# RESEARCH FOCUS IN MEDICAL INFORMATICS IN SAUDI ARABIA

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- Examples of research in medical informatics:
  - · Evidence based medicine
  - Medical records
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### Definitions..... Why?

- Medical informatics
- Health informatics
- Clinical informatics ....
- E-health
- EMR, EPR, HER, ...
- Tele-medicine
- Tele-health

### Knowledge

- Data, information and knowledge are often used interchangeably, however, they are not the same
- Data, in itself is not knowledge, nor is information. Data is without a meaningful relation to anything else" (Bellinger, 2004).

#### Data?

- **Data:** "data are numbers, words or images that have yet to be organized or analyzed to answer a specific question" (Audit Commission, 2007).
- What makes numbers, words and images all data?
   rawness. No exact meaning or context.
- Information: Information is the result of processing, manipulating and/or organizing data or combinations of data to answer question.
- "Knowledge is the full utilization of information and data, with the potential of people's skills, competencies,.....
   (Grey, 2009\*7)

### Knowledge

- Knowledge Involves interpreting information received, adding relevance and context to clarify the insights the information contains" (Audit Commission, 2007)
- Knowledge: is the understanding and interpretation of information and its settings within a meaningful context
- There are numerous theories existence regarding not only the creation of knowledge, but also the different types of knowledge that exist.
- Cook and Brown (1999) define four types of knowledge: individual/explicit; individual/tacit; group/explicit; group/tacit.

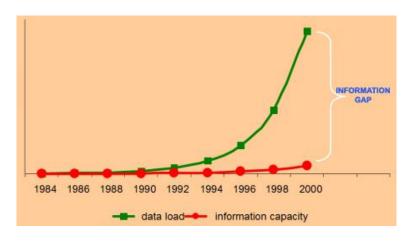
### Environment public health KM

	Data	Information	Knowledge
Asthma	Number of hospital visits due to asthma	Asthma case data organized by geographic location, population, etc.	Understanding of the times and places to alert asthma patients due to risks posed by air quality
Air Quality	Ambient air quality monitoring data	Air quality measurements organized by geographic location and time.	

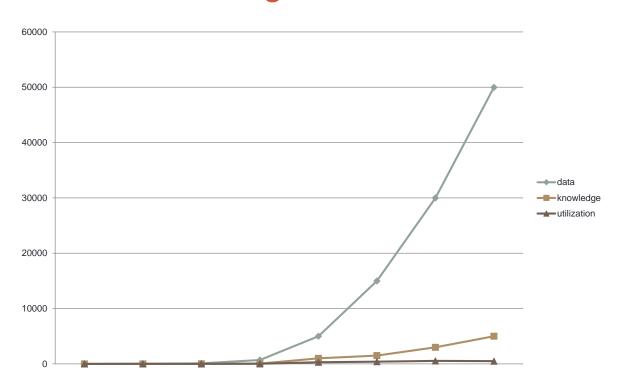
## Why Knowledge in Health care

#### Flood of Information

 Huge gap in data acquisition and information → knowledge capacity



### Data – knowledge - utilization



- Institute of Medicine (IOM) estimated that around 98,000 patients die each year as a consequence of preventable errors. Likewise, a study of two UK hospitals found that 11% of admitted patients experienced adverse events of which 48% of these events were most likely preventable if the right knowledge was applied.
- The under-utilization of healthcare data- infromationknowledge contributes to improper clinical decisions, medical errors, under-utilization of resources and raise in healthcare delivery costs

### Concepts introductions

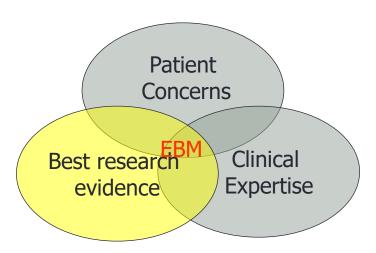
- Patient safety
- CPOE
- EHR
- Tele-health
- Tel-Medicine
- PCD
- HIS
- EBM

## **Examples Research in Medical Informatics**

## Evidence Based Medicine (EBM)

#### **Evidence based medicine definition:**

 Evidence based medicine (EBM) is the integration of best research evidence with clinical expertise and patient values.



### **History of EBM**

- The name of EBM appeared in 1992 by group led by Gordon Guyatt at McMaster University in Canada.
- Since then the number of articles about evidence based practice has grown exponentially from one publication in 1992 to about 1000 in 1998 and international interest has led to the development of six evidence based journals that summarize the most relevant studies in clinical practice and have a combined worldwide circulation of over 175000.

#### EBM Feb 17 2012



G Guyatt, J Cairns, D Churchill, D Cook... - JAMA: The Journal of ..., 1992 - Am Med Assoc 1. Departments of Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario; Department of Medicine, McMaster University; Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McMaster University and Departments of Health ... Cited by 417 - Related articles - All 2 versions

### Literature Searching

- Can improve the treatment of medical inpatients, even those already receiving evidence-based treatment.
  - Random sample of 146 inpatients cared for by 33 internal medicine attending physicians.
  - After physicians committed to a specific diagnosis and treatment plan, investigators performed standardized literature searches and provided the search results to the attending physicians.

