

# The potential, promises and pilots of ICT in healthcare (and maybe some perils)

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I have no conflicts to declare

The thoughts in this presentation represent my analysis and personal experiences with ICT in healthcare, along with some wild thinking thrown in. Information gathered for this presentation has in part come from publically-accessible Websites.

# hSITE Themes

- 1. Clinical Workflows and Clinical Grade Requirements
- 2. Context Aware Smart Sensors Systems, Software and Applications
- 3. Enabling Networks and Technologies

## Healthcare & ICT: Mission impossible?

- Attributes of healthcare
- Complex & uncertain
- Questionable reliability
- Uneven quality
- Non-standardized
- Regulated

- Attributes of ICT
- Precise
- Reliable
- High quality
- Standardized
- Regulated

Healthcare as a 'final frontier' of ICT development needs to Co-existence  $\rightarrow$ Collaboration  $\rightarrow$  Convergeance

# Star trek- emia (**-emia:** Suffix meaning blood or referring to the presence of a substance in the blood)



# G1 medical tricorder wireless probe



#### NG medical tricorder

# Why is 'trek'-care so successful?

- Voice-activated, wireless
- Optimal infection control (no touch)
- Mobile, ultra-portable
- Nano-technology
- Instantaneous results
- Durable, reliable documentation
- Species & person specific
- Galactic knowledgebase

### Drivers of earthly healthcare

- Ageing population
- Health care costs reduction
  - Some meds & technologies cheaper
  - Newer meds & technologies VERY expensive
  - Non-targeted approach (every patient is the same)
  - Inappropriate use, under-use, over-use
- Patient-centric focus (Me!), more-informed consumers, personalized medicine (proteomics)
- Ubiquitous health care, globalization
- Wellness (prevention) vs. disease (treatment)





Healthcare is trying to sync with the 21<sup>st</sup> century

- Borrowing from successful industries
  - Banking industry
    - ROI (return on *information*)
  - Airline industry
    - Clinical glidepaths
    - Pre-operative checklists
  - Manufacturing
    - 6-sigma quality
  - Exploring ICT



#### The Spread of Products into American Households

#### Years Since Technology Invention

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census (1970 and various years); Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association (1996); The World Almanac and Book of Facts (1997).

## Brief scan of Global healthcare ICT







Figure 1 Effects of the introduction of ICT and expected achievements as a consequence of independent living in the area of elderly care

#### Economic analyses for ICT in elderly healthcare: questions and challenges

Vivian Vimarlund and Nils-Göran Ölve Health Informatics Journal 2005 11: 309 DOI: 10.1177/1460458205058758



#### Regional Healthcare Information Network (RHIN)



China's spending on health (% of GDP)

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### India

Linking remote communities

Traversing a multi-level healthcare delivery network Ensuring access to more of the population

## Areas where e-Health can assist

- Lack of access to specialists doctors
- Need for second opinion
- Lack and need for CME (e-learning)
- Lack of proper record keeping of clinical data and prescription
- Need for information in real time
- Lack of proper screening before referral
- Lack of sufficient equipments/ambulances

# e-Health Uganda

### **ICT & Healthcare transformation Ireland**

- Availability (access, waiting times and better utilisation of resources).
- Continuity of care (coordination and information sharing among care providers).
- Empowerment (patient involvement in their own care activities).
- Patient safety (reduced risk of patient harm).
- Quality of care (effectiveness and efficiency of care service provision)

Figure 5.1 What American doctors are looking for online (percentage of US-based doctors using internet)



Source: von Knoop, C., Lovich, D. and Silverstein, M.B. (2001) Vital Signs Update: Doctors Say E-Health Delivers, Boston Consulting Group, September 2001. Available <u>http://www.bcg.com</u>

Figure 5.2 What European doctors are looking for online (percentage of interviewees)



Source: Poensgen, A. and Larsson, S. (2001) Patients, Physicians and the Internet: Myth, Reality and Implications, Boston Consulting Group, January 2001. Available <u>http://www.bcg.com</u> Figure 5.3 What Australian doctors are looking for online (percentage of those using internet)



Source: AC Neilsen (1998) A study into levels of, and attitudes towards, information technology in general practice, Research consultancy report prepared for General Practice Branch, Department of Health and Aged Care, AC Nielson Research, Sydney, p56.

## Transforming the Healthcare System



### Malaysia Healthcare

## Potential intersection zones

Developing successful ICT solutions for healthcare

- Time-neutral or savings (time=\$\$\$)
- Improve workflow, working faster, smarter
- Improve information management
  - Right type (data, knowledge, decision support)
  - Deliver at time, in the right context
- Improve signal to noise
- Human-machine interface & usability

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# A few pilots I am aware of

- hSITE research programs
- The Ottawa Hospital iPad Clinical Mobile App
- iPhone clin doc tool Mt Sinai Hospital, Toronto
- Telus Remote Patient Monitoring
- MUHC telehealth program

# Some local real-life pilots

- Medical Office of the XXIst century (MOXXI)
  - On-going trials
  - RightRx & medication reconciliation at hospital discharge
- Real-Time Location Services (RTLS)
  - ED asset & staff tracking
  - Geriatric wandering patient alert & containment
- Is there an app for that?
  - vSigns iPhone app, RIM playbook project
  - O-Word pilots



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#### **Localization System Configuration**

### System and Software Setups



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## **RTLS in Geriatrics**

# Perils

- Murphy's Law applies
- Software errors (Therac-25 radiation treatment machine story)
- IV infusion pump user design
- Failure of Cedars Sinai CPOE implementation
- Increased infant deaths in Pittsburgh PICU
- Heating of pacemaker wires in MRI machines
- ? association of wireless devices & brain cancer

# Thank you

