



Economics of Health

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PRINCIPLES ON WHICH TO BUILD A COLLABORATIVE E-HEALTH ECO-SYSTEM

- **Improve the quality of healthcare purchasing and commissioning.** This will facilitate better pay-for-performance and more effectiveness in disease management.
- **Enable the sharing of clinical information with facilities, between organizations and across regions - with provenance and security.** This will make ICT affordable at large scale, manage the huge increase of image traffic, address patient safety/prescribing, revolutionize clinician workflow and provide for increased clinical research.
- **Improve citizen access, empowerment and responsibility.** This will transform the collaboration of citizens in care delivery, make disease management more a shared endeavour, give efficacy to telemedicine and change for ever the balance between primary and other forms of care.
- **Remove the care barriers between social care and healthcare.** This will pay special attention to children and those affected by mental health problems and relieve some of the burdens on the healthcare system.
- **Improve the transparency and flexibility of eligibility checking, billing and revenue cycle management.** This will improve care pathway selection and cash flow through the system.

In addition, stakeholders should endeavour to:

- Frame a common understanding around electronic health records, interoperability and standards
- Understand the potential benefits and necessity of this 'disruptive technology'
- Stress ICT's responsibility for effectiveness and efficiency
- Emphasise the case for disease surveillance/control and public health - especially in relation to primary care
- Explode the myth that healthcare costs are out of control and that disease management is going to be too expensive
- Understand the potential associated with bio-informatics and bio-technology
- Be prepared to address the necessity of closing down certain types of facilities and potential rationing of some kinds of access
- Provide for larger and more sustained investment from government on healthcare IT projects