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Attending physicians changed treatment for 23 (18%) of the 130 eligible patients as a result of the literature searches.\*

<sup>\*.</sup> Lucas BP, Evans AT, et al. The impact of evidence on physician's inpatient treatment decisions. J Gen Intern Med 2004;19:402-409.

## **Example Medical Records**

### The Accenture study

- The Accenture survey asked physicians about the extent to which they used 12 different "functions" of EMR and HIS such as electronic entry of patient notes, electronic referrals, electronic ordering and prescribing and communicating with other physicians or patients via secure email.
- By <u>Jim Burke</u>, <u>Managing Director</u>, <u>Accenture UK Health</u>
   <u>Industry</u> Published Friday, 3 February 2012 –
- Research among more than 3,700 doctors in eight countries reveals ripe opportunities to accelerate broad healthcare IT initiatives, according to a new survey from Accenture

### The Accenture study

- The findings clearly show that the broadest, fastest path to integrated, effective health practices requires <u>outreach</u>, <u>education and changing mindsets</u>.
- Results showed that physicians who are routine users of a wider range of healthcare IT functions have a more positive attitude towards the these technologies. On average across all the countries, as physicians start to use more "functions" the more positive they are about the benefits

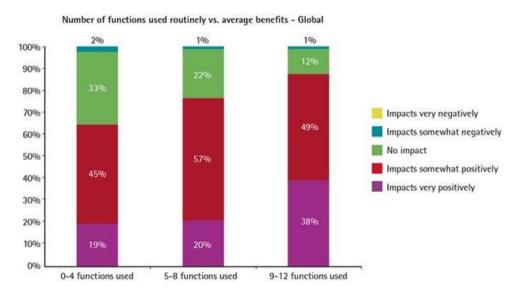


Figure 1 Average Benefits of Functions Used Routinely -- The Accenture eight-country physician survey found, as the number of routinely used healthcare IT functions increases, doctors' overall perception of the benefits grows more positive

### The Accenture study

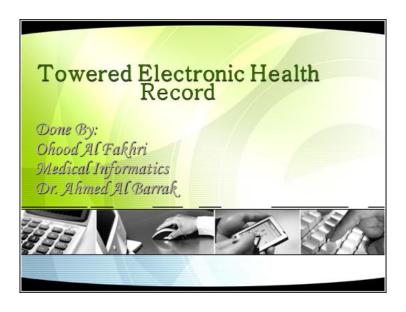
- Majority of doctors surveyed believe that healthcare IT does provide some common top benefits, including;
- better access, quality data for <u>clinical research</u> (70.9%),
- improved coordination of care (69.1 %)
- reduction in medical errors (66 %).
- average score of 61 %,
- In England, physicians perceived other healthcare IT benefits to include: increased speed of access to health services to patients (55.3 %), reduced number of unnecessary interventions and procedures (52 %).

#### **Veterans Health**

• Veterans Health, which runs the largest and one of the most cost-effective healthcare systems in the United States. The VA has been employing tele-health tools for more than 11 years. "The VA is absolutely a pioneer in the use of telehealth," They published a study linking telehealth and 17,000 VA patients with chronic disease that showed a tremendous impact – nearly a 20 % reduction in hospital admissions.".

### **Students examples**

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#### **BARRIERS AND ISSUES**

#### Many players and many approaches

while the expansion of health care providers and services has been a factor behind the call for EHRs and improved sharing of health information, it also means that their implementation requires support from many stakeholders. An individual may now receive care from several physicians and other providers at once. Policies to govern the implementation and use of EHRs will therefore require the support of many different provider groups.

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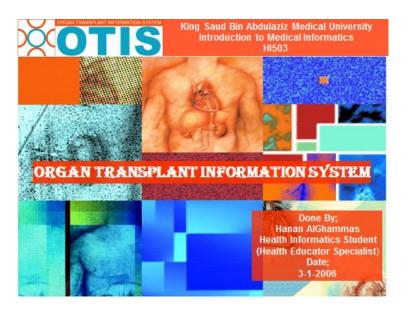
#### Lack of a health network architecture

#### Privacy issue:

- What information should be included in the EHR?
- Who should have access to the EHR? Which information in the EHR and under what circumstances should the EHR be shared with other health providers? How will a patient be able to access his or her own EHR?
- In what instances can the information in an EHR be used for secondary purposes (e.g. research, administration)? When is consent from the patient required?

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#### Information Technology in Medical and Patient Education

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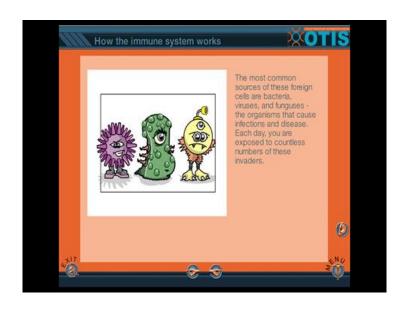
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Backgound. Prient education and awareness play an important role in the quality and effectiveness of health care outcome. Information technology has a significant role in delivering and improving health care performance on individual, society, and organization. However, medical staff has an important role in conducting and applying information technology in the health care organizations.

Aim. The aim of this study is to assess medical staff

to take computer training to develop their knowledge in using information technology. 80% rated themselves as "Good" or above hospital information system (HIS), while crated the same level for general computer skil time and language were among the biggest conducting patient education.

