

*A PATIENT PERSPECTIVE ON THE NEED FOR
INNOVATIONS FOR BETTER HEALTHCARE'*

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PLUS

- Improved patient records through eHealth
- ePrescriptions save on time & money & facilitate Cross Border Healthcare
- Information more easily available
- Social Media as a means of gathering information, raising awareness & finding support
- APPs/technology/wearable devices help in self-management
- SMS text messaging saves on DNA & missed appointments

MINUS

- In eHealth records who 'owns' & has access to the data? What about informed consent?
- ePrescriptions not working everywhere
- Information over internet may be mistaken for a patient-healthcare provider encounter
- Various levels of IT literacy & digital health literacy may be a disadvantage for the patients
- What about data protection when using APPs?

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INTERESTING

- Digital Health may provide a more sustainable health care in an era of growing demands and shortages of funds, time and healthcare professionals
- Digital Innovations can help in improved
 - Diagnosis
 - Therapeutic/Intervention options
 - Time saving & increase access for homebound persons
 - Research

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Digital era is here to stay so we have to find ways of making the best use of it – new developments such as Block Chain and Artificial Intelligence to be explored
- Important that patients & carers are considered as active partners along the whole process
- Digital Health implemented in a way that respects patients' choices, capacity and willingness to participate in shared decision making

References:

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