

Quadruple Aim Meets Digital Health: Opportunities and Challenges

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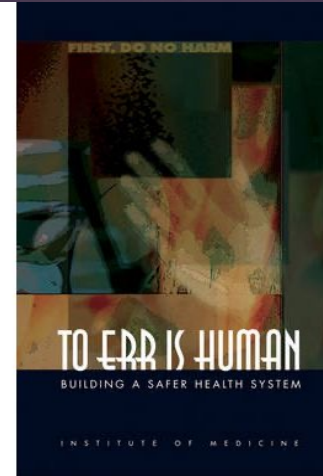
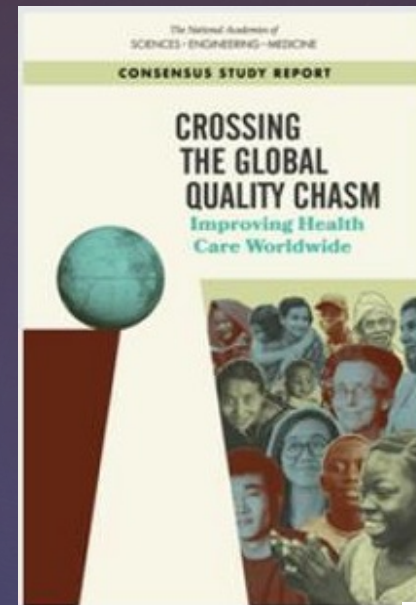
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Patient Safety Status-20 years on

- 1 in 10 patients harmed in hospital care/ between 5.7 and 8.4 m deaths occurring annually from poor quality care
- 14 out of every 100 patients affected by HAI
- 2% patients subject to surgical complications for the 234 million surgical operations performed every year
- 20-40% health spending wasted due to poor quality of care and safety failures
- 15% of hospital costs being due to patient harms caused by adverse events



Putting quality and people at the centre of health systems

The burden of mortality attributable to poor care is larger than that due to lack of access to care. Significant loss of life could be avoided if measures were put in place to guarantee quality of care. These striking conclusions are the result of the work by Margaret Crick and colleagues, published in *The Lancet*, which informed the Commission published by the *Lancet Global Health—High-quality health systems in the Sustainable Development Goals* are time for a re-evaluation. Under development for the past 2 years with a team of 20 commissioners led by Crick and Muhammed Pate, the Commission concludes that without quality health systems are ineffective and Sustainable Development Goal 3—to ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all, at all ages—will not be achieved.

As first set out by Avicenna Ibn Sina in his *Canon of Medicine* in 1025, an ethical approach towards people is the foundation of a health system's success. Where that ethical commitment is lacking, there can be no high-quality service. And yet, people have become invisible in measurements of quality across health systems worldwide. The focus is on "inputs", even though these are not what matter to patients. Patients are concerned with getting better while being treated with care and respect, otherwise they are unlikely to use health services even if they are nominally accessible.

Throughout the Commission, the underlying argument is that clinical care is too often simply inadequate in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Diagnoses are frequently incorrect and are too slowly made. Care itself is slow. Disrespect towards patients is commonplace. Communication with patients is often poor. And those of patients is frequent. Additionally, safety is threatened by hazards and injury arising from poor care, financial insecurity, and treatment that is not evidence-led.

Expansion of universal health coverage (UHC) remains essential, but without quality, UHC will be an abstract and meaningless myth. People need to be central to all measures of quality. Assessment of quality should not be limited to health systems and ministries of health but must permeate national infrastructures. Roads and transportation, sanitation, education, for nurses and for doctors—all affect quality, and accountability mechanisms must be put in place to reflect this breadth.

Crick and colleagues' data show that 5 million lives could potentially be saved through quality improvements. Of the 5.6 million deaths per year in LMICs, due to treatable conditions, the remaining 3.6 million deaths occur from lack of access. But expansion of UHC will be ineffective unless quality is addressed. Accountability, trust, and confidence in the health system are all people-led initiatives that will follow with quality improvements. Gaining people's trust takes time, and when health workers and policy makers choose to seek treatment in their own country's public institutions, a signal will be sent that the system can be trusted, and an assurance of safety made. While this lesson could be applied to many cultures and countries, the burden in LMICs is particularly acute, with the threat of poverty adding dangerous consequences to poor quality care.

In both *The Lancet Global Health* Commission and the research published in *The Lancet*, the authors acknowledge that there is no easy single fix—the systems are complex and multifaceted, and their proposed mechanisms for building people's trust will take widespread cooperation, with accountability and measurement placed at the core. Most quality improvement interventions have, well now, focused on provider-level activities, but today's publications confirm that these are merely peripheral adjustments rather than the complete overhaul of health systems that is needed to incorporate quality into the very fabric of those systems.

Findings from other substantial reports published this year support the findings of the *Lancet Global Health* Commission. In July 2018, *Delivering Quality Health Services in Global Perspective* for *Universal Health Coverage* by WHO, the CEDEP, and the World Bank laid out policy plans for governments and countries. Last week, the US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine published a review of the state of quality in LMICs, *Crossing the Global Quality Chasm: Improving Health Care Worldwide*. Together, these groups have highlighted and named the challenge, provided new data and analyses, and proposed appropriate policy frameworks with people-led needs. The scenery transportation, sanitation, education, for nurses and for doctors—all affect quality, and accountability mechanisms must be put in place to reflect this breadth.

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Supporting the Quadruple Aim

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Supporting the Quadruple Aim Using Simulation and Human Factors During COVID-19 Care

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Abstract

The health care sector has made radical changes to hospital operations and care delivery in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. This article examines pragmatic applications of simulation and human factors to support the Quadruple Aim of health system performance during the COVID-19 era. First, patient safety is enhanced through development and testing of new technologies, equipment, and protocols using laboratory-based and in situ simulation. Second, population health is strengthened through virtual platforms that deliver telehealth and remote simulation that ensure readiness for personnel to deploy to new clinical units. Third, prevention of lost revenue occurs through usability testing of equipment and computer-based simulations to predict system performance and resilience. Finally, simulation supports health worker wellness and satisfaction by identifying optimal work conditions that maximize productivity while protecting staff through preparedness training. Leveraging simulation and human factors will support a resilient and sustainable response to the pandemic in a transformed health care landscape.

Keywords

health care simulation, patient safety, Quadruple Aim, COVID-19, system preparedness

Introduction

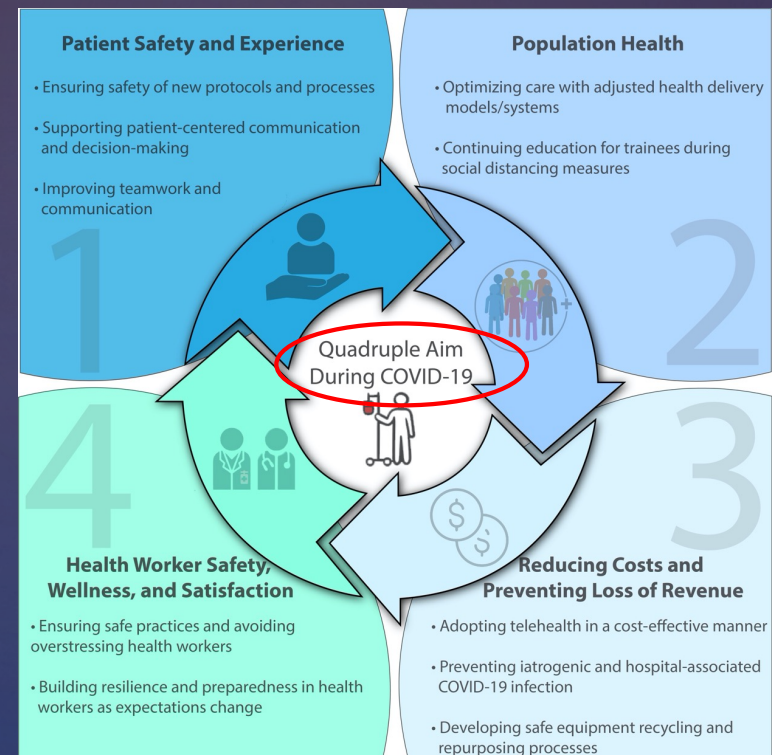
Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has uniquely stressed health care systems, policy makers, and

health care workers throughout the world as they face the worst health and economic crises of our lifetimes. Administrators are rapidly navigating their institutions through uncertain times, providing leadership and strategic plans to manage numerous evolving systems threats. Many of these plans run counter to the accepted mantra in modern times, including intentional cancellations of profitable elective procedures and layoffs or furloughs of dedicated medical staff during the pandemic.¹

The Triple Aim of health system reform addresses ongoing and future challenges faced by the health care sector,² with recent calls for expansion to a Quadruple Aim³ to include considerations and protection for staff. These 4 interdependent goals consist of (1) enhancing patient experience and safety, (2) improving population health, (3) reducing costs and preventing loss of revenue, and (4) improving wellness and satisfaction of health care workers. The fourth Aim incorporates the increasing understanding that excellent health care is not possible without a physically and psychologically safe and healthy workforce. COVID-19 has created unique threats and unanswered challenges to each element of the Quadruple Aim (Table 1). Human factors⁴ is a scientific discipline that addresses the complex interwoven variables that affect health care workers' ability to deliver safe,

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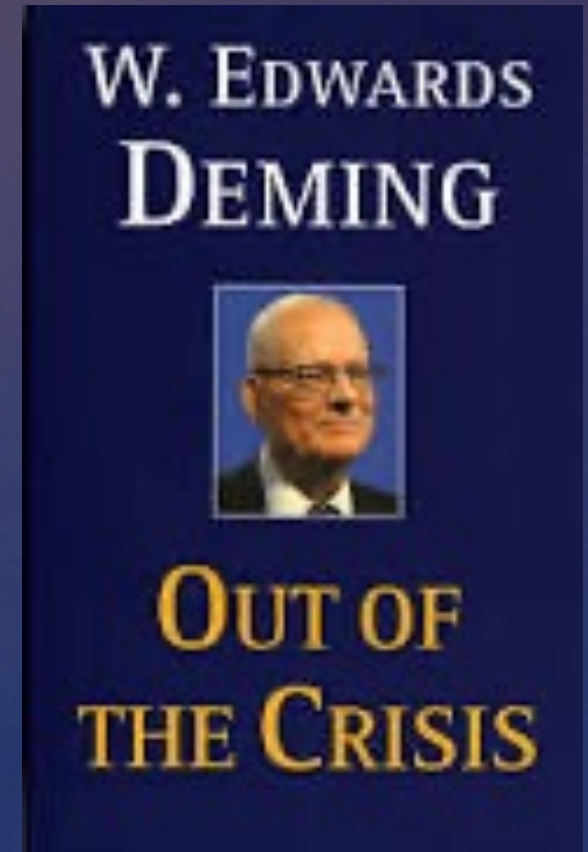
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Digital Health for Profound Knowledge and Learning (Backbone of ALL industrial quality)

- Patient/client at the center
- Appreciation of a System
- Understanding Variation as the main cause for process and outcome failures with digital health
- Theory of Change Knowledge
- Leadership Psychology