Conclusion. In conclusion medical staff h





#### METHODS



- A total of 60 medical staff from different specialty (Physician = 21, Nurses = 25, Health Educator = 8, others = 6; Total N = 60, Female = 33, Male = 27) responded to the study questionnaire in KFSH&RC.
- > The questionnaire was designed in six sections.

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#### RESULTS

#### Barriers of conducting patient education in %

Barriers	%
Language barrier	18.3
Lack of time	23.3
Lack of plans for educational activates	8.3
Lack of financial resources	8.3
Uncooperative patient	11.7
All of the above	28.3
Other	1.7

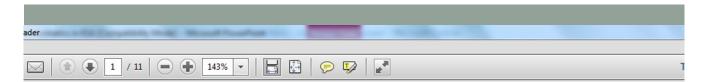
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#### CONCLUSION

In conclusion medical staff had a very positive attitude towards applying patient education information system. However, the language barrier and lack of time were considered as the biggest barriers for conducting patient education. Accordingly the results showed that there is a significant need for computer training.

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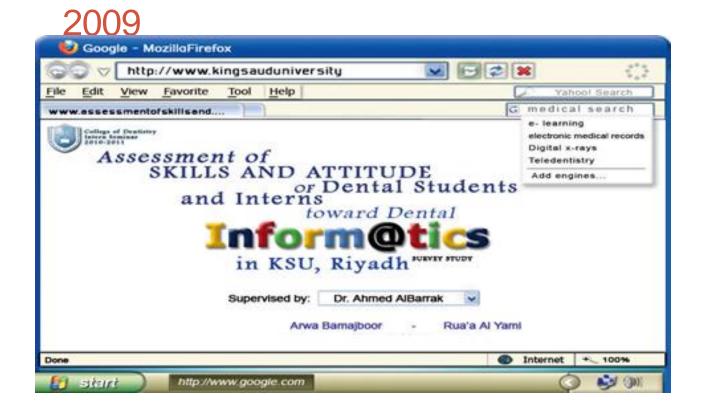
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# ATTITUDE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS TOWARD ONLINE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

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#### ABSTRACT

Background: online CME is obtaining continuing medical education through the internet, a relatively new and important way of learning which is becoming increasingly popular in recent years. Objectives: To study the attitude of general practitioner (GP) toward online CME, and to investigate barriers toward online CME. Methods: cross sectional study using a structured questionnaire that was distributed to primary care physicians working in National Guard Hospital in Riyadh, KSA. Results: 40% of our physicians are using online CME, mainly because it is accessible, saves time, and serves their needs (68%, 59% and 55% respectively). None of GP negatively evaluated it, and more than 90% recommended online CME. In addition, 90% of participated physicians believed it is important for them, and 98% of them wanted to know more about online CME. Only 5% knows the local regulation for accepting and approving online CME. On the other hand, the main barriers to online CME found to be the lack of: 1-information about it (90 %), 2-time (80%), 3- governmental and organizations recognition and approval (67%) as well as computer skills (65%). No significant relation was observed between the use of online CME and other variables such as age, sex, qualifications and years since last degree, and training for computer skills. However, the study showed significant difference in deciding which is more informative online or traditional CME between physicians who used it and those who didn't (P=0.035). Conclusion: Main barriers been identified are lack of information, time limitation, lack of computer skills, and governmental, organizational recognition and approval. However, most of the physicians think it is valuable and want to know more about it.



# Incidence of Prescribing Errors Among Handwritten Prescriptions and Electronic Prescription System

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#### **ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

# Assessment of legibility and completeness of handwritten and electronic prescriptions

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# Academic satisfaction among traditional and problem based learning medical students

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#### **ABSTRACT**

الأهداف: تقييم الرضا الاكاديمي والاهمية الاكاديمية عند طلاب التعليم الطبي التقليدي والتعليم الطبي القائم على حل المشكلات وتقييم مواطن الاهتمام في التعليم الطبي من وجهة نظر الطلاب.

الطويقة: أجريت دراسة مقطعية في كلية الطب، جامعة الملك سعود، الرياض، المملكة العربية السعودية. شارك طلاب التعليم الطبي التقليدي والتعليم الطبي القائم على حل المشكلات عن طريق العينات العشوائية. يتألف الاستبيان من 6 أقسام رئيسية: التعليم والتعلم، والإشراف والتغذية

Methods: A cross sectional study was conducted at the College of Medicine, King Saud University, Riyadh Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from May to June 2012 The survey questionnaires were self-administered and consisted of mainly 6 sections: teaching, learning supervision, course organization, information technology (IT) facilities, and development of skills.

Results: A total of 92 TL (males: 66 [71.7%]; females 26 [28.3%]), and 108 PBL (males: 84 [77.8%] females: 24 [22.1%]), with a mean age of 21.3 ± 1.3

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# Evaluating factors affecting the implementation of evidence based medicine in primary healthcare centers in Dubai

