The eHealth Revolution: The Role of Partnerships

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Overview

- What is eHealth?
- How is eHealth revolutionizing healthcare?
- The challenges with eHealth
- The role of partnerships in promoting eHealth

Definition: eHealth





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Health topics

eHealth



eHealth is the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) for health.

Examples include treating patients, conducting research, educating the health workforce, tracking diseases and monitoring public health.

How is eHealth revolutionizing healthcare?

- Telehealth
- Telemedicine
- Personalized medicine

Telehealth

- Health care activities conducted by participants separated by distance
- Examples
 - eLearning
 - Delivering lectures online
 - Showing videos of common health procedures
 - Healthcare coordination
 - Scheduling of appointments
 - Preparation for clinic visit
 - Healthcare documentation
 - Recording vital signs into an electronic record
 - Monitoring the inventory of medicines in different clinics

Telemedicine

- The practice of medicine over a distance
 - Examples
 - Tele-consultation
 - Patient-doctor interaction when they separated by distance
 - Tele-referral
 - Discussions on a specific case by healthcare professionals over a distance
 - Teleradiology, teledermatology, telepathology

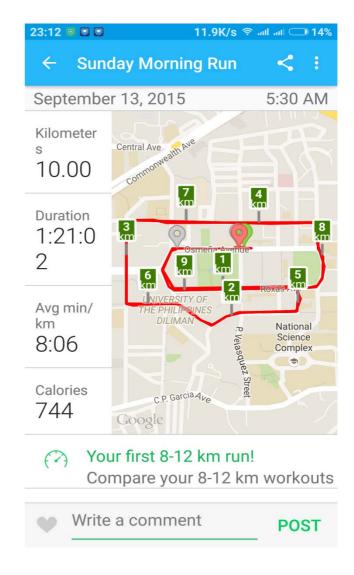
Personalized Medicine: My eHealth Story

- Two consecutive impaired blood glucose levels (January 2013, June 2013)
- 95kg (overweight)
- Started using MyFitnessPal (a calorie counter), UP activity tracker (bracelet), and Runkeeper (exercise diary)



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Outcome

- · I lost 12 kilograms (26 pounds) over 6 months
- Blood sugar now within normal limits
- Feel better, not easily tired

Personalized Medicine: Coming Soon

- I can be informed of activities that can promote better health (promotive).
- I can be informed of any health risks before they happen (preventive).
- I can be matched to the right doctor and facility who can treat my diseases. My medicines will be customized to treat my conditions with no or minimal side effects (curative).
- I can be monitored at home while recuperating (rehabilitative).

Challenges with eHealth

- Crosses multiple sectors (health, ICT, education, private, regulation, etc)
- Involves stakeholders with competing agenda
 - · Providers want to earn
 - · Pharmaceuticals want to sell more
 - · Patients want high quality care
 - PhilHealth wants to pay only for necessary services
- Relies on robust infrastructure
- Fragmented health system

Asia eHealth Information Network

- Created by the World Health Organization to support countries with their national eHealth strategies
- Started with 7 people from 6 countries and has now grown to more than 500 members in 21 countries
- Leverages peer support and network learning
- Conducts conferences and meetings to enable knowledge sharing and resource sharing

What can we do to support eHealth?

1)ICTen 2)Partnerships

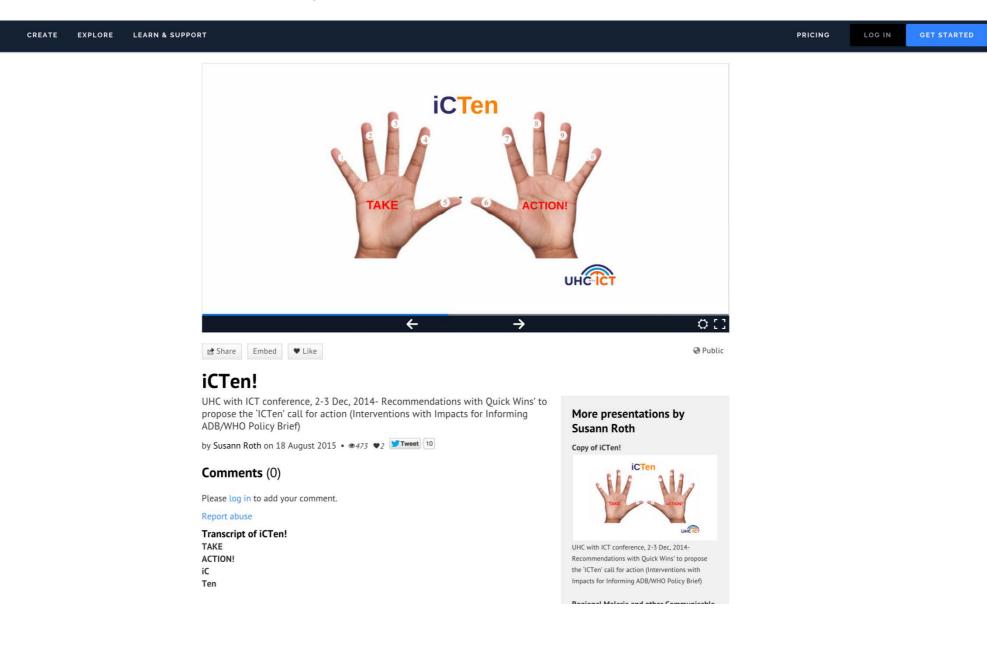
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1. Know your baseline

