CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATICS (CHI)

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What is Consumer Health Informatics?

- A branch of health informatics that:
 - Analyzes information needs of consumers
 - Studies and implements methods of making health information and services accessible to consumers
 - Integrates consumer preferences into health care information systems

- In this view, informatics analyzes consumers' needs for information; studies and implements methods for making information and services accessible to consumers; and models and integrates consumers' preferences into health information systems.
- Consumer informatics stands at the crossroads of other disciplines, such as nursing informatics, public health, health promotion, health education, library science, and communication science.

Consumer Health Informatics

 Integration of consumer health information and information technology in an environment of shared healthcare decision-making that supports effective self-health action.

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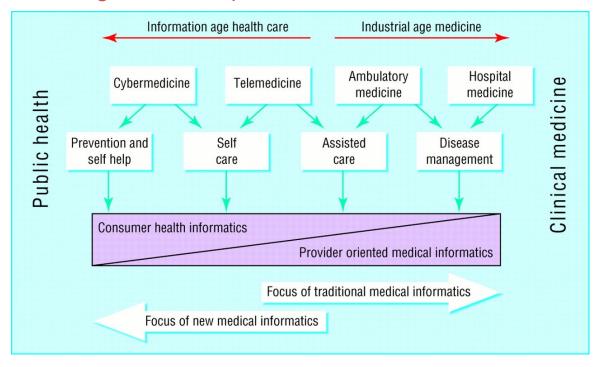
Consumers?

More broader than "patient " it may include the well and caregivers

It is a very diverse group

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The focus of traditional health care and medical informatics is shifting from health professionals to consumers



Empowered Consumers

 Empowerment: Granting of power to a dependent group or enhancing an individual's ability for self determination

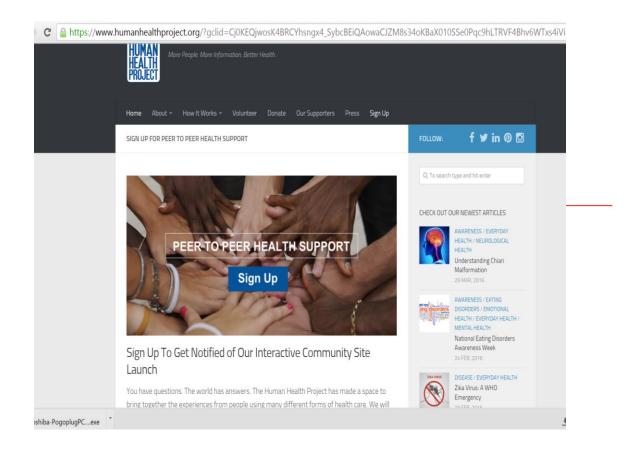
 "a social process of recognizing, promoting and enhancing people' abilities to meet their own needs, to solve their own problems, and mobilize the necessary resources in order to feel in control of their lives" (Gibson, 1991)

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Empowering Consumers

 Consumers Health Informatics applications support the empowered consumers concept (a power balance in the patient-health professional relationship) by e.g.:

- Providing Informing about health concerns
- Assisting in finding others with similar concerns
- Assisting in navigating the health care system and services
- Access to clinical records and personal care management tools.



History of CHI

- Consumer movement of 1970s
 - Increased demand for information
 - Greater participation in "medical" decision making
- Prominence of "self-help" phenomenon of 1980s
 - · Huge increase in health information for lay audience
- · Widespread use of the Internet
 - Increased dramatically throughout 1990s

