

HOW MOBILE TECH CAN INFLUENCE COST - EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE.

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“An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure”
- Benjamin Franklin 1735

THE BENEFITS OF MOBILE-HEALTH TECHNOLOGY

Mobile tech’s impact on medicine will be more profound than the pc’s impact on mainframe computing. Some of the important features are listed below:

- Moving the Clinic to the Patient for Many Clinical Functions: Mental, Physical, Sociological
- Access to Large Population, Family Histories, and Lots of Data
- Enables “Community Level Healthcare” and Holistic Health through Local Support Systems
- Enables Automation to Transition from “Crisis-Care” to “Preventive-Care
- Lower Facility Expense
- Higher Physician Productivity
- Less Time and Cost to the Patient
- Higher Frequency of Care, Exams, and Patient Communications

MOBILE TECH & PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE:

- Intelligent Data Acquisition Systems
- Genomic Data
- Current, Accurate, Electronic Health Records: Medical Data, Family Data, Patient Behavior, Lifestyle, Environment, etc.
- AI driven, Clinical Decision Support Systems
- Knowledge Base

THE KNOWLEDGE BASE

- Continuous Improvement & Review – Peer and AI
- Litigation History and Avoidance
- Comprehensive: Genomics, Drugs, Treatment, Symptoms, Behaviors, Family Data, Environment., etc.
- Technically Layered Search for the end-users:
- Consumer; Doctor; Researcher.

SYSTEM STRATEGY:

- Translational Bioinformatics, fueled by Genomics, Patient Data, Family Histories, and Environmental Data
- Automation Intensive – Physician Empowering
- Artificial Intelligence Enabled
- Pervasive, Advanced, Quality Control
- Continuous Improvement at all Levels
- Cloud Based
- Ultra-Secure

COST CONTROL ELEMENTS:

- Low-Cost Systems, with “Zero Defect” Quality
- Minimize Skilled Personnel
- High-Quality Outcomes
- Reduce Time and Cost for Patient

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- Timely, Efficient, and Accurate Care
- Patient Involvement: Knowledge, Life Style, Behavior, & Family History
- Patient Experience and Satisfaction

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT:

- Disease Assessment
- Set Priorities Based on “80-20 Rule”: the 20% of Diseases that Cause 80% of Cost
- Disease Control that is Quick to Deploy
- Other Parameters e.g., Contagious diseases, Epidemics, etc.

HOLISTIC HEALTH

- Integration and Optimization of Psychological, Physical & Social health.

MENTAL HEALTH

- Brain (Mental) and Body Physiology are Connected
- “Distributed Treatment” through Patient Empowerment: Education, Communication, Meditation, Music, Social, etc.

GENOMICS - PREDICTIVE :

- Currently Constrained to Single Gene (Monogenic or “Mendelian”) Disorders
- Complex Diseases Caused by Combinations of Genetic Information (Polygenic)
- Complexity of Genome Requires Massive Computing Power, Sophisticated Algorithms, and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

TRANSLATIONAL BIOINFORMATICS:

Translational bioinformatics = informatics methods that link biological entities (genes, proteins, small molecules) to clinical entities (diseases, symptoms, drugs)--or vice versa. (Professor Russ B. Altman, MD, PhD Stanford University)

AN EXAMPLE OF AI SOFTWARE:

- “eXtasy” - Software Breakthrough (Oct 2013)
- Advanced artificial intelligence Based
- Detection of Disease-Causing Mutations
- 20X Improvement in Accuracy
- Developed at KU Leuven in Belgium

CONCLUSION

Quantifiable Data from Mobile Tech is Critical for Advancing:

- Translational Bioinformatics
- Genomics
- Epidemiology
- Health Care to the Masses

Evaluation is Vital -

“If You Can’t Measure It, You Can’t Improve It”

- Lord Kelvin