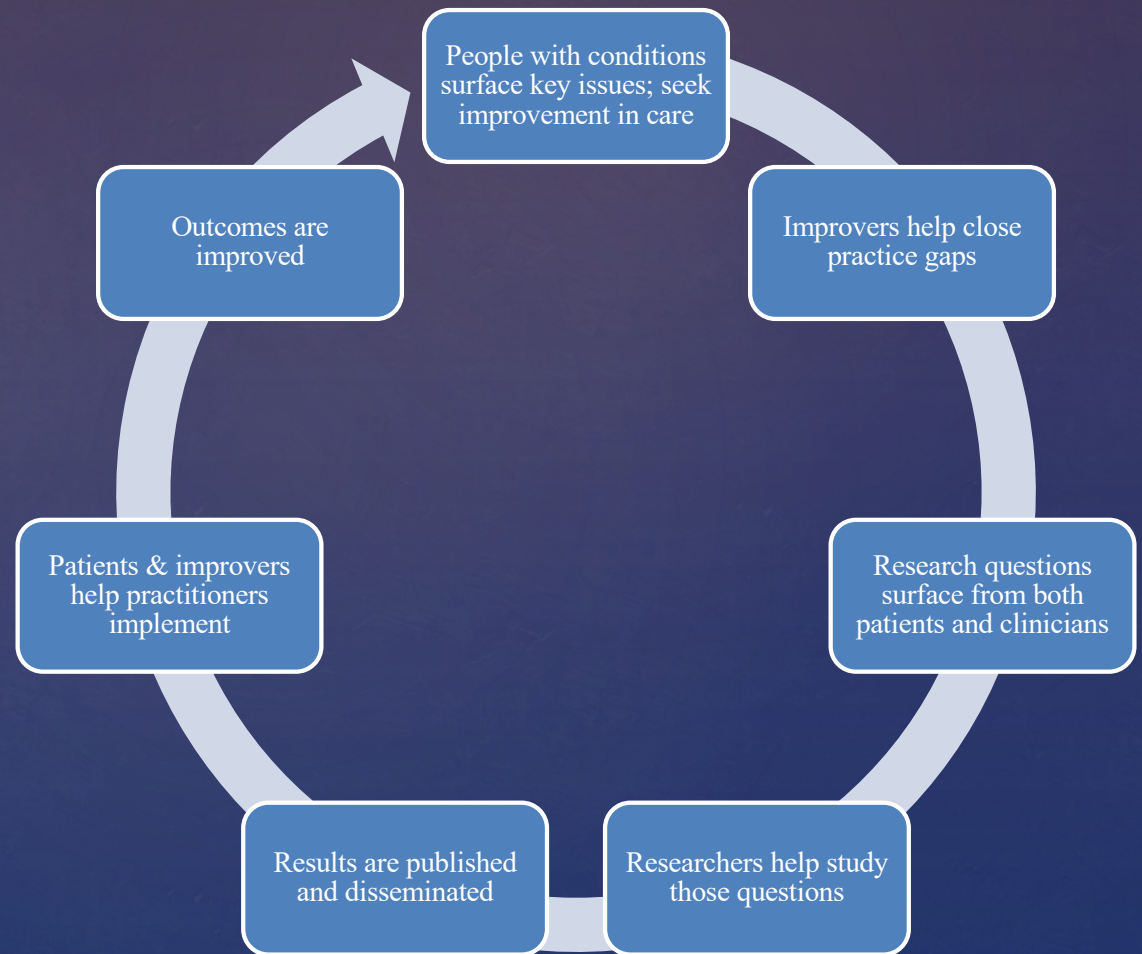


Learning Health System Model

Roles of Tele-Health

Critical Elements:

- Focus on outcomes
- Theory of transformation
- Co-design and co-production
- Leadership engagement
- Multiple problem-solving approaches
- Research to drive action
- Emphasis on implementation



Hype, evidence gaps and digital divides: Telehealth blind spots in rural Australia

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Abstract

Despite high unmet demand for health services across rural Australia, uptake of telehealth has been slow, piecemeal and ad hoc. We argue that widespread failure to understand telehealth as a socio-technical practice is key to understanding this slow progress. To develop this argument, we explore how technocentric approaches to telehealth have contributed to critical blind spots. First, the 'hype' associated with the technological possibilities of telehealth discourages thoughtful consideration of the unanticipated consequences when technologies are rolled out into complex social fields. Second, it contributes to critical gaps in the telehealth evidence base, and particularly a paucity of analyses focussing on the experiences of service users and patients. A third blind spot concerns the limited attention paid to the social determinants of health and digital divides in rural areas. The final blind spot we consider is an apparent reluctance to engage community stakeholders in co-designing and coproducing telehealth services. We used an iterative approach to identify studies and commentary from a range of academic fields to explain the significance of the telehealth blind spots and how they might be addressed. Insights suggest how expanding understanding of the social dimensions of telehealth could enhance its accessibility, effectiveness and responsiveness to community needs and contexts.

The Pitfalls of Telehealth — and How to Avoid Them

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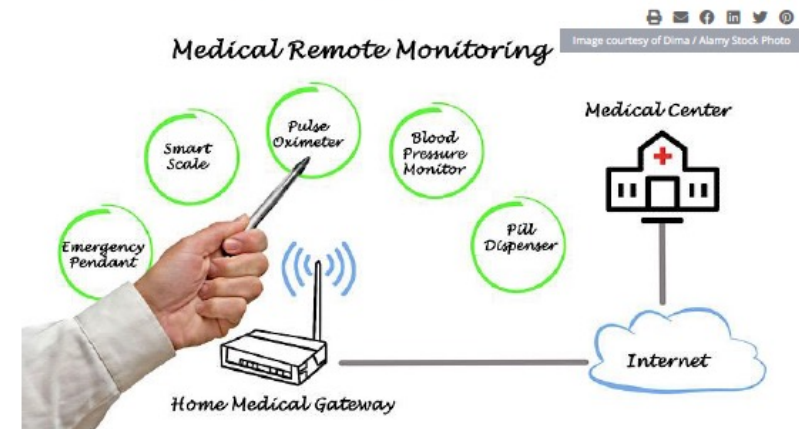
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Summary. Telehealth is a boon but as use has ramped up with the Covid-19 pandemic its downsides are becoming clearer. Unless providers are careful, it can exacerbate disparities in access and increase clinicians' workloads. Taking a lesson from the adoption of electronic health records, the authors recommend four ways to prevent telehealth's unintended consequences from undermining its benefits. [close](#)

The telehealth revolution has transformed how doctors and patients interact. At the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, between 50% and 80% of medical visits were conducted via telemedicine, up from just 1% before it. There are many benefits to this trend — increased convenience, the potential to reduce clinical overhead costs, and a new insight into patients' lives. During a telehealth visit with one of my colleagues, for example, a patient with diabetes picked up a can of sugary cola. In that moment, our colleague saw the barriers to this patient's diabetes control in a way she would never have during an office visit.

Hype or High Impact?

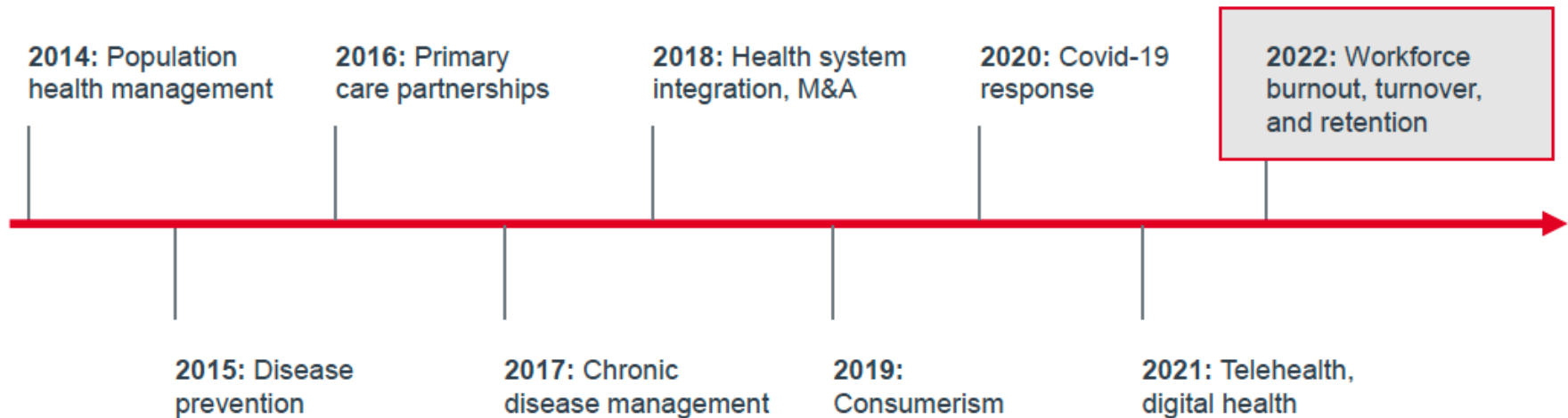
Is the Promise of Remote Patient Monitoring All Hype?



A report recently published in JAMA using Masimo's remote patient monitoring technology says otherwise.

Workforce the #1 executive priority for first time

Top CEO priority in Advisory Board's global health care surveys





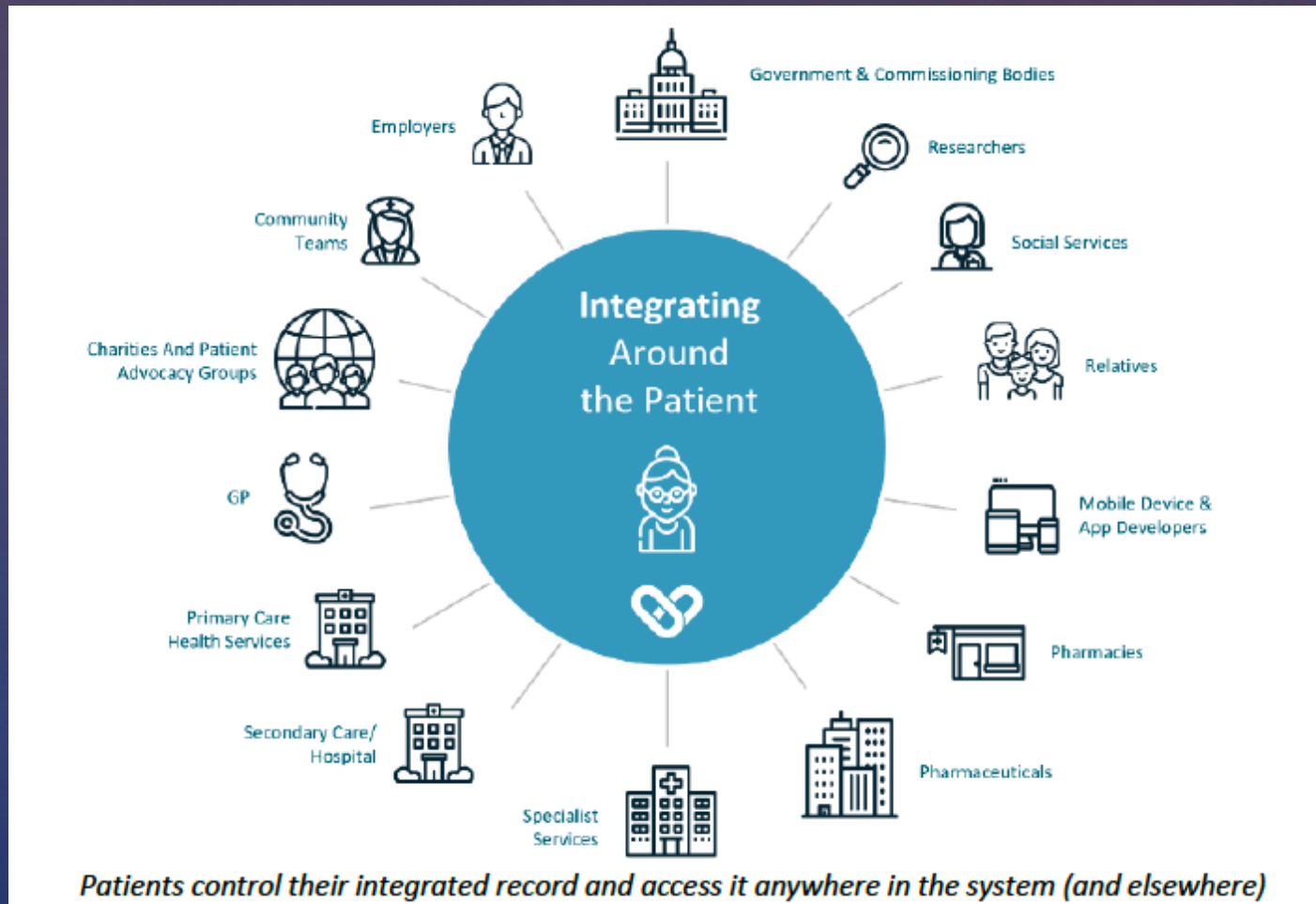
Question #1: What do we know about telehealth/telemedicine users?

