DIGITAL HEALTH: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Reinforcing knowledge-sharing at the heart of the digital health ecosystem

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"...it is estimated that as much data is now generated in just two days as was created from the dawn of civilization until 2003"

Shah & Pathak. Harvard Business Review 2014

Estimated worldwide data storage



In zettabytes (ZB, trillions of gigabytes)

Source: OECD Data-Driven Innovation: Big Data for Growth and Well-Being













Data mining-related scientific articles, 1995-2014







Estimated Cost of Genome Sequencing

Source: OECD Measuring the Digital Economy: A New Perspective



Number of machine-learning and AI patents in medical technologies (IP5 Patent families)



Source: OECD Science, Technology and Industry Scoreboard 2017: The digital transformation



OPPORTUNITIES

Many factors are pushing for databased health

Patient demands for modern experiences, responsiveness, communications and transparency





Increasingly complex care needs make delivering high quality care

more challenging

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New therapies and better research rely on our ability to make better use of data





Tight fiscal conditions

put pressure on health systems to deliver value for money



Percent of GDP spent on health care in selected countries, 1970-2015



Note: The OECD average includes 18 countries. Source: *OECD Health Statistics 2016*.



UK Biobank Broad and deep data to prevent, diagnose and treat diseases **THL (Finland)** Public indicators to improve the quality of hospital care

FDA (US) Post-market surveillance of medical technology to improve safety

Clalit (Israel) Using analytics to reduce admissions in older patients Key benefits to better data use



Clinical practice improvement

- Faster access to critical information
- Improve clinical decision making
- Coordinate care across settings



System management

- Monitor care quality
- Improve technical and allocative efficiency
- Reduce waste



Surveillance

- Faster detection and response to public health emergency
- Monitor performance
- Inform policy



Research & innovation

- Statistical power
- Vast and varied datasets
- Better 'real world' sampling



CHALLENGES



Skills mismatch of physicians, nurses and all workers



Skills mismatch among nurses by level of education



Source: PIAAC 2011-2012

Digitalisation will disrupt the health workforce

Job automatability for select occupation fields (using European data)



Source: Nedelkoska, L. and G. Quintini (2018), "Automation, skills use and training", *OECD Social, Employment and Migration Working Papers*, No. 202, OECD Publishing, Paris

(though not as much as some other industries)

Job automatability for ~40 occupations (using European data)



Source: Nedelkoska, L. and G. Quintini (2018), "Automation, skills use and training", *OECD Social, Employment and Migration Working Papers*, No. 202, OECD Publishing, Paris





There comes a point when the weight of criticism

More from Nick

Many countries are still struggling on the digital governance side

- Most countries have national data covering the key elements of the health care pathway & processes
- But, legal and policy prohibitions may be out of date
- Often data are in silos. Few countries are linking across databases for research or to improve the quality of care
- Lack of public transparency
- Lack of leadership and investment

Little linkage and quality monitoring beyond hospital data & cancer registries

Hospital in-patient data Cancer registry data Mortality data Emergency health care data Mental hospital in-patient data CVD registry data Prescription medicines data Population census/registry Population health survey data Formal long-term care data Primary care data Patient reported outcomes Diabetes registry Patient experiences survey data



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Source: OECD HCQI Country Survey, 2013/14

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22 Countries

- National personal health data available
- Unique ID included and used consistently
- Record linkage to regularly monitor health care quality and system performance





Data Governance Framework

8 key mechanisms

- 1 Health information system
- 2 Legal framework
- 3 Public communication plan
- 4 Certification or accreditation of processors
- 5 Project approval process
- 6 Data de-identification steps

Data security and management

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Data governance review cycle

Evaluate benefits and risks of proposed data uses

Benefits

- Rights to health
- Societal values toward health
- health care quality & efficiency
- scientific discovery & innovation

Risks

- Rights to privacy
- Societal trust in government & institutions
- Societal values toward privacy & sharing data

Take informed decisions to process personal health data



• Trends

– Ideal virtuous cycle of increased digital inputs => data => insights => applications

- Summarized some of the pressures and possible outcomes of increased digitalisation
- Highlighted some challenges and potential solutions on: workforce engagement and skills; effective data governance

The OECD is working to move this agenda forward



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