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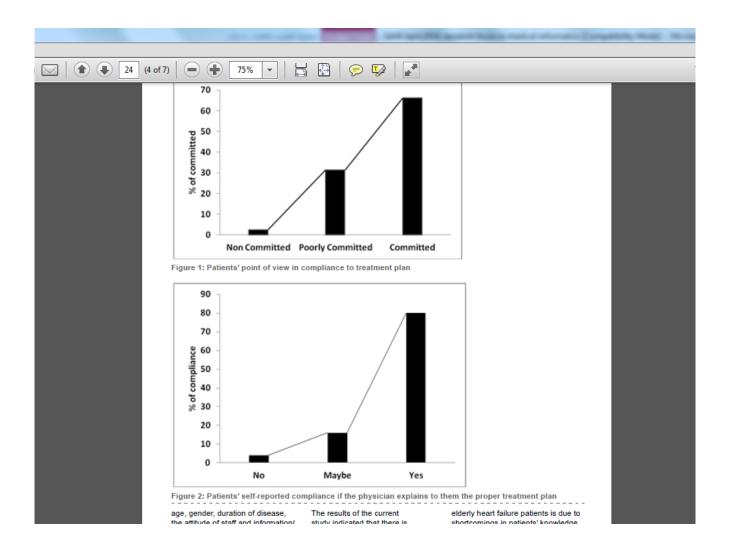
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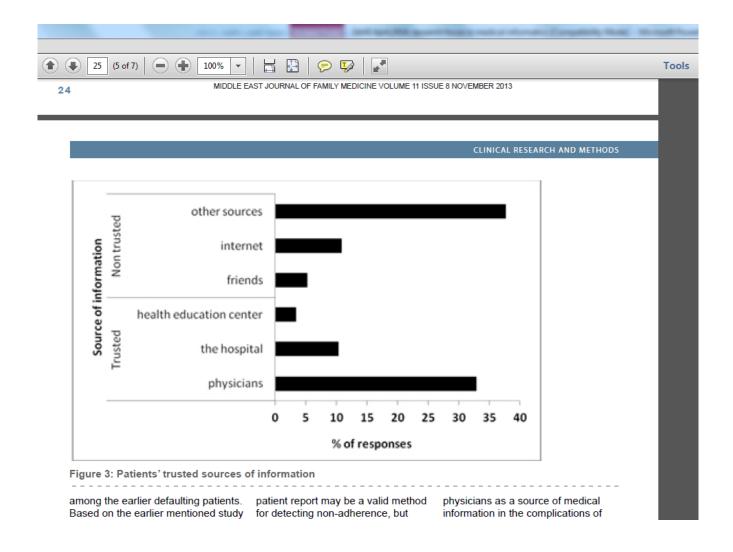
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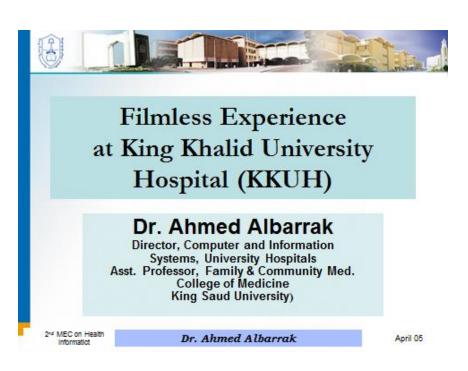
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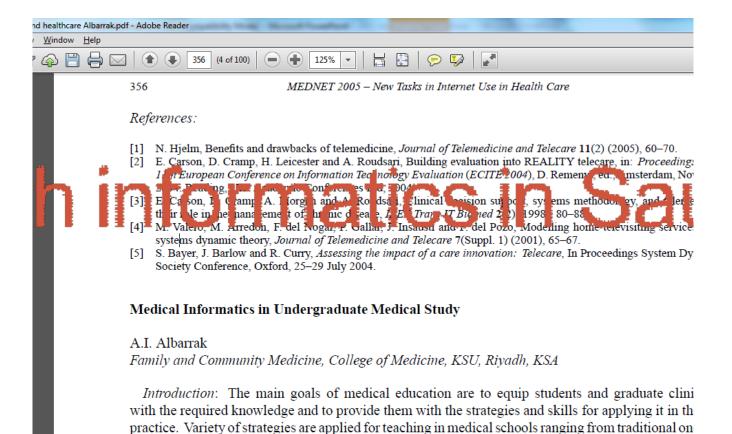






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The field of medical informatics (MI) is an essential component in the current and future me

great impact on medical education and research.

lectures to interactive online methods. The way medicine is taught and learnt has changed dramati in the past two decades. Education technologies and the revolution in information technology h



# Information Security Behavior among Nurses in an Academic Hospital

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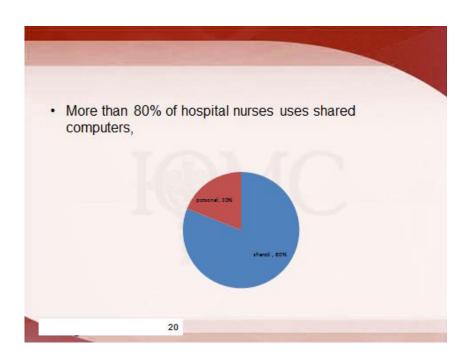
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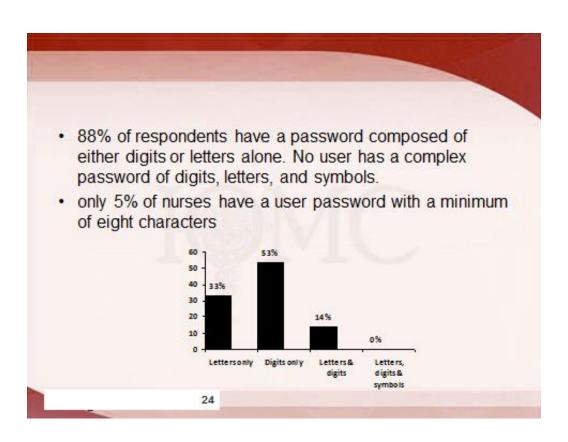
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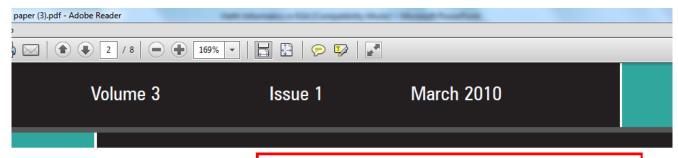
Background: High quality healthcare services can be achieved only by utilizing information technology. Information security is an ongoing challenge and security breaches emerging from user misbehavior are considered to be a devastating latent source of threats to patient data. This study evaluated information security practices of nurses at the King Saudi University Hospitals in Saudi Arabia.