- **Key Human Factors Principles:** Know the needs, capabilities, and environment of your users
- **Methods:** Focus groups, surveys, interviews, and personas, contextual inquiry

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Patient Centered Design

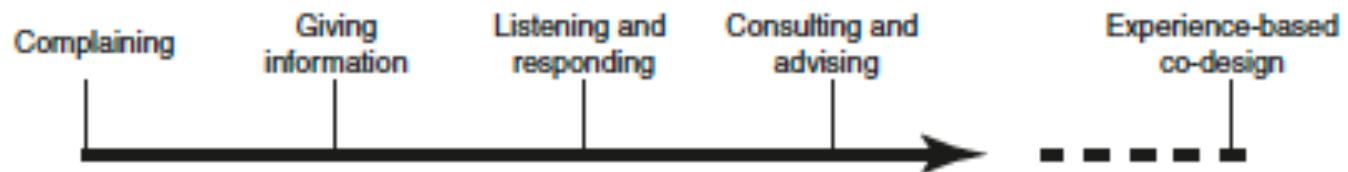


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Co-Production of Improved Outcomes

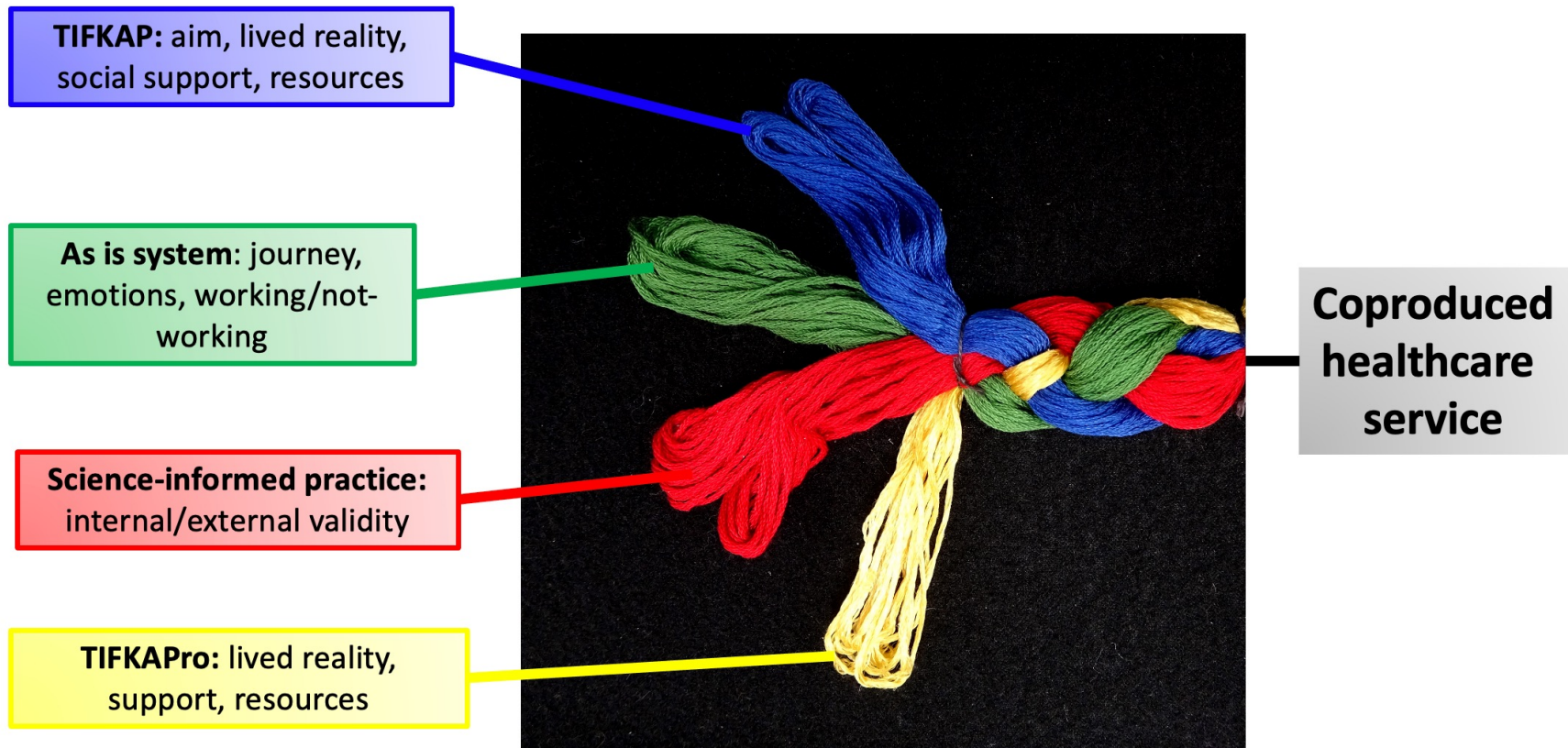
- In co-production, professional and patient activities, as well as available resources must be coordinated and controlled in an integrated manner.
- Such a change requires rethinking the organizational architecture of healthcare systems.
- It requires organizational architectures that can enable fluid organizing across various temporarily connected “actors” -- entities capable of acting intentionally, such as individuals, groups, or organizations.
- The operation of efficient network infrastructures, i.e., creating value by facilitating informational, logistical, and financial network relationships, is essential to actor-oriented organizing.

Fig. 39.3 The continuum of co-design roles of the patient. (Reprinted with permission from Bate and Robert [23])

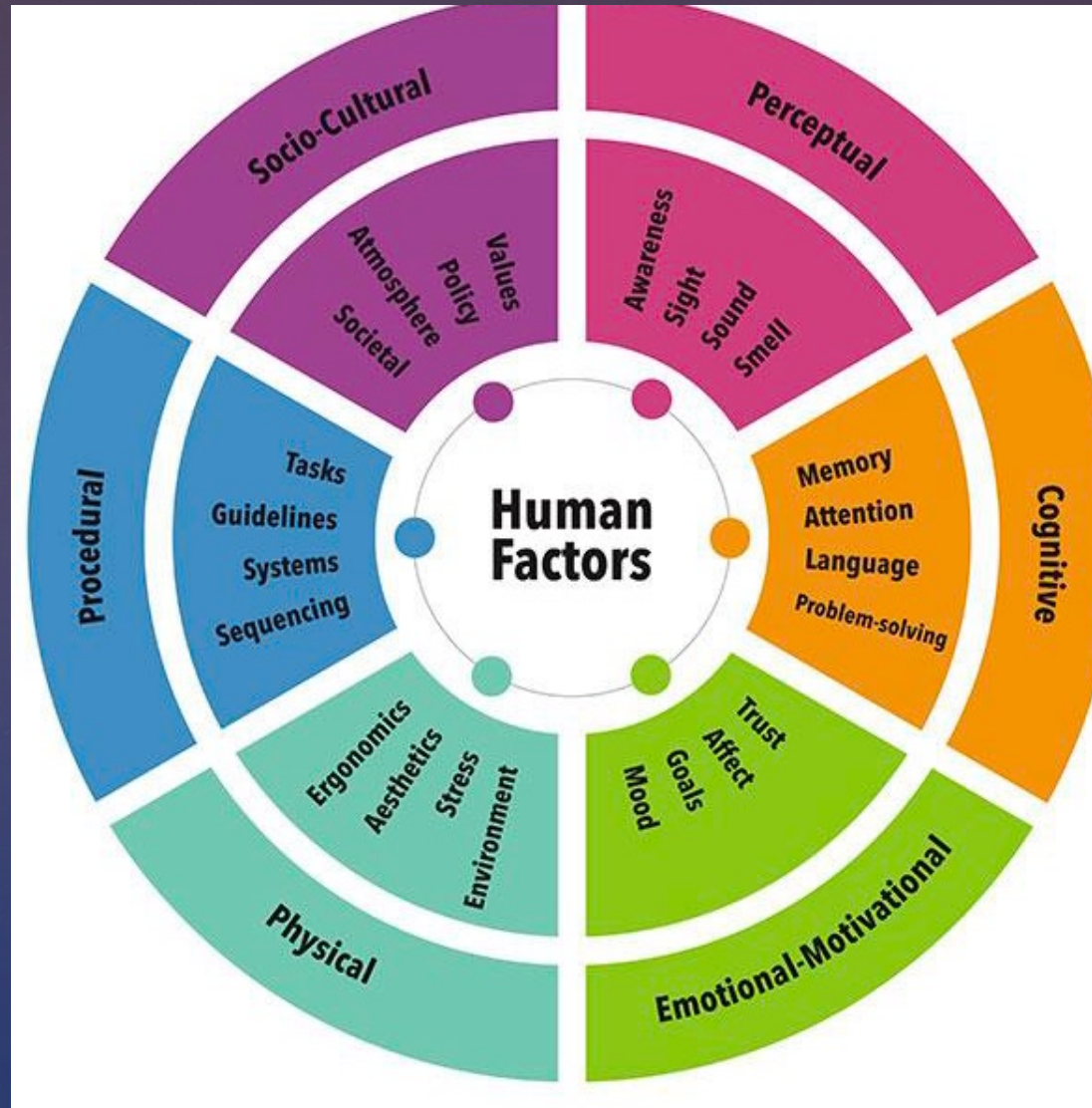


Digital Health Models to Support Design of the Quadruple Aim

Coproduction Model



Human Factors (Human Centered interface (HCI)) Considerations

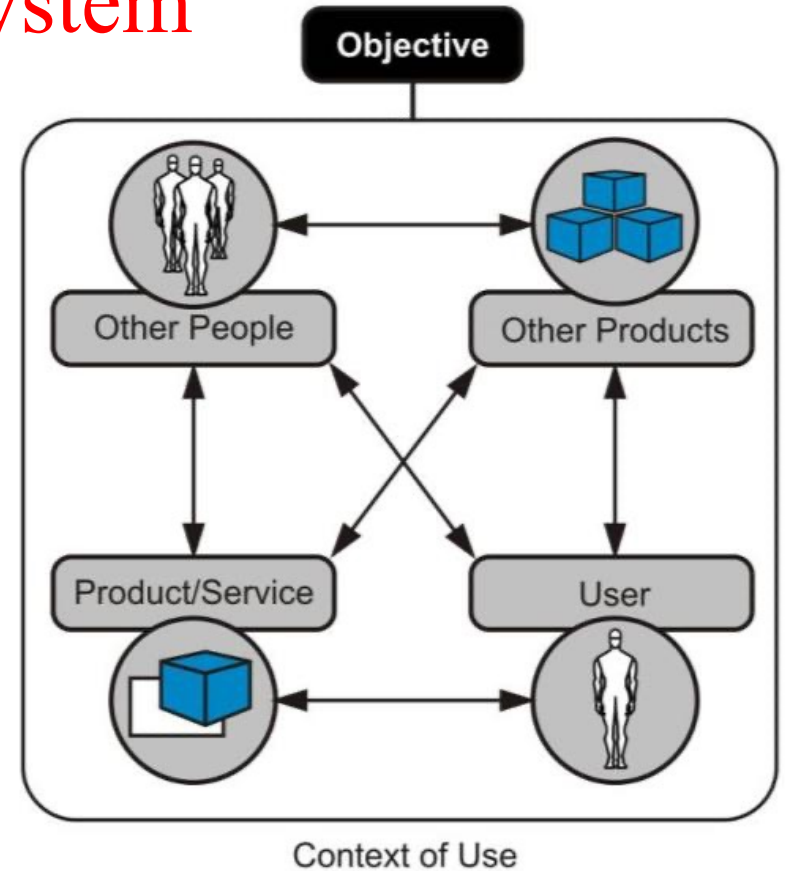


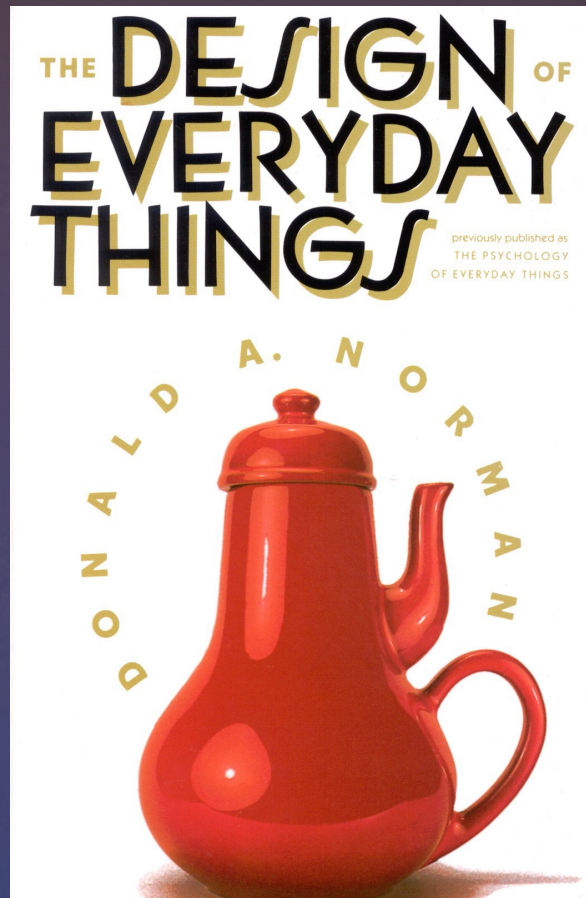
Discovery in Healthcare Ecosystem

Introduction

Apply qualitative methods for defining problems, characterizing user and patient needs, mapping workflows, storyboarding User Experience (UX) journeys and discovering actionable insights.