CHI Continuum

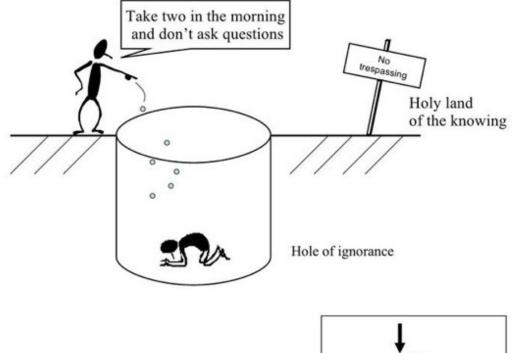
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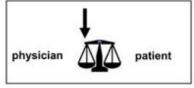
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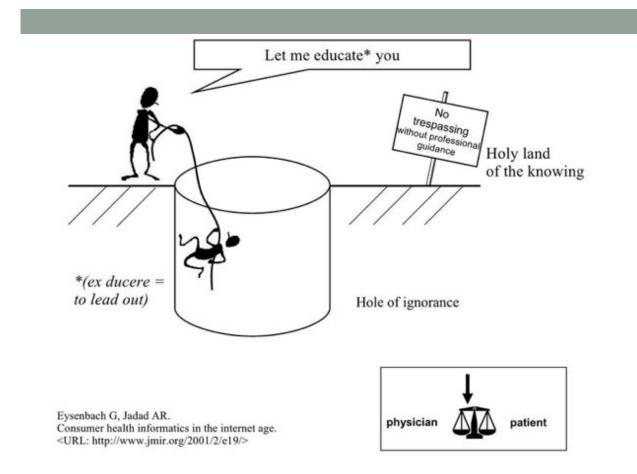
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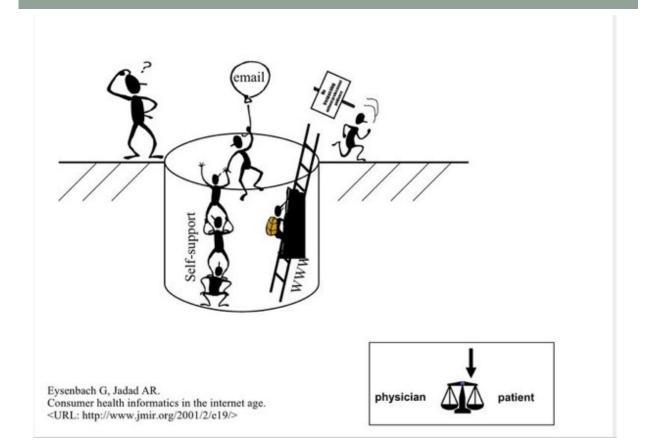
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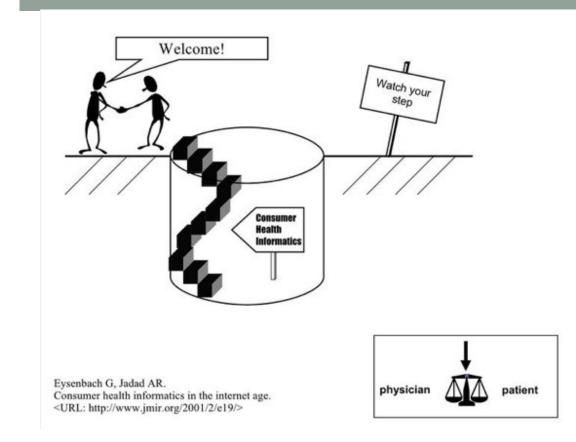


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patient centered care

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Saudi Arabia: Internet Growth and Population Statistics

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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 <u>mobile phones</u>, tablets and <u>PDAs</u>, for <u>health services</u> and information. The mobile Health is a sub-segment of <u>eHealth</u>,
- 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

By 2014 More mobile phones than people



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

Consumer Health Informatics

Consumer Health Informatics

- consumer or patient views.
- patient-focused informatics,
- health literacy and consumer education.
- health information literacy,
- · consumer-friendly language,
- personal health records, and Internet-based strategies and resources.

Where clinical IS and Consumer health informatics meet

 Patient Portals: Patient interface to clinical information systems

 Personal Health Record: Internet based- set of tools that allows people to access and coordinate their life-long health information and make appropriate parts of it available to those who need it

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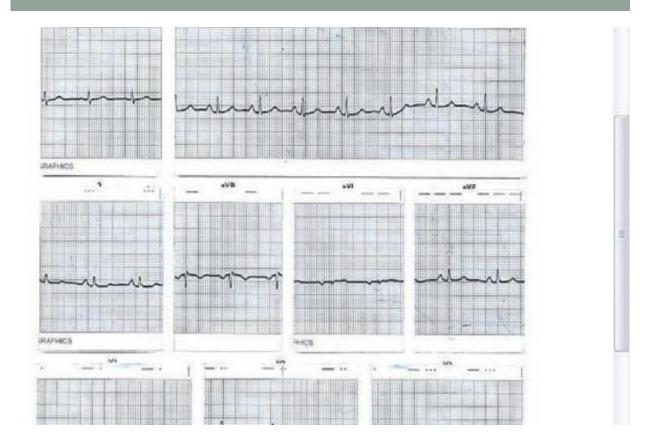
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Consumer Health Informatics Systems

