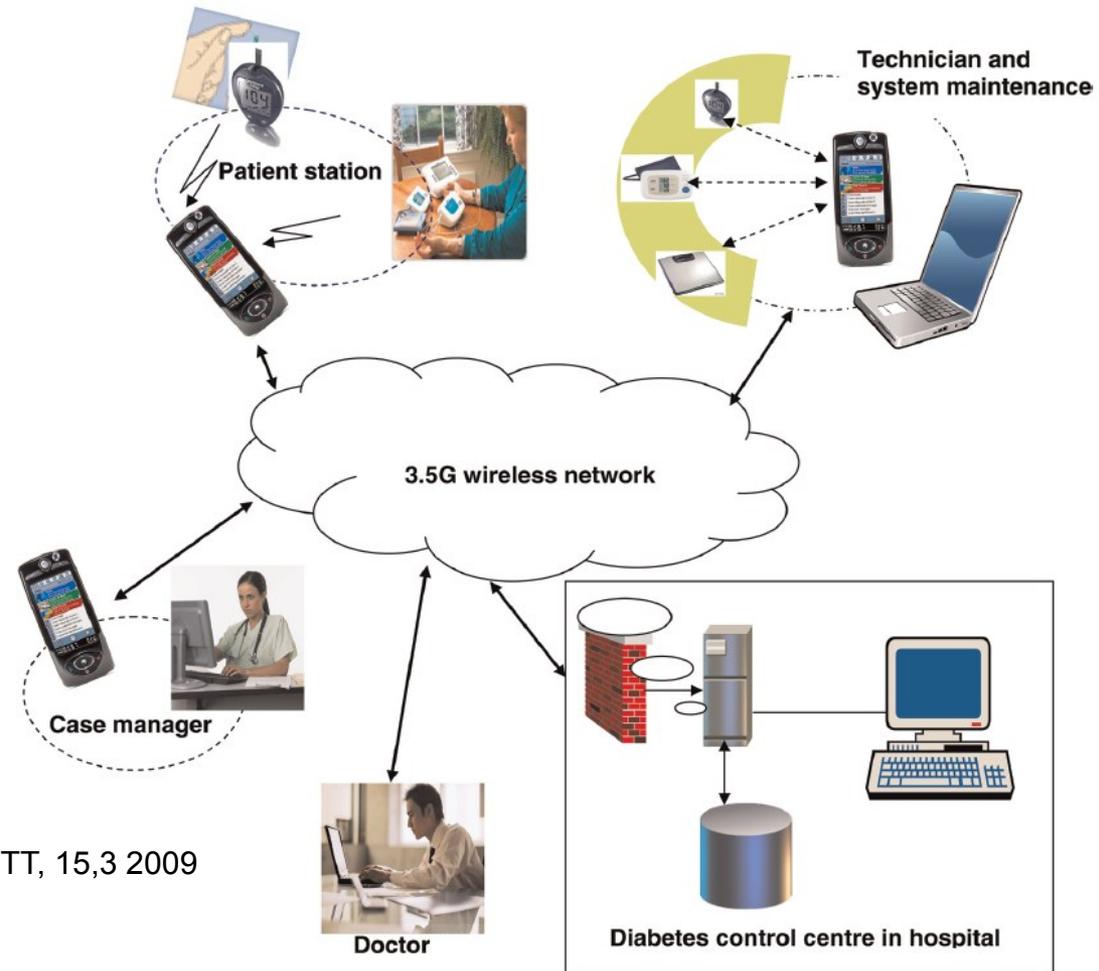


# The healthcare continuum and the middle east



There is urgent need on the use of innovative technologies to alleviate the Healthcare burdens of chronic diseases in the ME<sup>20</sup> region