Evaluative methodologies include:





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Original Paper

Assessing the Impact of Patient-Facing Mobile Health Technology on Patient Outcomes: Retrospective Observational Cohort Study

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Abstract

Background: Despite the growth of and media hype about mobile health (mHealth), there is a paucity of literature supporting the effectiveness of widespread implementation of mHealth technologies.

Objective: This study aimed to assess whether an innovative mHealth technology system with several overlapping purposes can impact (1) clinical outcomes (ie, readmission rates, revisit rates, and length of stay) and (2) patient-centered care outcomes (ie, patient engagement, patient experience, and patient satisfaction).

Methods: We compared all patients (2059 patients) of participating orthopedic surgeons using mHealth technology with all patients of nonparticipating orthopedic surgeons (2554 patients). The analyses included Wilcoxon rank-sum tests, Kruskal-Wallis tests for continuous variables, and chi-square tests for categorical variables. Logistic regression models were performed on categorical outcomes and a gamma-distributed model for continuous variables. All models were adjusted for patient demographics and comorbidities.

Results: The inpatient readmission rates for the nonparticipating group when compared with the participating group were higher and demonstrated higher odds ratios (ORs) for 30-day inpatient readmissions (nonparticipating group 106/2636, 4.02% and

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Impact of Patient AND Staff-centered Designed Mobile Health App



Design and Integration of Mobile Health Technology in the Treatment of Orthopaedic Surgery: A Qualitative Study

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Abstract

Background: The use of mobile health (mHealth) technologies has dramatically increased in the past year. A critical component in the discussion about telehealth and mHealth technologies is the importance of integrating the voices of patients, caregivers, and their clinicians.

Keywords: mHealth technology, mHealth interventions, patient-facing technologies, patient-centered care, patient experience, patient engagement, patient activation, effectiveness, quality improvement, patient safety

Methods: This study was performed in a tertiary center in Houston consisting of 7 hospitals (1 academic and 6 community hospitals). The clinically integrated mHealth technology consisted of a mHealth education and monitoring platform that used patient-centered emails and text messages over a 50-day period from prior to orthopaedic total joint replacement surgery to posthospital discharge to provide education and health monitoring at home. Study participants included patients who were scheduled for total joint replacement surgery between July 2018 and November 2019, and their caregivers. The study involved two components: (1) focus group study (n = 15); split into two groups of participants who had not used the mHealth technology (o-testing during the design phase, prior to implementation); and (2) a content analysis of 377 free-text comments from patients who used the mHealth

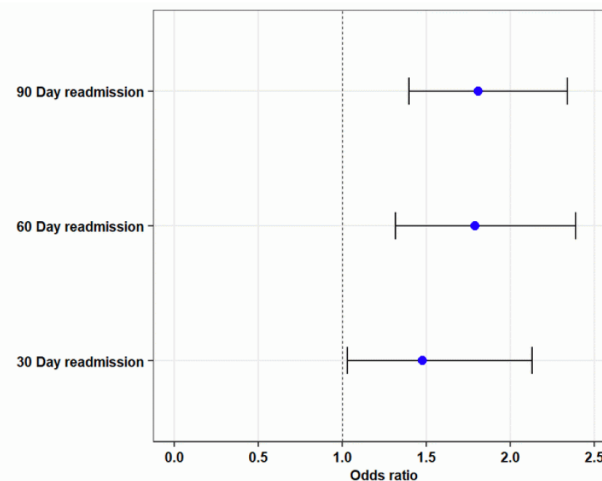
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Figure 1. Odds ratio for participating versus nonparticipating patients. The bars represent 95% CIs and the dots represent the odds ratio.



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The Patient Telehealth Checklist

This checklist will help you to have a better meeting with your healthcare provider. Following it will help you clearly hear and more easily benefit from the call. Your computer or phone set-up, the room where your call will take place, and how to get assistance are all important. Tell your healthcare provider immediately if you cannot clearly hear or understand what is being said. You may ask a relative, trusted friend, or someone in healthcare for help with the call.

Action	Application
Ask for written instructions for making the call.	<input type="checkbox"/> Know how to connect to the call. <input type="checkbox"/> Learn how to fix problems.
Ask for a practice call.	<input type="checkbox"/> Make sure the call will work ahead of your scheduled appointment.
Choose a quiet place.	<input type="checkbox"/> Use a room where others are not talking and noise is minimal. <input type="checkbox"/> Choose a room with soft materials such as carpet, fabric furniture, and curtains. <input type="checkbox"/> Use a place out of the wind if outside.
Reduce background noise.	<input type="checkbox"/> Turn off noisy items such as televisions and fans. <input type="checkbox"/> Mute your microphone when not speaking. <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off or mute your cell phone if talking on a computer. <input type="checkbox"/> Use the settings on your computer or phone to reduce background noise, if possible.
Ensure a good appearance on screen.	<input type="checkbox"/> Light your face with a lamp or window in front of you. <input type="checkbox"/> Close curtains/blinds and turn off lamps behind you. <input type="checkbox"/> Check that the camera is on. <input type="checkbox"/> Position the camera at eye level. Look straight at it when speaking. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask the healthcare provider if they can see you well.
Ensure good call audio.	<input type="checkbox"/> Speak within 3 feet of the microphone. People in a group should take turns being close to the microphone. <input type="checkbox"/> Use a headset, earbuds, or handset if you are the only person on the call and own them.
Consider speech privacy.	<input type="checkbox"/> Close the door. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider whether others not on the call can hear and understand you.
Ensure ability to hear and understand.	<input type="checkbox"/> Tell your healthcare provider if you cannot hear or understand them. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask someone to help with the call, if necessary.
Consider using hearing assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider the following tools for hearing assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hearing aid pairing with computer or telephone • phone assist pairing with computer or telephone • Bluetooth • Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS)
Get a record of the call.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider using software (apps) for recording the call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voice-to-text app • captioning • translators • make an audio recording of the call <input type="checkbox"/> Ask your healthcare provider for a call transcript or summary notes.
Provide feedback.	<input type="checkbox"/> Tell the healthcare provider how well the call went for you. <input type="checkbox"/> Tell the healthcare provider about ideas for improvement. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask the person assisting you to provide feedback to the healthcare provider.

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The Provider Telehealth Checklist

This checklist helps healthcare providers facilitate an effective telehealth clinical call with patients. It advises on how to be clearly heard and easily understood through optimizing the call environment, selecting appropriate telecommunications equipment, and implementing a continuous improvement process.

Action	Application
Issue written instructions for making the call.	<input type="checkbox"/> Describe how to connect to the call. <input type="checkbox"/> Describe how to fix common problems.
Hold a test call.	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist the patient in setting up equipment, adjusting room conditions, and understanding conversation about medical matters.
Choose a quiet place.	<input type="checkbox"/> Use a room where others are not talking and noise is minimal. <input type="checkbox"/> Choose a room with sound absorbing materials such as an acoustical tile ceiling or acoustical wall panels. <input type="checkbox"/> Use a sheltered place out of the wind if outside.
Reduce background noise.	<input type="checkbox"/> Turn off noisy items such as televisions and fans. <input type="checkbox"/> Mute your microphone when not speaking. <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off or mute your cell phone if talking on a computer. <input type="checkbox"/> Use the settings on your computer or phone to reduce background noise, if possible.
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Ensure speech privacy.	<input type="checkbox"/> Close the door. <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure people not associated with the call cannot understand the conversation. Comply with HIPAA speech privacy.
Ensure ability to hear and understand.	<input type="checkbox"/> Use see-through masks or clear face shields, if needed, or if not hazardous to others, remove mask so that patient can see your mouth. <input type="checkbox"/> Periodically check that the patient can hear and understand you. <input type="checkbox"/> Inquire whether someone can assist the patient, if beneficial to the patient.
Suggest audible assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider the following tools for audible assistance should the patient require it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hearing aid integration with computer or phone • phone assist integration with computer or phone • Bluetooth • Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS)
Provide transcripts, summary notes, or an audio recording.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider using software (apps) for transcribing or recording the call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voice-to-text app • captioning • translator • make an audio recording of the call <input type="checkbox"/> Offer the patient a call transcript or summary notes.
Administer a post-call evaluation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ask the patient how well the call went for them. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask the patient what you can do to improve the call.

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Question #2: What do you need to know about the digital health/telemedicine system?

- ⌘ **Key HF Principle:** Make choices based on data, not on sales pitches
- ⌘ **Methods:** Benchmark testing, user testing, heuristic analysis, Failure Modes and Effects Analysis (FMEA), and observations in other healthcare settings

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Prevalence and Sources of Duplicate Information in the Electronic Medical Record

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Abstract

IMPORTANCE Duplicated text is a well-documented hazard in electronic medical records (EMRs), leading to wasted clinician time, medical error, and burnout. This study hypothesizes that text duplication is prevalent and increases with time and EMR size and that duplicate information is shared across authors.

OBJECTIVE To examine the prevalence and scope of duplication behavior in clinical notes from a large academic health system and the factors associated with duplication.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS This retrospective, cross-sectional analysis of note length and content duplication rates used a set of 10 adjacent word tokens (ie, a 10-gram) sliding-window approach to identify spans of text duplicated exactly from earlier notes in a patient's record for all inpatient and outpatient notes written within the University of Pennsylvania Health System from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2020. Text duplicated from a different author vs text duplicated from the same author was quantified. Furthermore, novel text and duplicated text per author for various note types and author types, as well as per patient record by number of notes in the record, were quantified. Information scatter, another documentation hazard, was defined as the inverse of novel text per note, and the association between information duplication and information scatter was graphed. Data analysis was performed from January to March 2022.

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES Total, novel, and duplicate text by note type and note author were determined, as were the mean intra-author and inter-author duplication per note by type and author.

RESULTS There were a total of 104 456 653 notes for 1 960 689 unique patients consisting of 32 991 489 889 words; 50.1% of the total text in the record (16 523 851 210 words) was duplicated from prior text written about the same patient. The duplication fraction increased year-over-year, from 33.0% for notes written in 2015 to 54.2% for notes written in 2020. Of the text duplicated, 54.1% came from text written by the same author, whereas 45.9% was duplicated from a different author. Records with more notes had more total duplicate text, approaching 60%. Note types with high information scatter tended to have low information overload, and vice versa, suggesting a trade-off between these 2 hazards under the current documentation paradigm.

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Key Points

Question How much duplicate content is present in electronic medical records, where does it come from, and why is it there?

Findings In this cross-sectional analysis of 104 456 653 routinely generated clinical notes, 16 523 851 210 words (50.1% of the total count of 32 991 489 889 words) were duplicated from prior documentation. Duplicate content was prevalent in notes written by physicians at all levels of training, nurses, and therapists and was evenly divided between intra-author and inter-author duplication.

Meaning The prevalence of information duplication in electronic medical records suggests that it is an adaptive behavior requiring further investigation so that improved documentation systems can be developed.