Method: A random sample of nurses (n=352; 328 females and 24 males; age  $40 \pm 0.6$  yr (mean ± SE)) was interviewed.

Results: The results show that while 92% of nurses agree that the principle of password authentication is important, their behavior in practice is completely inconsistent with this principle. This is clearly indicated by the fact that 81% of to achieve their goals and boost the quality and efficiency of the services provided to patients (Vaast, 2007; Stanton, 2004). Recent studies have shown that high quality healthcare services can only be delivered when relevant patient information is easily and electronically accessible to clinicians (Linden, 2009). Utilization of IT in healthcare delivery, where services are provided by multidisciplinary teams of healthcare professionals in a shared environment, has been accompanied by several challenges related to protecting the privacy and confidentiality of patient information (Lekkas, 2007). These challenges have become a major concern for healthcare providers and regulators especially with the progressive worldwide transition from traditional paper-based patient records to electronic patient records (EPR) (Yang et al., 2006; Gobuty, 2003; Safran & Gol-2000) To postiguilar aprilhogach of alcote







# Designing e-Learning Systems in Medical Education:

### **Abstract**

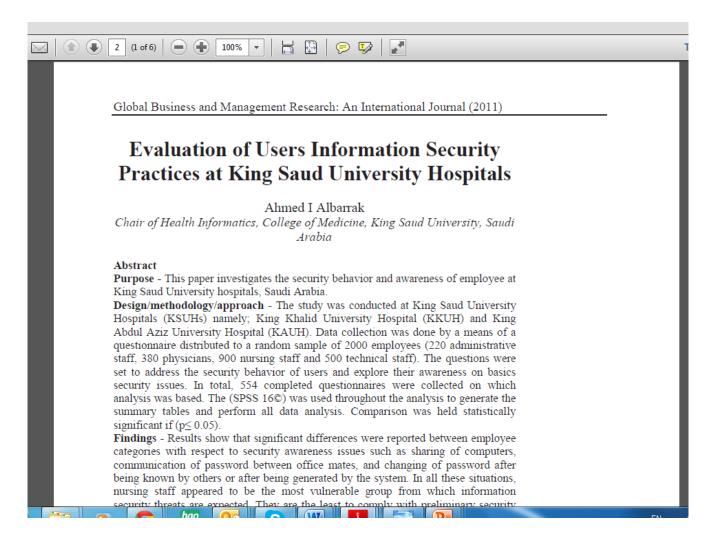
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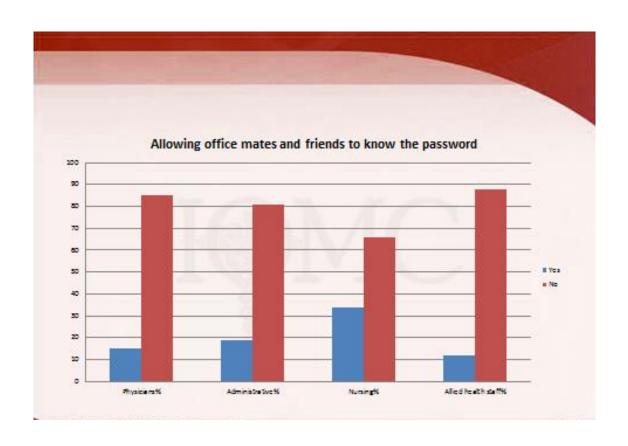
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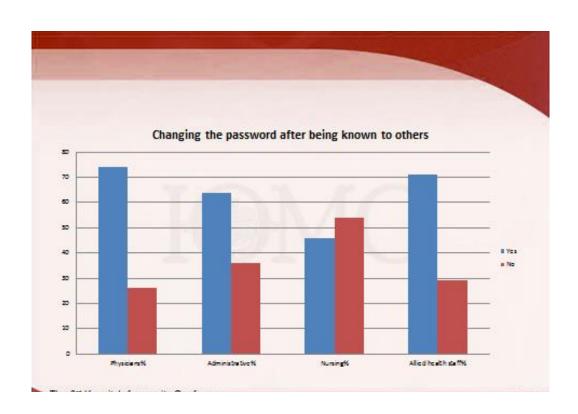
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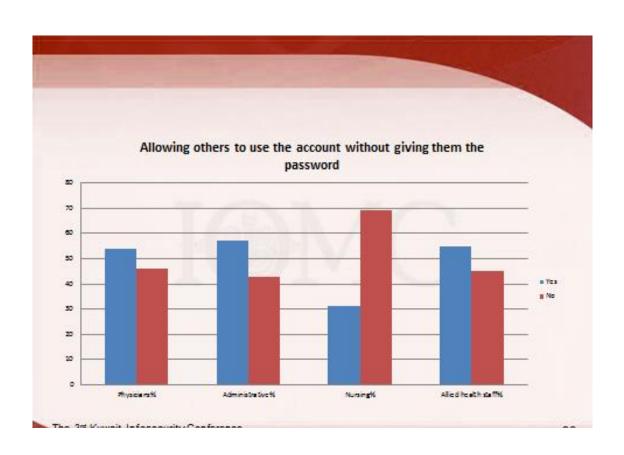
### Introduction

