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### The role of tele-health in diabetes management: Does the cloud based smart electronic health application (SEHA) provide the comprehensive approach for diabetes prevention and management?

Tele-health in Healthcare setting is increasing enormously worldwide. We describe an L eHealth promotion knowledge-to-action practice concept on how Diabetes Mellitus (DM) prevention and management can be readily incorporated into Telehealth practice. In addition to call to action to target patients and encouraging them to participate in health behavior change, attention is given to the role of Telehealth components of DM prevention and management. Telehealth services with proven track records today can be broadly FIGURE-1: EASY THREE-STEPS TO USE categorized into 3 groups: tele-consultation/telemedicine, tele-monitoring and electronic THE SMARTPHONE-GLUCOMETER AND health record. Our main focus on tele-monitoring as it is concerned to make patient center EMAIL IT FOR CLOUD DASHBOARD. of care and monitor their vital signs. Current eHealth application is not considered as an ordinal software only, it provides several smart features to patients such as: automatic blood glucose data entry (faster than manual entry, simple, less manual errors); connections with food and physical activities databases; reminder function (e.g. to test blood glucose levels, have meals, do physical exercise and medication reminder); communication with healthcare provider and tailored personalized feedback (alarming system). Tele-monitoring, helps healthcare professionals keep a close eye on patients dealing with chronic medical conditions such as vital signs of blood pressure and glucose level. Using tele-monitoring in metabolic disorders allows healthcare professionals to see a patient's entire medical history, helping them make more accurate and timely diagnoses and treatment of their condition. Researched close management of diabetic patients through tele-monitoring showed significant reduction in glycemic level. Yet, the magnitude of its effects remains debatable, especially with the variation in patients' characteristics (e.g., background, ability PATIENT.





FIGURE-2: CONVERSATION MAP HELPS ACCURATE COMMUNICATIONS, BETWEEN HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL AND

for self-management, medical condition, education). Therefore, tele-monitoring glucomail application is developed for monitoring lifestyle parameters and control glycemic level to manage DM patients and prevents its associated complications.

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