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ABSTRACT
 Objective: To review available evidence for impact of electronic health records (EHRs) on predefined patient safety outcomes in interventional studies to identify gaps in current knowledge and design interventions for future research.
 Design: Scoping review to map existing evidence and identify gaps for future research.
 Data sources: PubMed, the Cochrane Library, EMBASE, Trial registers.
 Study selection: Eligibility criteria: We conducted a recursive review of bibliographic databases and the grey literature of randomised and non-randomised trials describing interventions targeting a list of fourteen predefined areas of safety. The search was limited to manuscripts published between January 2000 and December 2018 of studies in adult inpatient settings and complemented by a targeted search for studies using a sample of EHR vendors. Studies were categorised according to methodology, intervention characteristics and safety outcome.
 Results from identified studies were grouped around common themes of safety measures.
 Results: The search yielded 583 articles of which 24 articles were included. The identified studies were largely from US academic medical centres, heterogeneous in study conduct, definitions, treatment protocols and study outcome reporting. Of the 24 included studies, effective safety themes included medication reconciliation, decision support for prescribing medications, communication between teams, infection prevention and measures of EHR-specific harm. Heterogeneity of the interventions and study characteristics precluded a systematic meta-analysis. Most studies reported process measures and not patient-level safety outcomes. We found no or limited evidence in 13 of 14 predefined safety areas, with good evidence limited to medication safety.
 Conclusions: Published evidence for EHR impact on safety outcomes from interventional studies is limited and does not permit firm conclusions regarding the full safety impact of EHRs or support recommendations about ideal design features. The review highlights the need for greater transparency in quality assurance of existing EHRs and further research into suitable metrics and study designs.

Strengths and limitations of this study

- Scoping review to identify the gaps in research on assessing the impact of electronic health records on patient safety.
- Only interventional clinical studies were included.
- Limitation of search to terms from a previously validated administrative search strategy.
- Exclusion of observational and feasibility studies.

INTRODUCTION
 Caring for patients with complex conditions safely and competently mandates having access

to the right information at the right time.¹ Ineffective sharing of information between providers and patients seriously impacts the quality and safety of patient care and is a leading cause of adverse events in hospitals.² Harm from medical care is common, has a significant associated morbidity and mortality and affects the mental health of staff as well as the financial performance of institutions.³ A small number of categories of patient harm account for the bulk of adverse events.⁴ Most interventions aimed at reducing harm have included introducing a digital health record while restructuring the patient documentation and communication.⁵

It is widely accepted wisdom that the introduction of comprehensive systems for documentation and communication such as electronic health records (EHRs) should improve the safer delivery of care. Mortality improves after implementation of EHRs in smaller non-teaching hospitals.⁶ The number of reported adverse events changes after implementation of EHRs with 'meaningful usage' functionality⁷ but it is unclear whether changes are due to improved practice or changed event reporting. There are technical standards for EHR implementation and metrics for meaningful usage have focused on technical and efficiency aspects but not safety outcomes.⁸ There is hence the need to review the existing evidence for this specific aspect of care at a time of increasing spread of EHRs.

No regulations or requirements mandating that EMRs be designed using formal human factors principles

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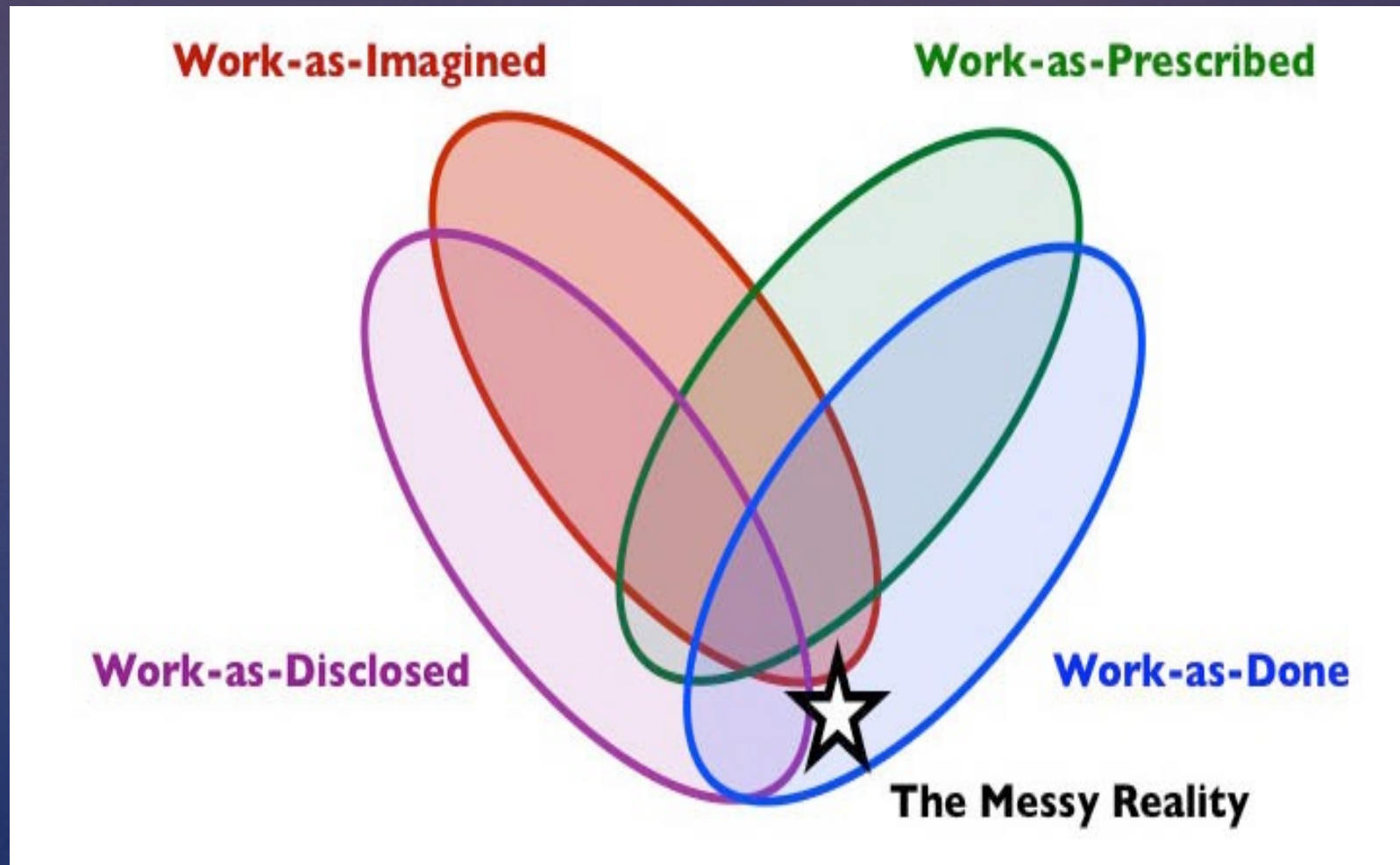
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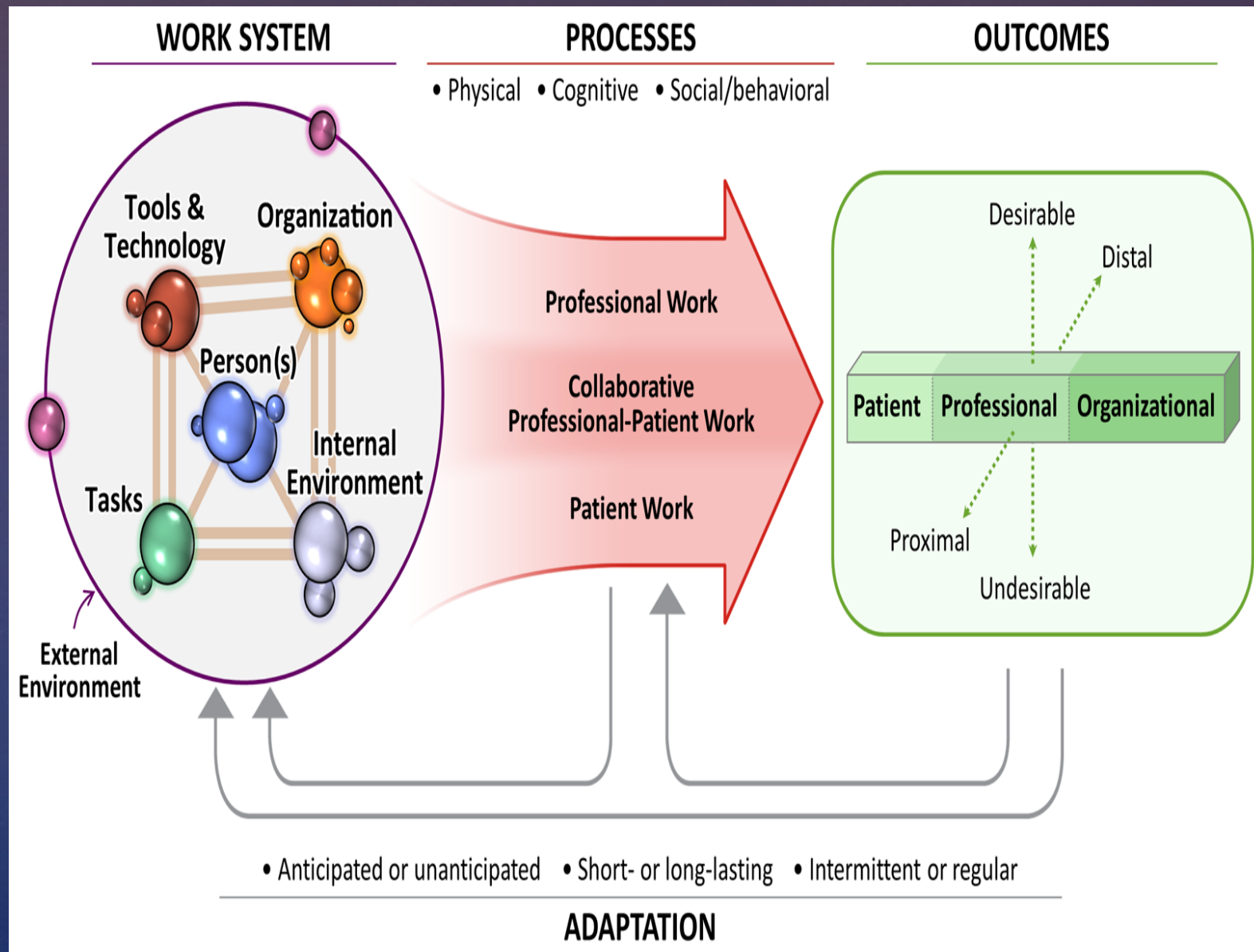
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Workflow Redesign: Work as Done vs Work as Imagined



Impact of Tele-Health on Human Factors



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Interactive Instruments & Stimuli

- Projective Mapping
- Enables users to visually describe their definitive moments, typical experiences, needs and aspirations in the context of their day-to-day experiences.



