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Objectives



- ▶ Provide an overview of connected health.
- ▶ Discuss prerequisites for developing a connected health system.
- ▶ Address the correlation between connected health, a learning health system, consolidation of health information, and generation of knowledge.
- ▶ Discuss the role that supporting technologies play with a connected health system.
- ▶ Discuss the role that professional communication and organizations play with connected health.



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Connected Health

- ▶ “Umbrella” term for telemedicine, telehealth, mhealth
- ▶ System or model of care, means to connect clinicians, consumers, patients via technology; improve outcomes and quality while reducing costs
- ▶ Health Care 4.0

Components of Connected Health

- ▶ Modalities of care (including telehealth and mobile health)
- ▶ Supporting technologies
- ▶ Learning Health System

Prerequisites for a Connected Health System

- ▶ Policy/law/reimbursement
- ▶ Culture
- ▶ Consumer acceptance
- ▶ Knowledge and skill sets
- ▶ Technical elements
- ▶ Communication and collaboration

Groups & Initiatives Facilitating Data Sharing

- ▶ World Health Organization
- ▶ Canada Health Infoway
- ▶ FAIR Data Principles
- ▶ The European Commission (EC)
- ▶ U.S. 21st Century Cures Act
- ▶ U.S. Federal Cloud Computing Strategy of 2011
- ▶ Multiclinical Trial Centre (Harvard)
- ▶ U.S. National Institutes of Health and National Cancer Institute vision for Precision Medicine
- ▶ International Cancer Genome Consortium (ICGC)
- ▶ Global Alliance for Genomics and Health (GA4G)
- ▶ Match-maker Exchange (MME)
- ▶ Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
- ▶ Changing publication policies

Culture

- ▶ Commitment
- ▶ Continuous quality improvement
- ▶ Data preparation and format
- ▶ Building a skilled workforce

Consumer Buy In

- ▶ Accept/demand ongoing research and application of evidence-based treatments
- ▶ Prepared to provide information related to care experiences to be used to improve subsequent care for others.
- ▶ Healthcare professional and worker acceptance

Knowledge and Skills

- ▶ Informatics competencies
- ▶ Data science knowledge and skills
- ▶ Ability to understand and use artificial intelligence

Technical Elements

- ▶ Technical standards
- ▶ Interoperability
- ▶ Robust information system infrastructure

Communication and Collaboration



- ▶ Within a given facility or collection of hospitals and care settings
- ▶ Among different disciplines
- ▶ Via professional/informatics associations
- ▶ Via communities of practice
- ▶ Regional, national, and international levels

Learning Health System (LHS)

- ▶ Pivotal concept to the connected health system
- ▶ Proposed as a new model for healthcare
- ▶ “a health system in which internal data and experience are systematically integrated with external evidence, and that knowledge is put into practice” (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2019)

Learning Health Systems



Systematically gather and create evidence.

Apply the most promising evidence to improve care.

Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. (May 2019).
Defining a Learning Health System. <https://www.ahrq.gov/learning-health-systems/about.html>

Status of Connected Health Systems

- ▶ Fragmented policy
- ▶ Lack of infrastructure
- ▶ Ongoing data sharing issues across different vendor platforms
- ▶ Lack of clarity about legal and ethical requirements
- ▶ Lag times for data access
- ▶ Fragmented data protection across the globe
- ▶ Ongoing issues with data quality
- ▶ Complexities for data sharing
- ▶ Knowledge and skill gaps among healthcare workforce

Data Sharing Requirements

- ▶ Public trust
- ▶ Planning
- ▶ Data governance
- ▶ Development of models of good data-sharing policies
- ▶ Clear, comprehensive legislation
- ▶ Financial considerations
- ▶ Greater transparency

Data Sharing Principles

- ▶ Explicit ethical and legal framework for data collection and use
- ▶ Study participants must be informed prospectively
- ▶ De-identification of personally-identifiable information
- ▶ Data formatted using widely recognized data and metadata standards
- ▶ Suitable data repository
- ▶ Ongoing dialog related sharing and reuse
- ▶ Stewardship versus ownership
- ▶ Academic and societal rewards for data sharing

Data Sharing Benefits

- ▶ Learning-knowledge-wisdom
- ▶ Improved patient outcomes
- ▶ An ethical imperative
- ▶ Means to curtail costs
- ▶ Precondition of precision medicine



“Using data wisely means using, reusing, and sharing data to their maximum potential.”

Ursin et al. (2019)

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