For ages, education has been centered or attending classes day after day, listening to a lecturer who provides the necessary information, and going through exams to assess knowledge. Education focused or the material itself rather than the "learners' and the differences between their capabilities and learning skills (Chen Kinshuk, Wang, 2005).









# Conclusions

- It is clearly proofed that the technical security measures alone can NOT prevent security breaches.
- Insider threats, are difficult to detect and manage because they primarily emerge from the authorized user malicious practices
- Which emphasized that awareness training and education of users on information security issues are very important for achieving a reliable level of information security in any organizations



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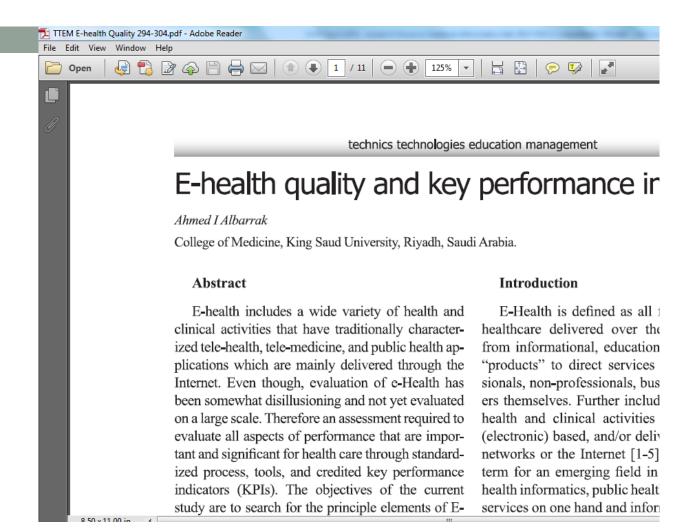
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ract- Student is becoming the key focus of the educational ess, where students' creativity and interactions are 1gly encouraged. Student role changed to be knowledge information hunter rather than receiver, and teaching, 1while, is becoming a peripheral activity. Several active and new methods of learning has evolved in the last decades aimed to utilizing the information and

benefits of such systems including exchange of experie-courses if the development efforts are guaranteed, a the availability of the skills required for the develop the current study, the evaluation focused on the fet LMS systems and a combination of several frame enhance the evaluation process. All three LMS systems excellent tools for student interactions and activities. S





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# Assessment of Medical Informatics Skills of Undergraduate Medical Students at College of Medicine, King Saud University

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# Operating Room Informatics: An Approach to Managing and Utilizing Patients' Surgical Data

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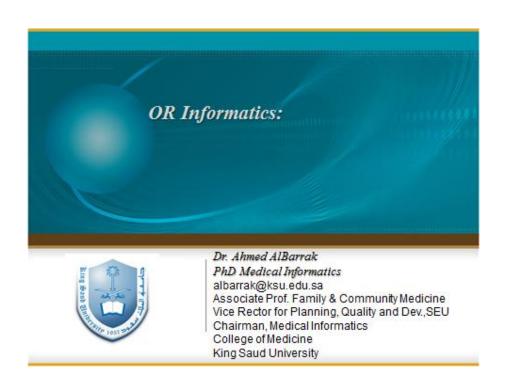
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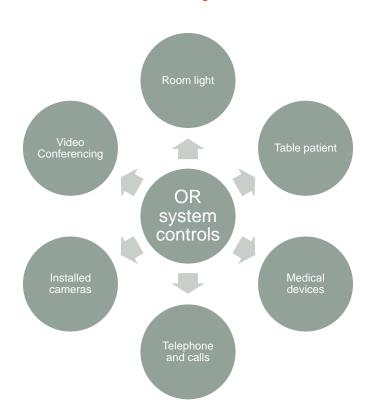
#### **Abstract**

Background: Operating rooms (ORs), containing a variety of tools and equipment, have become more complex. Yet, most OR information systems operate in an isolated fashion with little or no attention to data management and utilization. This study proposes a new approach to the design of an integrated OR informatics approach offering automated storage and management of data before, during, and after an operation; medical segmentation and tracking of patient surgical case data using a well-structured database design for future retrieval and utilization of the data; an OR educational medical library and support for surgeons and medical teams to better control OR instruments.