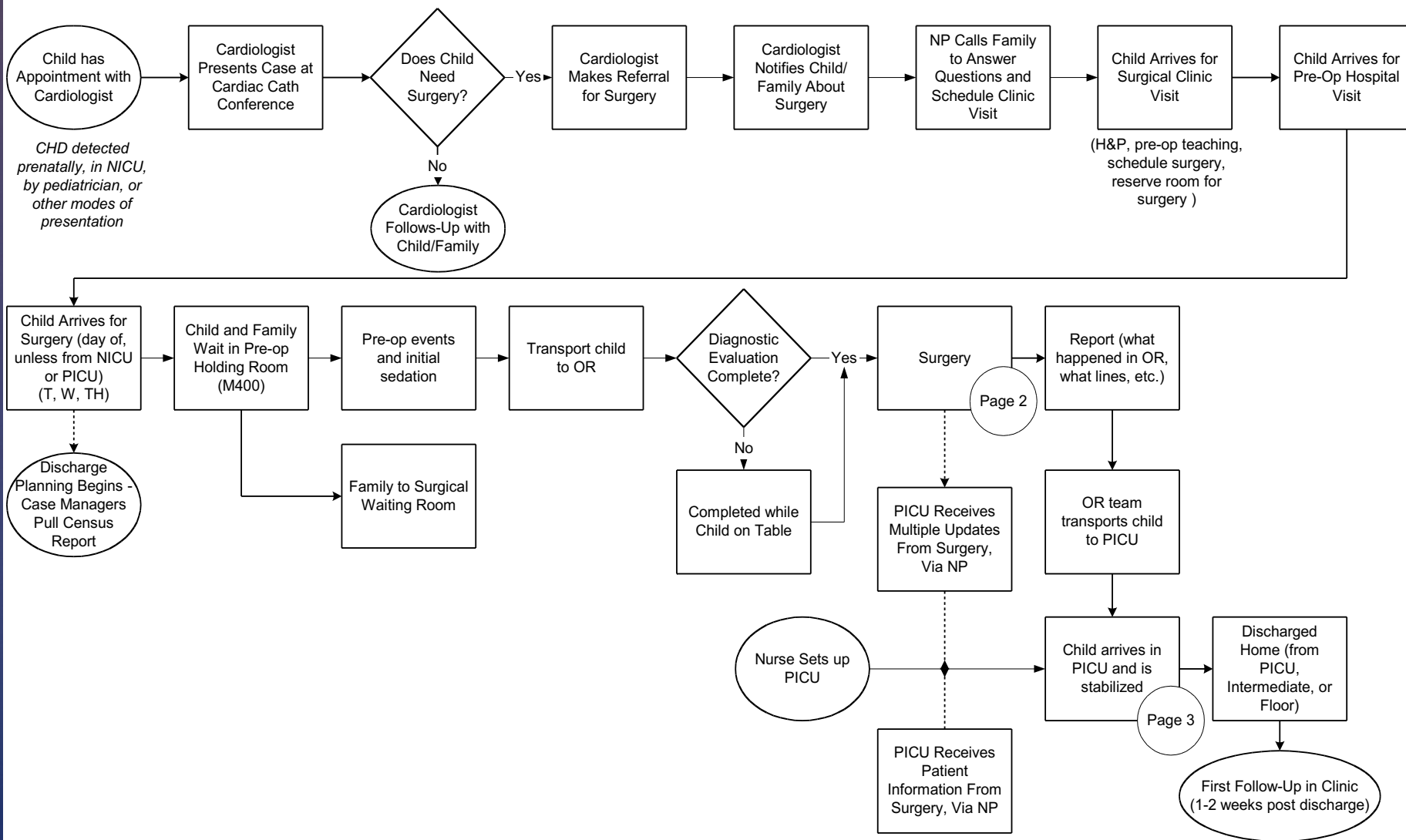
Process Mapping and Analysis

- Create process maps from observations, interviews, and focus group data to depict the hospital-specific and community specific processes and affordances.
- Process mapping describes what an individual is required to do to achieve the goal, in terms of cognitive processes, actions, or both.
- Improving outcomes requires understanding the underlying processes and the maps identify potential areas that require additional implementation efforts.

Process Mapping-Patient Journey Mapping

Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgical Care

Our aim is to improve the process of cardiovascular surgical care, starting with the child's referral for surgery and ending with the child's first post-discharge follow-up visit.



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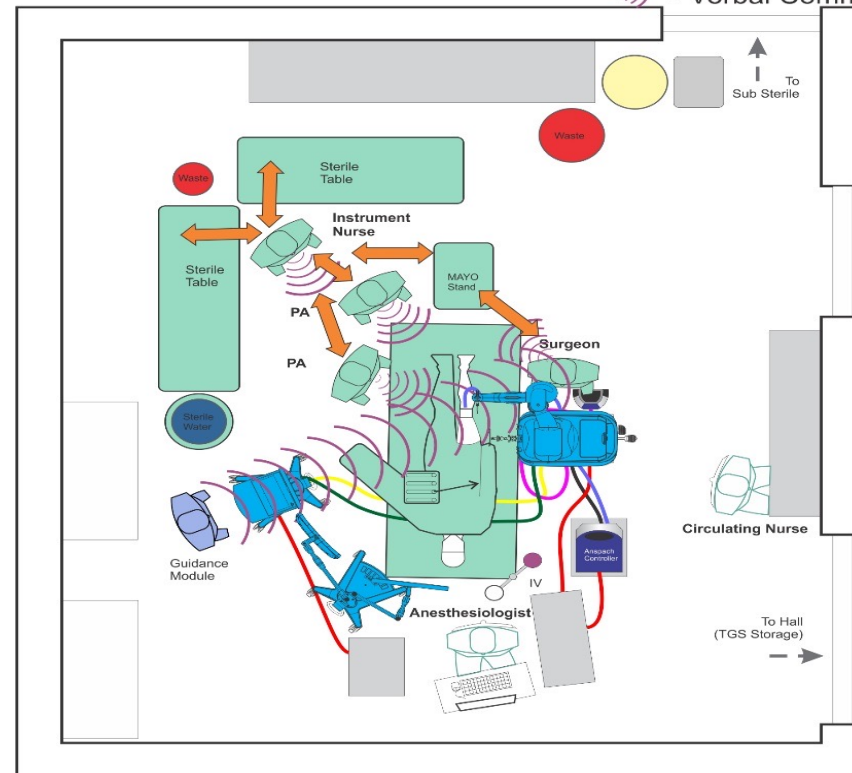
Patient Mapping

- Process Mapping/SIPOC
- Time/Motion Studies
- Team Dynamics
- Site Layouts

Typical Work Flow - NCBH

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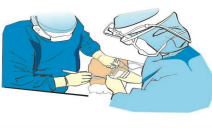






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Common Mapping Metrics

- Steps from user's perspective
- Tasks within each step
- Technique variables
- Task time
- Step time
- Stage time
- Emotional association with task
- Device used in each step
- People involved during each step
- Challenges for each step
- Mitigations for each step
- Implications for each step

Procedure	16 Groin Incision	17 Femoral Cannulation	18 Chest Incision
Step			
Time	00:21:38 (R) 00:15:35 (M)	00:09:33 (R) 00:12:33 (M)	00:15:40 (R) 00:15:49 (M)
Emotion			
Users	Primary 	Primary 	Primary 
Tasks	Palpate to locate vessel Incise tissue - expose target vessels Suspend vessels Use red rubber tube to protect tissue from retraction sutures	Seldinger technique Start venous side move to arterial line Wet to wet connection - keep air out of line Secure with suture	Dissect soft tissue Disarticulate ribs (R) Relief cuts on ribs (R) Resect ribs (M)
Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scalpel • Bovie • Retractor, Wheatlander • Retractor, Z type • Forceps, Kelly • Hemostats • Forceps, straight • Scissors • Needle holder • Sponge • Yankauer • Suture (sheathed w/tubing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access needle • Introducer/dilator • Guidewires • Y connector • Venous cannulae • Arterial cannulae • Suture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scalpel • Bovie • Sponge • Foley retractors • Bone cutter, double action (R) • Bone Saw (M) • Retractor • Wheatlander retractor • Yankauer
Challenges	Deep access due to fat Age related decline in material properties of vasculature	Vascular spasm Age related decline in material properties of vasculature Loss of blood during exchanges	Field of View (FOV) - minimize incision size and number/size of instruments in the wound
Mitigations	Technique intensive dissection	Technique intensive introduction of devices into the vasculature Adaptation of additional dilators for more gradual transitions	Use smaller, low profile instruments than those used in full sternotomy Place vents and retracting sutures through peripheral punctures/ports
Implications	Limits access for cannulation	Develop introducer devices and wires that optimize transitions Moving to the other leg or chest for access site Air in line	Reduced FOV compromises access during steps: (19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35) Additional OR time in subsequent steps

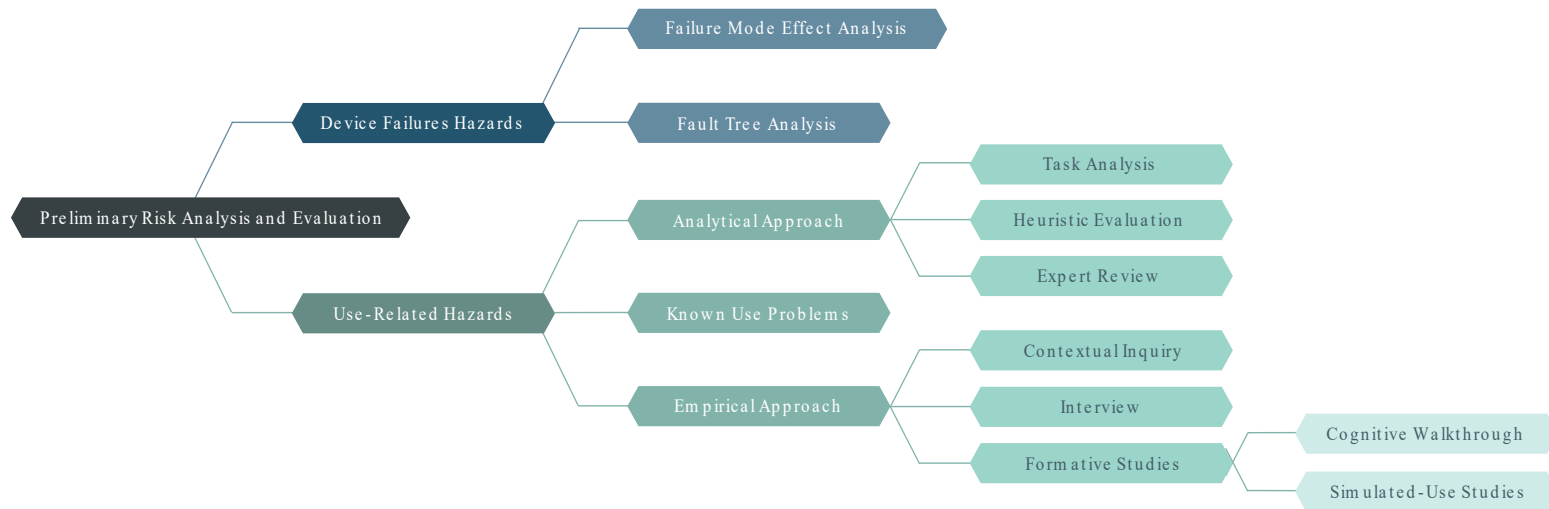
Question #3: How can we integrate what we know about users and digital health/telemedicine technology when implementing new digital telehealth/telemedicine programs?

- Which telemedicine technology is right for your patients?
- How should we introduce telemedicine system to your users?
- What level of support should we give to patients and other users, such as training and education resources?
- **Key HF principles:** Fit the tech to the person, not the person to the tech
- **Methods:** Pilot testing, task analysis, and reporting mechanisms

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Use-related Risk Assessment



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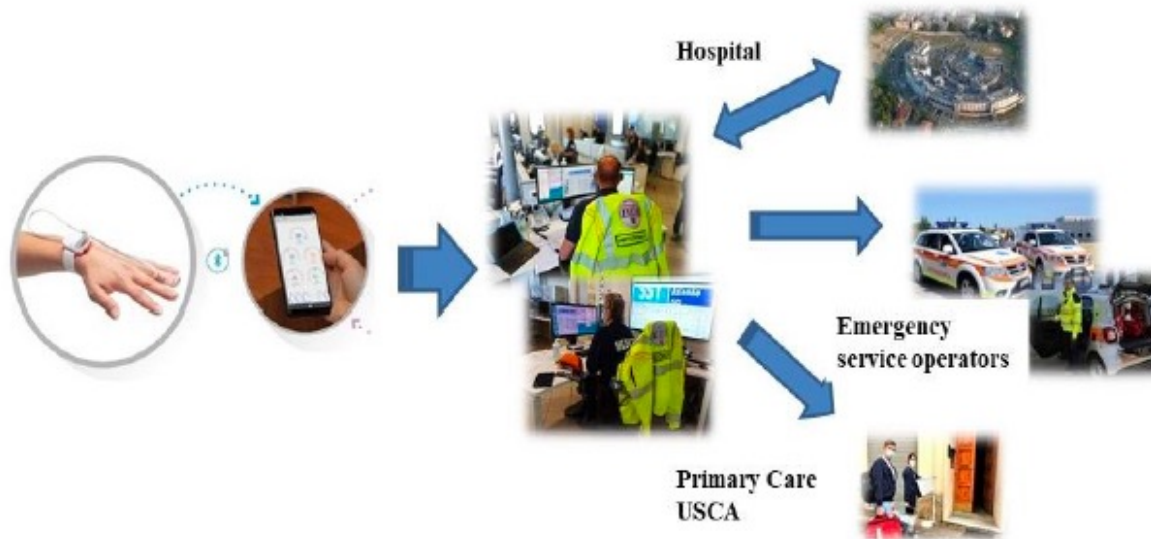