- Consumer health informatics can be organized into three general systems that:
 - provide health information to the user (one-way communication)
 - tailor specific information to the user's unique situation (customized communication)
 - allow the user to communicate and interact with health care providers or other users (two-way communication)

Consumer Health Informatics Systems

- · One-way communication: CD-ROMs, on-line health articles
- **Tailor:** automated systems that obtain information from the consumer about his or her general health or other health-related factors (such as family disease histories and smoking habits) and, on the basis of this information, suggest a need for preventive health procedures (such as mammograms), or identify actions to curb high-risk behaviors.
- **Two-way communication:** electronic mail, electronic bulletin boards, on-line discussion groups.

Roles of Health Professionals in CHI

- Professionals serve as sources of content
- Professionals provide important guidance in moderating public electronic discussion groups and responding to patients' electronic messages
- Clinicians become information brokers and interpreters for patients.

Quality control of health information on the internet

- The quality control of health information on the internet rests on **four pillars**:
 - educating the consumer
 - encouraging the self regulation of providers of health information
 - having third parties evaluate the information
 - enforcing consents in cases of dissemination of fraudulent or harmful information.

Credibility Criteria

- The FA4CT Algorithm: A New Model and Tool for Consumers to Assess and Filter Health Information on the Internet
- CREDIBLE Criterion
- <u>C</u>urrent and frequently updated
- <u>R</u>eference cited
- Explicit purpose
- <u>D</u>isclosure of sponsors
- Interest disclosed and no conflicts found (e.g financial)
- <u>B</u>alanced
- <u>L</u>evel of <u>E</u>vidence

 Eysenbach G, Thomson M. The FA4CT Algorithm: A New Model and Tool for Consumers to Assess and Filter Health Information on the Internet. In: Kuhn K (ed.) Medinfo 2007 Proceedings (in press)

Patient Centric Healthcare

"care that is respectful of, and responsive to, individual patient preferences, needs, and values" and that ensures "that patient values guide all clinical decisions."

This definition highlights the importance of clinicians and patients working together to produce the best outcomes possible.

Crossing the Quality Chasm, IOM

Patient / People Engagement

WHO defines People Centered Care as:

"Care that is focused & organized around the health **needs** & **expectations** of people & communities rather than on disease"

Characteristics of Patient Centered Care

- Respect for patients values, preferences & needs
- Coordinated and integrated care
- Information, Communication & Education
- Physical Comfort
- Emotional Support
- Involvement of family & friends
- Continuity of care
- Access to care

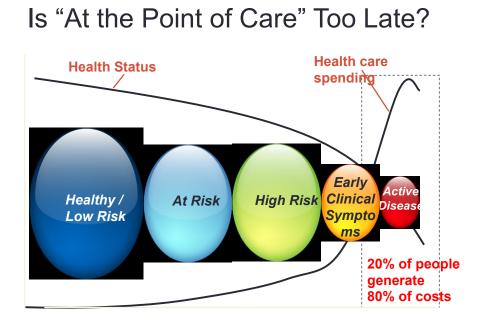
Picker Institute-Multiyear Research Project "Through the Patient's Eyes: Understanding and Promoting Patient-Centered Care"

It's a Different Ball game

In an eHealth environment, **Information Moves** rather than the Physician or the Patient

eHealth

ePhysician - eConsumer



- Early detection of at-risk patients

- Provide **personalized** evidence to enable proactive decisions

Actions

- Technology victories and chronic disease,
- e-Health takes a prominent role in the management of healthcare
- To aggregate rather than segregate healthcare system
- Consumer health education and empowerment
- Preventive medicine takes precedence over treating the sick
- · Focus on vulnerable members of society

The European study for future of health

Further Reading

Deborah Lewis Gunther Eysenbach Rita Kukafka P. Zoë Stavri Holly Jimison Iditori

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Informing Consumers and Improving Health Care



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The Future: Trends

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