# 3G-based m-health Diabetes Management System



Ref: Istepanian et al, JTT, 15,3 2009

# Effectiveness of Diabetes Management using Cellular Phone Technologies

Author/ year	Study design	Sample age	Duration in months	Clinical area	Control	Intervention	Measures	Results C vs I or pre-post
Benhamou, <i>et al.</i> , 2007	RCT, crossover	30, 41.3 years	12	Type 1 diabetes	No weekly SMS support	Weekly clinical support via SMS	HbA1c SMBG QOL score Satisfaction with life Hypoglycemic episodes No. of BG tests/day	+0.12 vs -0.14%, $P < 0.10$ +5 vs -6 mg/dl, $P = 0.06$ 0.0 vs +5.6, $P < 0.05$ -0.01 vs +8.1, $P < 0.05$ 79.1 vs 69.1/patient, NS -0.16 vs -0.11/day, NS
Hurling, <i>et al.</i> , 2007	RCT	77, 40.4 years	4	Healthy	Verbal advice, during clinic visit, no phone support	Cell phone support, i.e., exercise plan, PA charts, reminders, tailored advice	Change in: PA overall, MET min/week PA leisure time, MET min/week Hours sitting: overall Hours sitting: weekday Hours sitting: weekends Accelerometer epochs BMI Lost % body fat BP, diastolic BP, systolic Perceived control Intention to exercise Internal control External control	4.0 vs 12, NS -5.5 vs 4.1, $P < 0.05$ -0.17 vs -2.18, $P < 0.05$ 1.4 vs -5.9, $P < 0.05$ -0.2 vs -5.2, NS 208.7 vs 218.5, $P < 0.05$ 0.10 vs -0.24, NS -0.17% vs -2.18%, $P < 0.05$ 0.73 vs 0.69, NS 0.41 vs 0.13, NS -0.37 vs 0.57, $P < 0.01$ -0.01 vs 0.45, $P < 0.01$ 5.85 vs 7.24, $P < 0.001$ 5.33 vs 6.38, $P < 0.01$
Kim, 2007	RCT	51, 47 years	3	Type 2 diabetes	Standard care during clinic visit	Weekly BG- based optimal recommendatio ns via SMS	Group 1: <7%, pre-post: HbA1c FPG levels mg/dl 2HPMG Group 2: ≥7%: HbA1c FPG levels mg/dl 2HPMG	0.53 NS vs -0.21, $P < 0.05$ -5.8 NS vs -13.4, $P < 0.05$ -3.1 NS vs -56.0, $P < 0.05$ 0.22 NS vs -2.15, $P < 0.05$ 14.5 NS vs -3.3 NS 24.8, NS vs -115.2, NS

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Kim, 2007  Kim and Jeong, 2007  Yoon and Kim, 2007	RCT	51, 47 years	3, 6, 12	Type 2 diabetes	Usual care and support	Weekly patient input of SMBG, medication details, diet, and exercise and optimal advice from a nurse via SMS or the Internet	3 months: HbA1c FPG levels mg/dl 2HPMG 6 months: HbA1c FPG levels mg/dl 2HPMG 9 months: HbA1c FPG levels mg/dl 2HPMG 12 months: HbA1c FPG levels mg/dl 2HPMG 3-, 6-, 9-, 12-month change in: total cholesterol triglycerides HDL	0.07 vs -1.15%, $P < 0.05$ 5.4 vs -8.0, NS 14.7 vs -85.1 mg/dl, $P < 0.05$ 0.11 vs -1.05%, $P < 0.05$ 7.3 vs -5.8, NS 13.8 vs -63.6 mg/dl, $P < 0.05$ 0.33 vs -1.31, $P < 0.05$ 12.2 vs -10.5, NS -17.4 vs -66.8, $P < 0.05$ 0.81 vs -1.32, $P < 0.05$ 27.7 vs -10.7, NS 18.1 vs -100, $P < 0.05$ NS NS NS
Franklin, <i>et al.</i> , 2006	RCT	92, 8-18 years	12	Type 1 diabetes	CIT- Grp1	CIT+ST - Grp2, IIT+ST- Grp3	HbA1c Self-efficacy Adherence	10.3 vs 10.1 vs 9.2%, $P < 0.01$ 56.0 vs 62.1, $P < 0.01$ 70.4 vs 77.2, $P < 0.05$
Rami <i>et al.</i> , 2006	RCT	36, 15.3 years	6,3-month cross-over	Type 1 diabetes	Conventional support and paper diary	Monitoring and support by SMS	HbA1c change 3 months HbA1c change 6 months	+1.0 vs -0.15 +0.15 vs -0.05
Kim <i>et al.</i> , 2006	Pre-post	45, 43.5 years	3	Type 2 diabetes	N/A	Educational messages	HbA1c Diabetic diet Exercise Medication Foot care	-1.1%, $P < 0.01$ -0.8, days/week, NS 0.9 days/week, $P < 0.05$ 1.1 days/week, $P < 0.05$ 1.1 days/week, $P < 0.05$

# Summary of the cellular phone for Diabetes Management

- 18 Studies of the use of cellular phone for Diabetes and Obesity Management.
  - 9 out of 10 studies reporting on the HbA1c reported significant improvement among patients receiving education and care support.
  - Text messaging provided improved clinically outcomes and increase self management behaviour and self-efficacy.