Figure 1 overview of the study and monitoring process

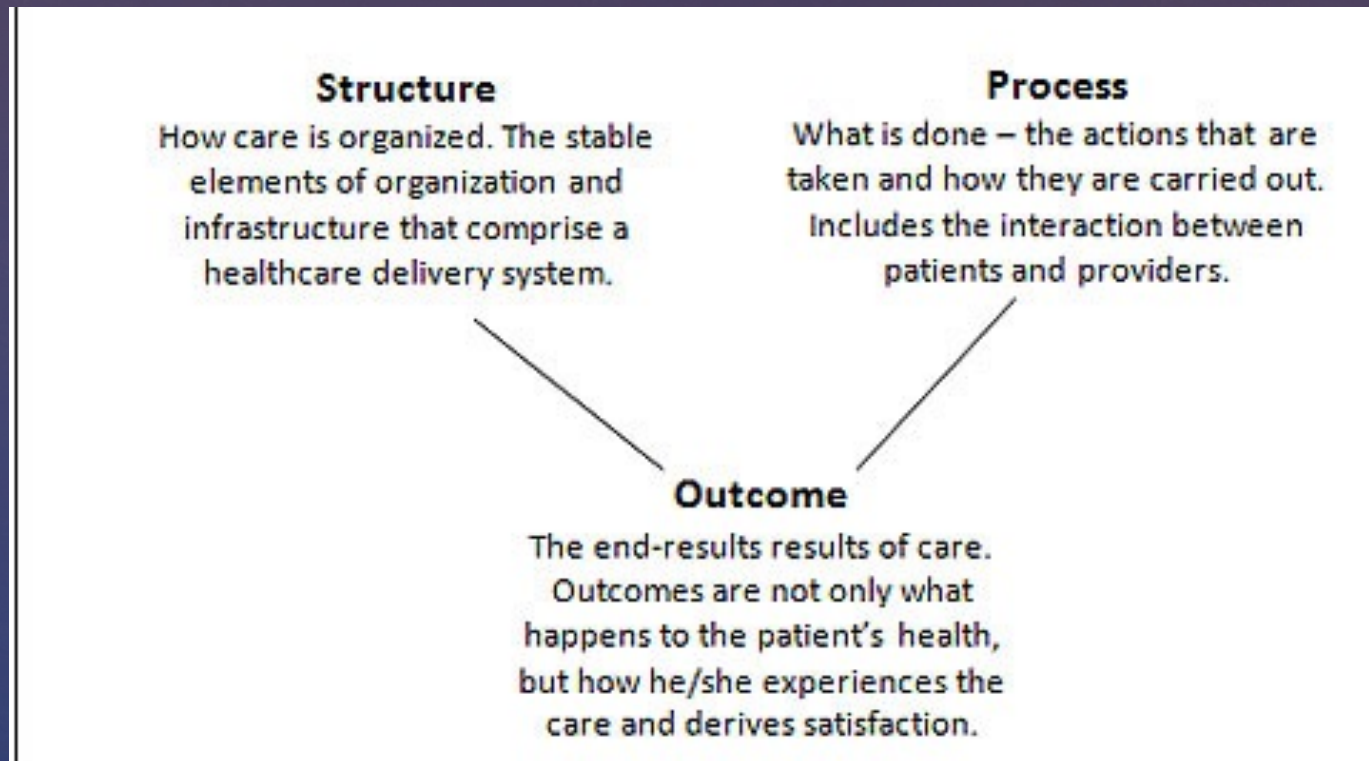
Question #4: What else to consider about monitoring and sustaining existing or newly implemented tele health/telemedicine programs?

- What aspects of telemedicine should we be monitoring? What is being implemented well?
- What happens when things go wrong?
- How can we support staff and patients 6 to 12 months down the road?
- **Key HF principles:** Understanding work-as-imagined often differs from work-as-done
- **Methods:** Pre- and post-testing, contextual inquiry, and safety and hazard reporting

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What to Improve – Donabedian Model



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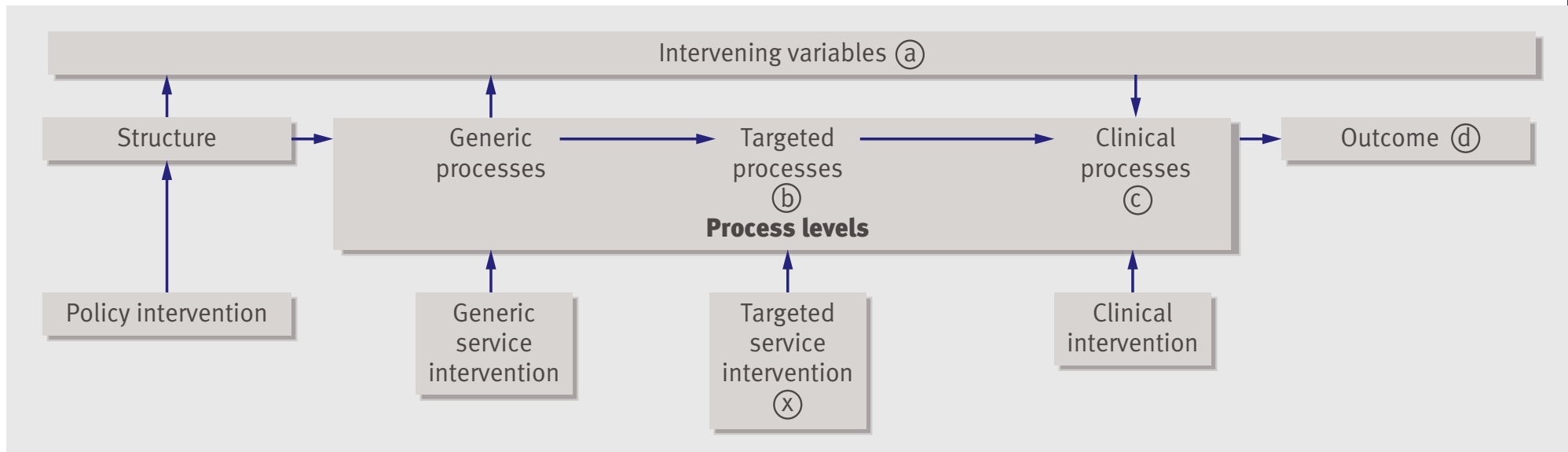


Fig 1 | Modified Donabedian causal chain. Interventions at structural (policy) and generic service level can achieve effects through intervening variables (such as motivation and staff-patient contact time) further down the chain. For example, an intervention at (x) produces effects (good or bad) downstream at (a), (b), (c), and (d)

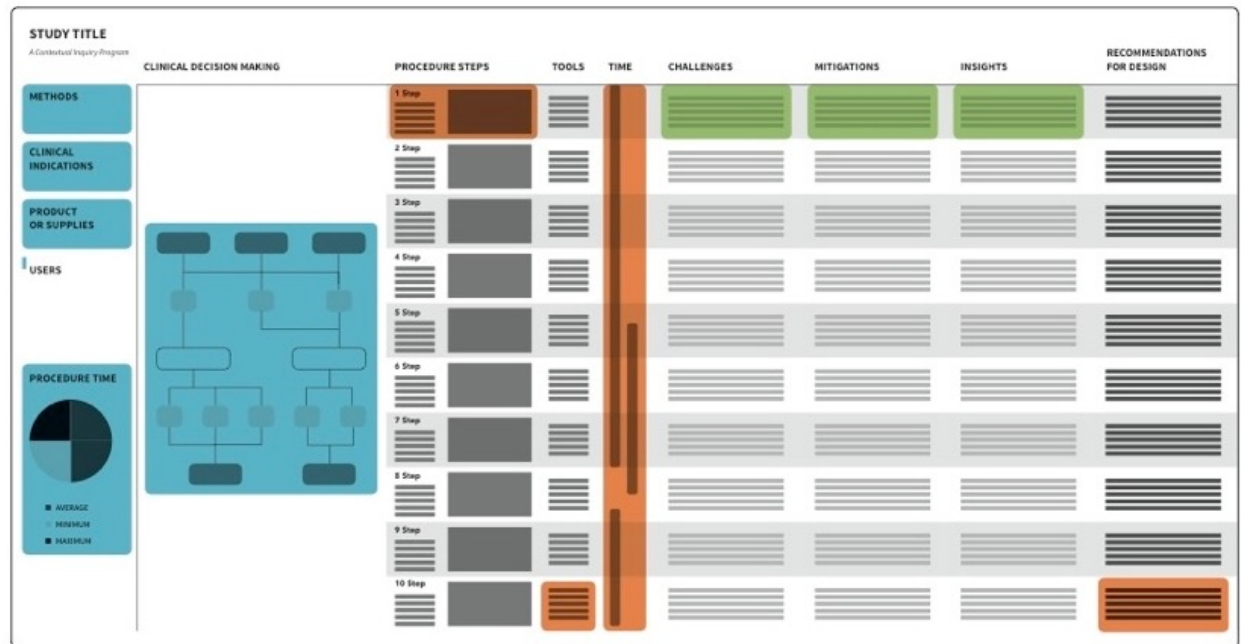
Telemedicine Devices Discovery Process

Strategic Charter

- Inform Recommended Practices
- Visualize Concept/Strategies
- Innovation Plans/ Road Maps
- Product Life Cycles/ Longitudinal Studies

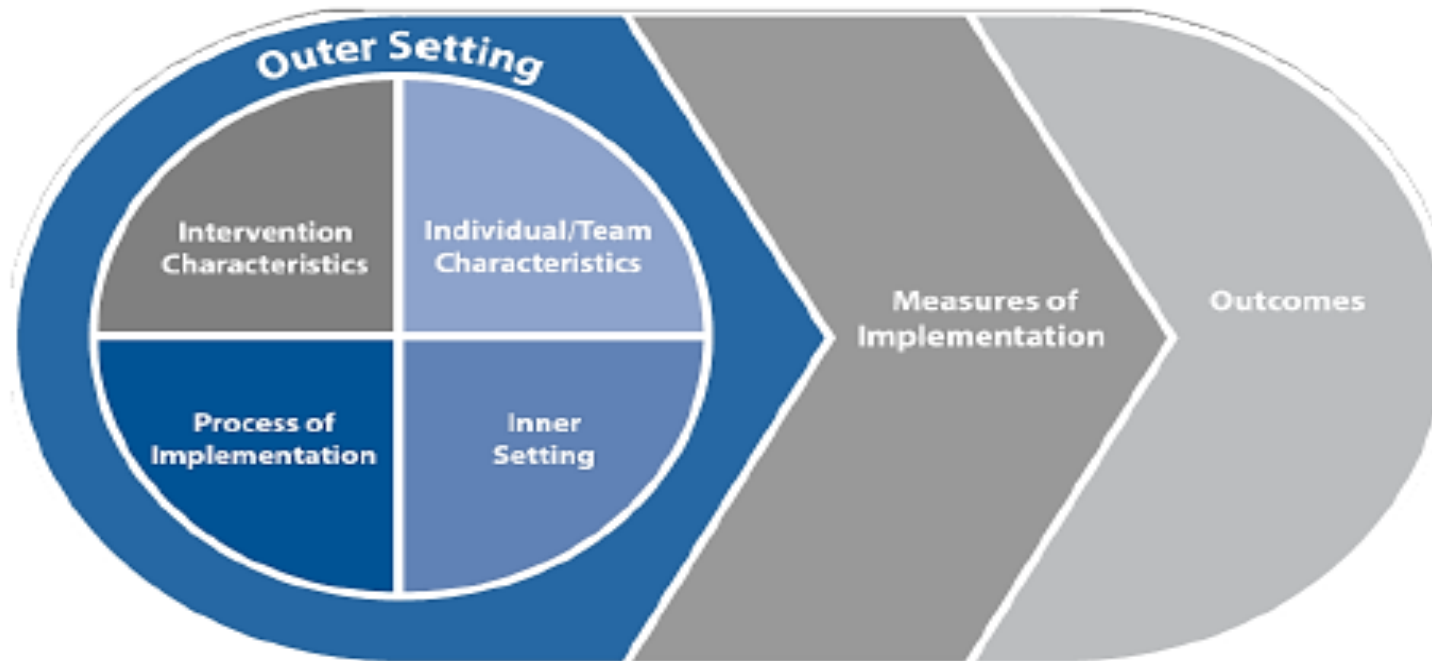
Project Deliverables

- Market Requirements
- User Interface Requirements
- User Needs
- Workflow Analysis/Time-motion
- Design Proposals/Briefs
- Persona Profiles
- Procedure/Journey/UX Maps
- Continuum of Care Studies
- Use-related Hazards Analysis
- Design Proposals/Briefs