2. Get everyone on board and bring your best team

3. Adopt, adapt, or develop tools

4. Commit to UHC, commit to integrated ICT systems!

5. Invest in unique ID schemes and link CRVS and UHC

6. Build institutional readiness and a skilled workforce

7. Keep data safe and secure

8. Get concrete. Have an implementation plan with quick successes

9. Plan for sustainable financing mechanisms from the start

Partnerships

- "an association of two or more people"
- synonyms
 - Collaboration
 - Cooperation
 - Teamwork

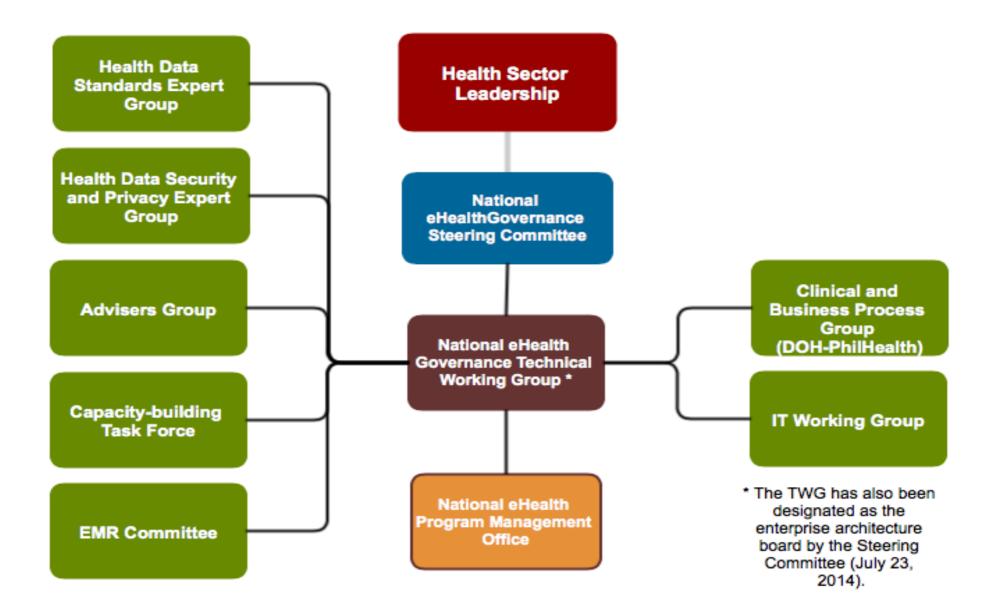
Partnerships for eHealth

- A logical approach since the multi-sector nature of eHealth requires connecting stakeholders
- Serves to bridge the fragments/silos of the health system (through information)

Key Partnerships on eHealth

- The National eHealth Steering Committee and TWG
- The ICT4Health Expanded Consultative Group
- The Philippine Medical Informatics Society
- The Asia eHealth Information Network

National eHealth Steering Committee and TWG

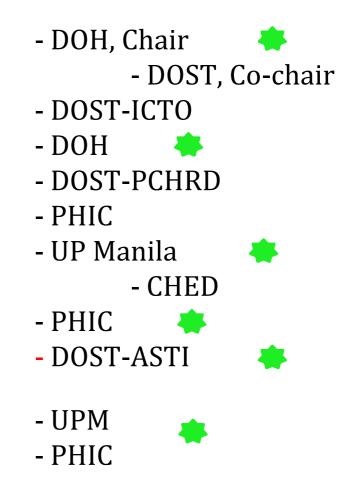


eHealth National Governance³² Steering Committee Amending Joint DOH-DOST Department Memo No. 2013-0200a on

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Summary

- Our current health system is fragmented and multi-sectoral
- ICT, if used correctly, can integrate our health system
- Because of health system's complex nature, governance plays a major role in ensuring that the ICT investments are directed towards delivering clear benefits to the people and the stakeholders

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