Methods: This study discusses the special requirements and challenges of ORs and

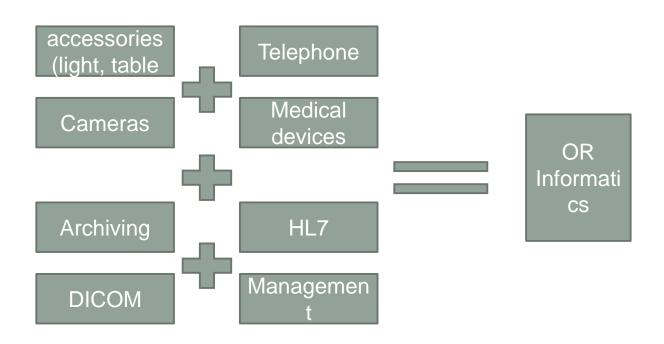


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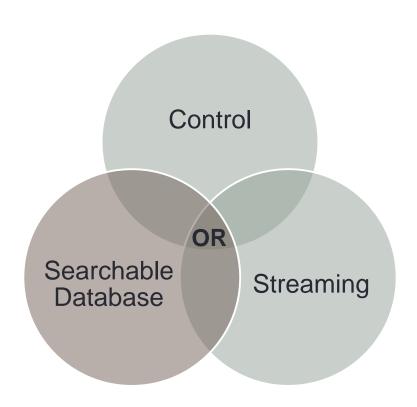
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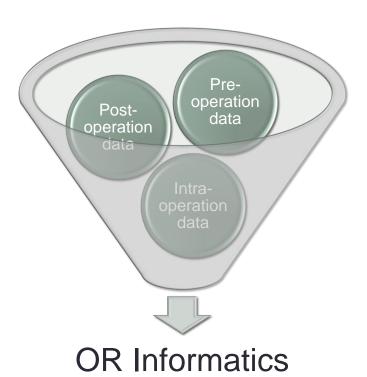


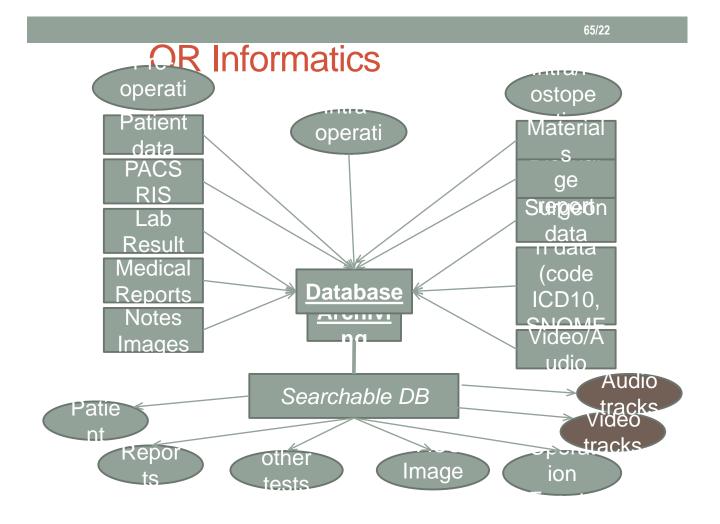
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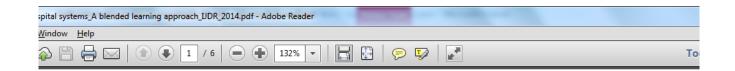
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# Full Length Research Article

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# E-learning in Medical Education and Blended Learning Approach

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#### Introduction

on has evolved from a material based process, where the instructor (teacher) focused on presenting informations, to a student (learner) centered process where students are able to learn at their own pace. Furthermore, to some role has changed from being a receiver to a being a learner and the instructor's role has changed to being guiding students to acquire knowledge and improve their learning skills [1]. The focus has shifted from centered model to a learner-centered one, offering stronger learning motivation and interactivity. Interactive is learner interest and provides a means for personalized learning and reinforcement. Evidence suggests that it is more efficient in most cases because learners gain knowledge, skills, and attitudes faster than through instructor-based methods. This efficiency translates into improved motivation and performance. In additional elearning is associated with improved retention rates and efficient use of content [2].



Assessment of physician's knowledge, perception and willingness of telemedicine in Riyadh region, Saudi Arabia

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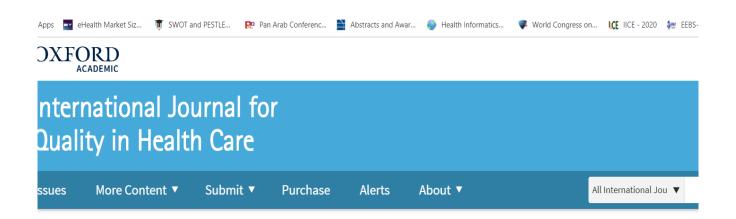
# Acceptance of Tele-Dental Health Education Among Head and Neck Cancer Patients in Saudi Arabia

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# Summary



# What is next?

#### KM research in health care

Among the most relevant areas to link with knowledge and research in health care are:

- Research, applying research results through access and utilization of knowledge
- · Human resources management.
- Data mining
- Machine Learning and Data Analysis
- Probabilistic and Statistical Models
- Symbolic Learning and Rule Induction Symbolic learning

### Area of research in Health care

- Evidence based medicine
- Clinical decision support systems
- Public health and epidemiology
- Consumer public health
- Data mining
- Physiological modeling and simulation
- Artificial intelligence





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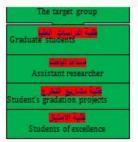
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# Evaluation of the Effectiveness of a Structured and Interactive Patient Health Education Model in the Control of Chronic Diseases in Saudi Arabia

- Diabetes and cardiovascular diseases are a major cause of death and disability worldwide.
- The incidence of chronic diseases has increased in the KSA, and will continue to do so if no immediate actions are undertaken.
- Health education is an integral component of selfmanagement programs & an important element for control & management of chronic diseases.
- Patients involved have demonstrated better health outcomes and satisfaction, with reduced health costs.