REF: Krishna etc. , J. Diabetes Science and Technology, 2,3, 2008

# Examples of UK Clinical Studies on m-health Diabetes

## Evaluation of a mobile phone telemonitoring system for glycaemic control in patients with diabetes

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## Mobile Telemonitoring for Achieving Tighter Targets of Blood Pressure Control in Patients with Complicated Diabetes: A Pilot Study

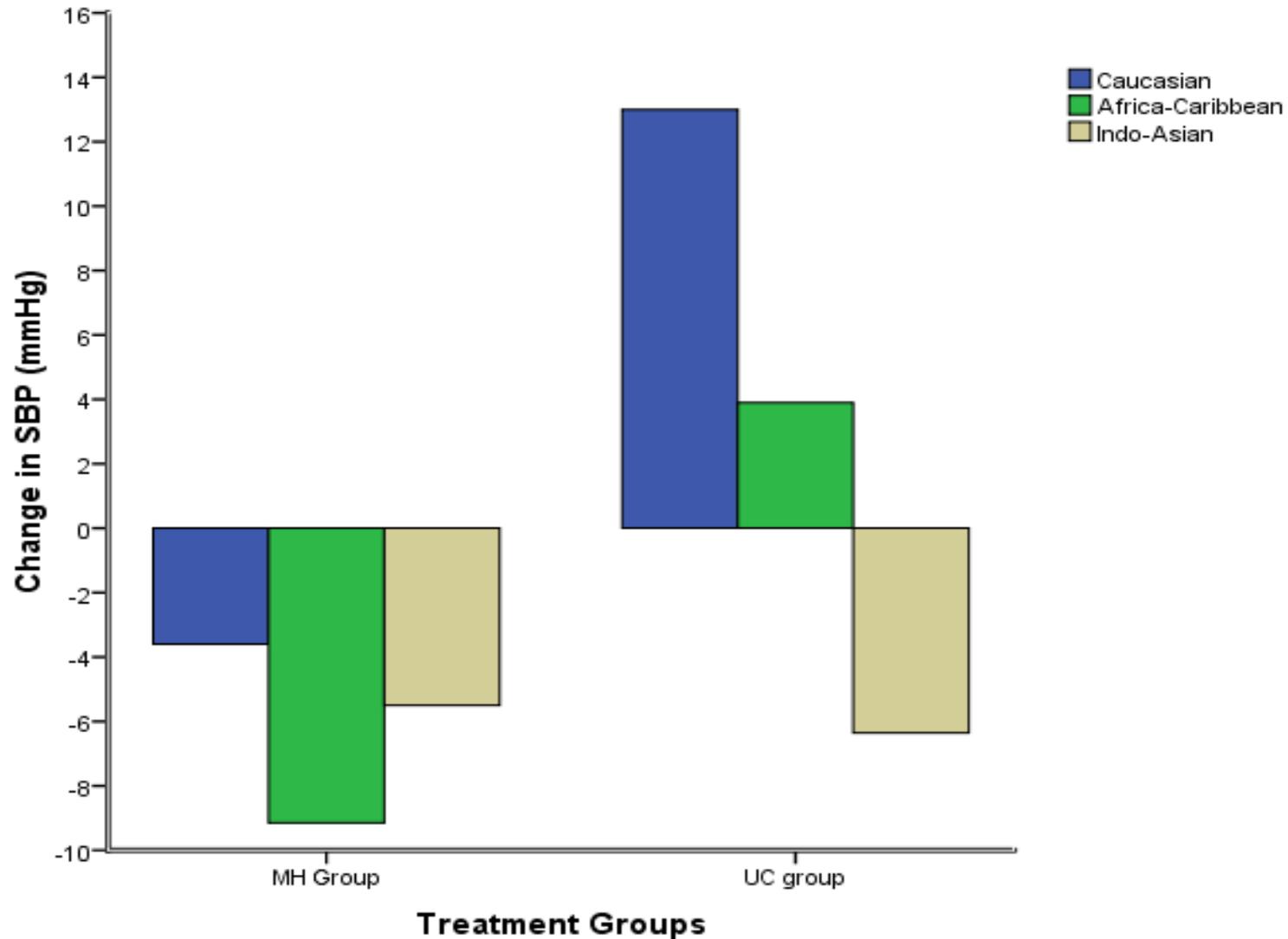
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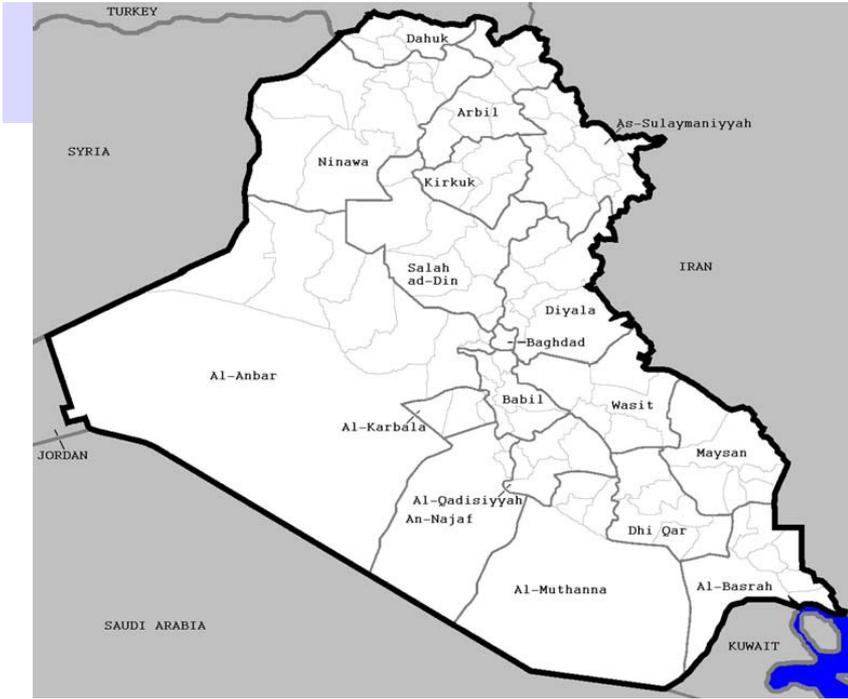
**Clinical Results:** Baseline demographic, clinical and biochemical data of patients with diabetes randomised to the telemonitoring (TM ) intervention or usual care (UC) control group

