

Successful Digitalisation Pathways

THE JOURNAL 2022

Anne Moen et al.
People Centric Model to Harness User Value
Reflection on Personal Data Spaces in
Transformation of Health and Care

Diane Whitehouse, Marc Lange
A Services Readiness Levels Stage Model: A
Roadmap

Rocío Del Pino et al.
vCare: Designing Individualised Virtual
Rehabilitation and New Clinical Pathways for
Parkinson's Patients

Chan Ee Yuee et al.
Carer Matters: Hospital to Home Care for
the Caregiver



Successful Digitalisation Pathways

The COVID-19 pandemic has triggered several changes in how healthcare systems are run globally. The focus has shifted from relying exclusively on brick-and-mortar healthcare facilities to digital avenues that could help deliver care virtually. Telemedicine, remote patient monitoring and out-patient care are some of the avenues that have been explored.

Over the last two years, there has been a growing realisation that the digitalisation of healthcare is an undeniable reality that must be embraced and utilised. Digitalisation increases operational efficiency, provides better access to care and offers patient convenience. However, digitalisation requires careful planning and implementation of functional changes that must consider factors like interoperability, culture, and technology. Moreover, equity and universal access to digital care need to be considered. A dystopic world where only the well-off have access to the latest technologies and precision medicine is a possibility. European health systems need to do better to minimise this risk, including using the digital to promote health promotion and disease prevention.

Healthcare will be different. New kids on the block will emerge. We need to adapt and evolve into a new digital reality or become obsolete. In this issue, our contributors discuss successful digitalisation pathways in healthcare and explore best practices for successful implementation, highlight strategies to ensure this transition can occur smoothly, and discuss the challenges and barriers that must be addressed.

We hope you will enjoy this issue. As always, your feedback is welcome.

Happy Reading!



Alexandre Lourenço
Hospital Administrator
Centro Hospitalar e
Universitário de Coimbr,
Portugal, Editor-in-Chief
HealthManagement.
org, EXEC