- The widespread use and popularity of technology & communication infrastructures in KSA & globally, can be effectively utilized.
- Taking into consideration the available health information sources and patient preferences, information and communication technologies are well positioned to overcome most of the limitations around providing timely, convenient, accessible and interactive HE.

# Project objectives

- To assess the current status of diabetes & cardiovascular disease-related patient HE programs and activities in various health care settings
- To assess the current status of diabetes & cardiovascular disease-related patient HE, regarding knowledge, attitudes, practice, satisfaction and efficacy;
- To assess patient literacy, attitudes, practice and preferences with regard to technologies, i.e. text, audio, images, animation, video and interactive content forms;
- To design and validate structured HE models for patient with diabetes and cardiovascular disease based on the findings of the first three objectives; and
- To convert and assess selected validated HE models into interactive informatics materials.



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**Project Title:** Designing and validating of a knowledge based model for monitoring, reporting and managis medical errors based on evaluation of the current status of medical errors in Saudi Arabia

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Technology Sector: Medical Research Code Number: 12-MED2938-02 Reviewer: Consensus Review

Please analyze the proposal against the following criteria:

1) The quality of the proposed research. Is the proposed research innovative? Can it contribute significantly to the state of knowledge in its field? How does the proposed research compare to established programs?

In this application, the investigators propose to design a model for monitoring, reporting and management of medical errors in Saudi Arabia. The proposed research is innovative insofar as there is little available information about medical errors in Saudi Arabia and as no system for monitoring, reporting and managing medical errors exists. However, although the investigators are clearly knowledgeable about the issues and

# Artificial Doctors and artificial intelligence in clinical practice

• Artificial Doctors is and will be much criticized. We'll see all sorts of press wisdom decrying "they don't work" or "look at all the silly things they come up with. However it is getting better and better and will go from providing "bionic assistance" to second opinions to assisting doctors to providing first opinions and as referral computers (with complete and accurate synopses and all possible hypotheses of the hardest cases) to the best 20% of the human breed doctors. And what's more?!!!



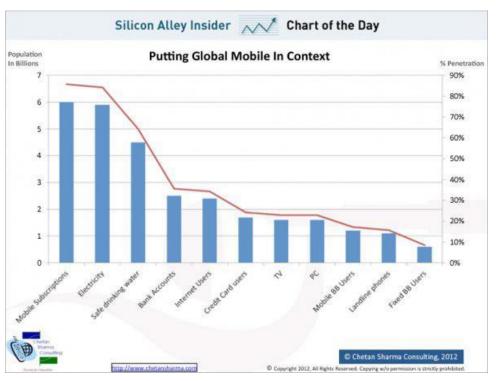
# Applications and examples

- Ford Motor Co. & Microsoft and health care start-up Healthrageous to roll out a pretty interesting health care product: A car equipped to monitor vital signs and feed that data wirelessly into an electronic medical record to watch out for any abnormalities or warning signs. Or, as Ford describes the new product, it's a "doctor in your car."
- The prototype that Ford has shown off doesn't have the skills of a physician in diagnosing diseases (there is, however, another machine for that: IBM supercomputer <u>Dr. Watson</u>). But it does look like the kind of device that could support those diagnoses, a non-obtrusive way to capture a lot of health-care data that currently goes unmonitored.

#### Mobile health

- M-health or Mobile health is a term used for the practice of medicine and public health, supported by mobile devices. The term is mainly used in reference to using mobile communication devices, such as mobile phones, tablets and PDAs, for health services and information. The mobile Health is a sub-segment of eHealth,
- The mHealth market earned revenues of \$230 million in 2010 and is estimated to reach \$392 million in 2015 in USA, according to a new report from research firm Frost & Sullivan.

mHealth
Mobile is the most Pervasive technology ever invented



## The mHealth Opportunity

7 Billion
People



Expanding the coverage and reach of critical health information and services and moving towards citizen-centered health and well-being



#### Home continues care

- "Meadville Medical Center is using the remote vital signs monitoring program to improve chronic condition outcomes and ongoing care for patients after discharge from the hospital," Barry Bittman, MD, chief innovation officer at Meadville.
- "As part of our Community Care Network model, the Electronic House Call (EHC) solution will allow our clinicians to remotely monitor our patients' conditions and continue to coordinate their care after they leave the hospital," he adds. "Electronic House Call is designed for this type of program and includes the intuitive technology and rich feature-set that we were seeking to support our continuous care objectives, our patients and our own clinicians."
- The EHC remote patient monitoring solution allows patients to return home, while providing for frequent updates of patient data to healthcare providers without a face-to-face visit, Bittman said.

## Dr Watson the **IBM's supercomputer**

- The computer can analyze about 200 million pages of data in less than three seconds, which could allow physician to more accurately diagnose and treat complex cases. Physicians could, for example, use Watson to consult medical records and the latest research findings for recommendations on treatment.
- FDA Approved?



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