	<b>TM</b>	<b>UC</b>	<b>p</b>
<i>N (Total=137)</i>	72	65	
Age (years)	59.6 (12.0)	57.1(13.0)	0.25
Duration of diabetes	13.3 (8.6)	11.7 (8.0)	0.27
Type 1 diabetes <i>n</i> (%)	6 (8)	5 (8)	0.85
Type 2 diabetes <i>n</i> (%)	66 (92)	60 (92)	
Weight (kg)	79.7 (17.9)	80.1 (20.1)	0.91
Ethnic group <i>n</i> (%) :-			
Caucasian	26 (36)	21 (32)	0.79
African-Caribbean	24 (33)	18 (28)	
Indo-Asian	21 (29)	21 (32)	
Other	1 (1)	5 (7)	
<b>HbA1c (%)</b>	<b>7.9 (1.5)</b>	<b>8.1 (1.6)</b>	<b>0.40</b>
<b>Total cholesterol (mmol/l)</b>	<b>4.3 (1.1)</b>	<b>4.4 (1.2)</b>	<b>0.76</b>
<b>Total triglycerides (mmol/l)</b>	<b>1.5 (0.8)</b>	<b>2.1 (2.7)</b>	<b>0.10</b>
HD-cholesterol	1.2 (0.4)	1.2 (0.4)	0.81
LD-cholesterol	2.5 (0.9)	2.5 (0.9)	0.92
Plasma creatinine (µmol/l)	111.1 (102.1)	93.0 (43.1)	0.21
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	130.5 (15.1)	131.8 (19.7)	0.67
Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)	76.9 (9.4)	76.6 (11.3)	0.82

# The mean decrement in SBP



REF: Earle, K. , Istepanian, R., etal., Diabetes Technology and Therapeutics, 12,7, 2010



# E-health Technology for Improving Medical Education and Healthcare Research in Iraq

2010-2012

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Basra University Medical School



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# There is urgent and major need for m-Health in Iraq



M-health



Modern Mobile Technologies



# m-health Issues and challenges in the ME Region

1- Currently most of the likely m-health applications in ME should focus on the ' Process' of adopting m-health in the region.

2- Clinical ' buy in' is critical and the technology is the enabler not the solution.

3- Define the clinical priorities and Iraqi patients population needs .

4- Engage the governments in the region to educate them on the benefits of the m-health sector for the economy and for the perspective national healthcare systems

5- Engage the also understand and define the relevant stake holders roles, Teleco operators and interested private sector players.

6- Pilots in the region need to be based on more on evaluating the impact of m-health for best healthcare outcomes and less on user ( patients doctors, nurses etc.) satisfaction.



# Future 4G-health Platforms for Diabetic care

- **4G-Health ( Future network Technologies)**
- 4G Health Information systems
- **Medication Optimization**
- Remote Patient Monitoring
- **Innovative Assistive Technologies**
- Remote Training and Supervision
- Cognitive Fitness and Assessment
- Diabetes Social Networking concepts



**Mobile+Healthcare**  
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# Finally!



The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.  
- Alfred Hitchcock





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