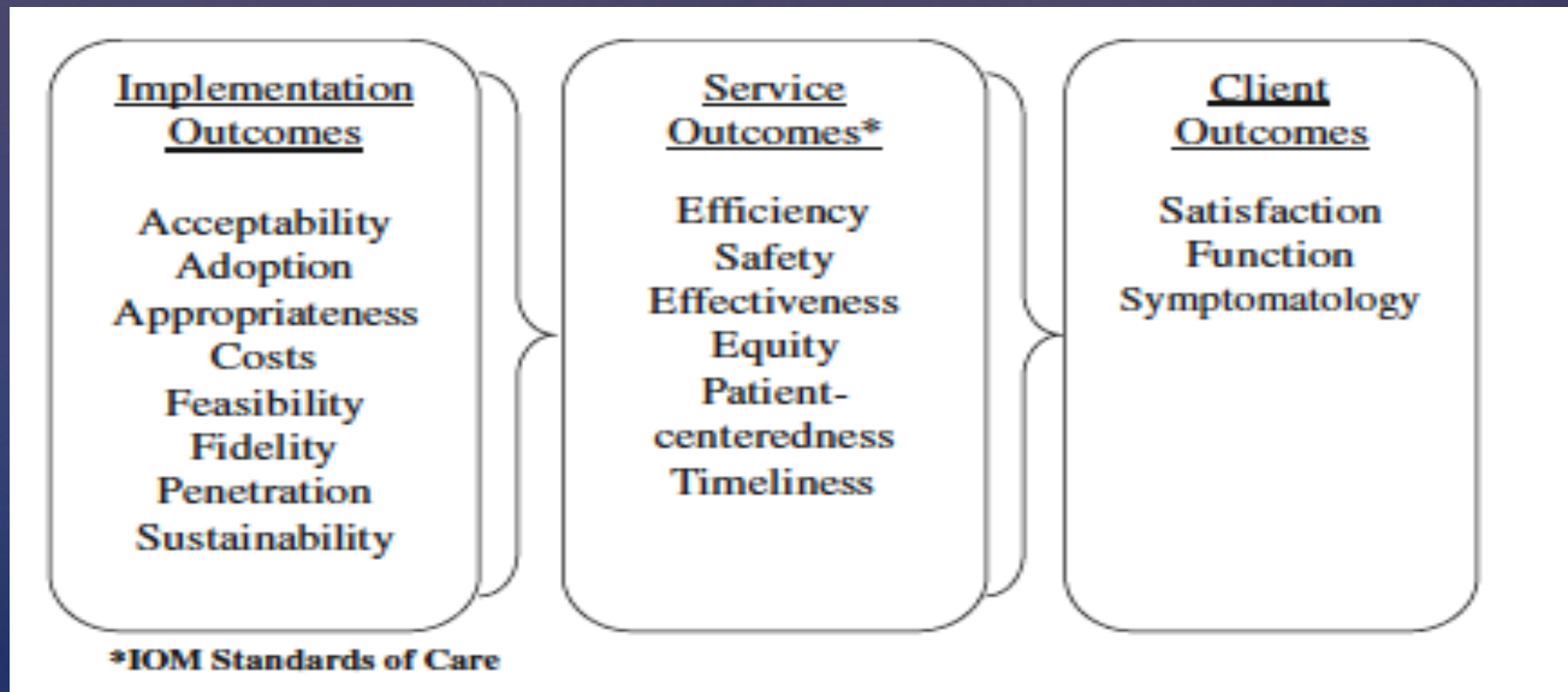
Framework for Implementation

Figure 1. Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research, modified for studying Process Redesign (CFIR-PR)⁸



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Transitioning from learning healthcare systems to learning health communities: Building decision-making competencies during COVID-19

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Abstract

Introduction: The persisting and evolving COVID-19 pandemic has made apparent that no singular policy of mitigation at a regional, national or global level has achieved satisfactory and universally acceptable results. In the United States, carefully planned and executed pandemic policies have been neither effective nor popular and COVID-19 risk management decisions have been relegated to individual citizens and communities. In this paper, we argue that a more effective approach is to equip and strengthen community coalitions to become *local learning health communities* (LLHCs) that use data over time to make adaptive decisions that can optimize the equity and well-being in their communities.

Methods: We used data from the North Carolina (NC) county and zip code levels from May to August 2020 to demonstrate how a LLHC could use statistical process control (SPC) charts and simple statistical analysis to make local decisions about how to respond to COVID-19.

Results: We found many patterns of COVID-19 progression at the local (county and zip code) levels during the same time period within the state that were completely different from the aggregate NC state level data used for policy making.

Conclusions: Systematic approaches to learning from local data to support effective decisions have promise well beyond the current pandemic. These tools can help address other complex public health issues, and advance outcomes and equity. Building this capacity requires investment in data infrastructure and the strengthening of data competencies in community coalitions to better interpret data with limited need for advanced statistical expertise. Additional incentives that build trust, support data transparency, encourage truth-telling and promote meaningful teamwork are also critical. These must be carefully designed, contextually appropriate and multifaceted to motivate citizens to create and sustain an effective learning system that works for their communities.

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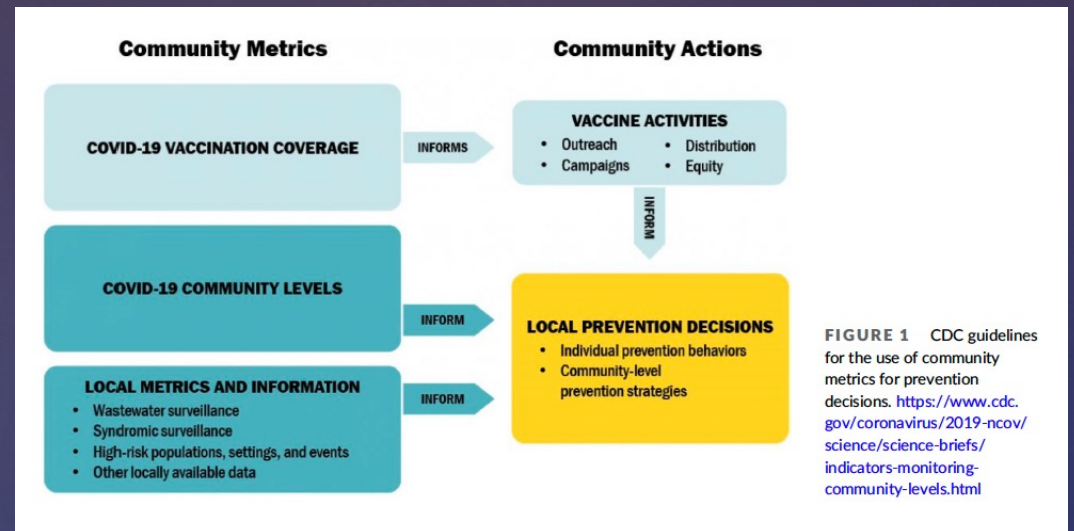
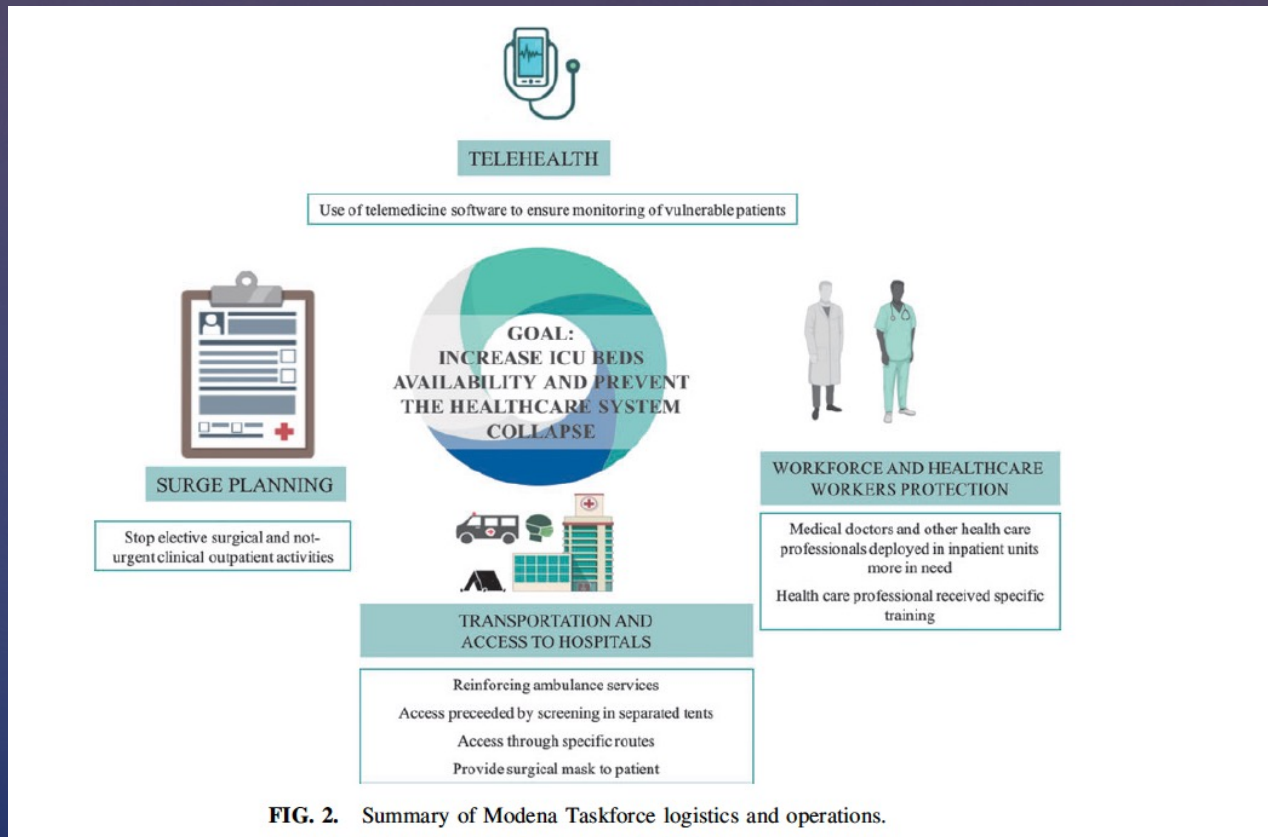


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Digital Health/Telehealth drives Population Health



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Population Health Strategies to Support Hospital and Intensive Care Unit Resiliency During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Italian Experience

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Abstract

Italy was one of the countries most affected by the number of people infected and dead during the first COVID-19 wave. The authors describe the rapid rollout of a population health clinical and organizational response in preparedness and capabilities to support the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Italian province of Modena. The authors review the processes, the challenges faced, and describe how excess demand for hospital services was successfully mitigated and thus overwhelming the healthcare services avoided the collapse of the local health care system. An analysis of bed occupancy in the region predicted during the first weeks of the epidemic. The SEIR model estimated the number of infected people under different containment measures. Community resources were mobilized to reduce provincial hospitals' burden of care. A population health approach, based on a radical reorganization of the workflow and emergency patient management, was implemented. The bed saturation of the Modena Healthcare Agency was measured by an ad hoc, newly implemented intensive care unit (ICU) bed occupancy and COVID-19 centralized governance dashboard. ICU bed occupancy increased by 114%, avoiding saturation of the Modena Healthcare Agency system. The Emilia-Romagna region achieved a higher rate of ICU bed availability at 2.15 ICU beds per 10,000 inhabitants as compared with community 1 ICU bed availability prior to the pandemic. Rapid and radical local reorganization of regional efforts helped inform the successful development and implementation of strategic choices within the hospital and the community to prevent the saturation of key facilities.

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Lessons Learned from Telemedicine/ Remote Patient Monitoring

- Patients will trust TM/RPM and need to truly see the benefit of TM/RPM for their care at the time of enrollment.
- Patients need to understand the associated costs, if any. Every effort should be made to clarify these issues prior to implementation in a transparent and truthful manner.
- The benefits and goals of TM/RPM should be established up front as a design feature not a bug to design out.
- The technology should be matched to the patient. It is best to offer a variety of interface options. Different patients have different engagement expectations, connectivity and device needs, and different options need to be available to increase sustained uptake.
- Patients should be allowed to disengage and re-engage, based on the evolution of their clinical conditions without penalty or censure.
- Multiple communication avenues should be offered to patients and patient understanding of these methods should be assured and verified. Some patients will prefer phone calls. Some will prefer telehealth visits. Some will prefer in-app messaging or texts.
- Regardless of the method preferred, maintaining communication should be a key objective.

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