

# Digital healthcare: will the robot see you now?

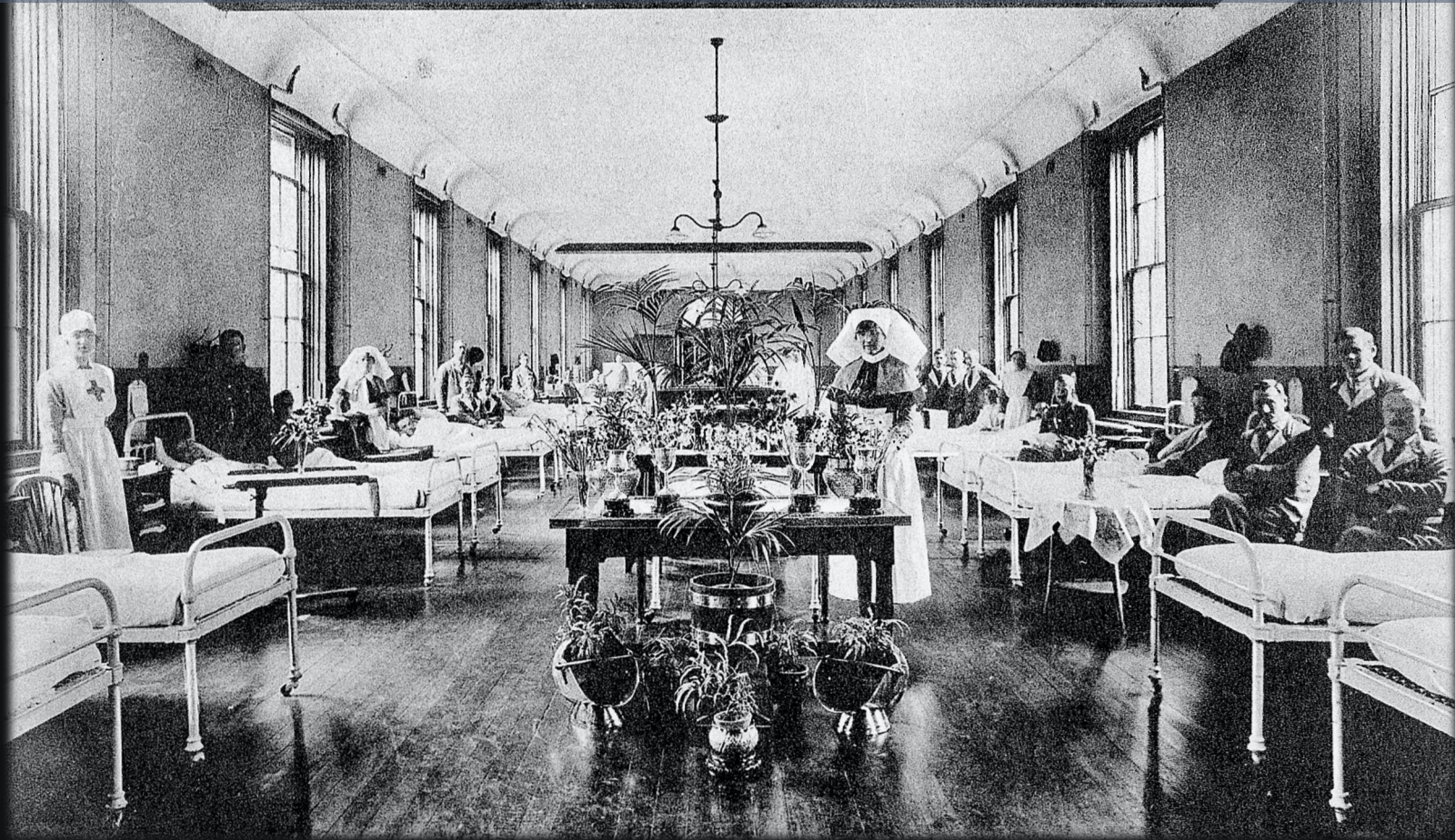
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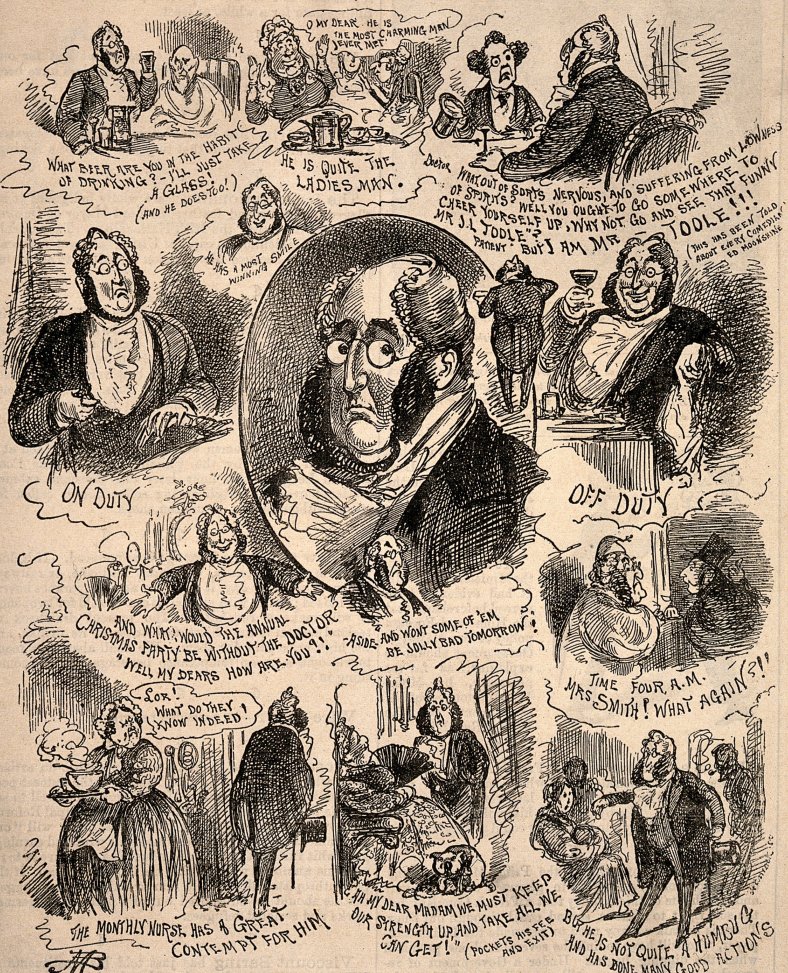
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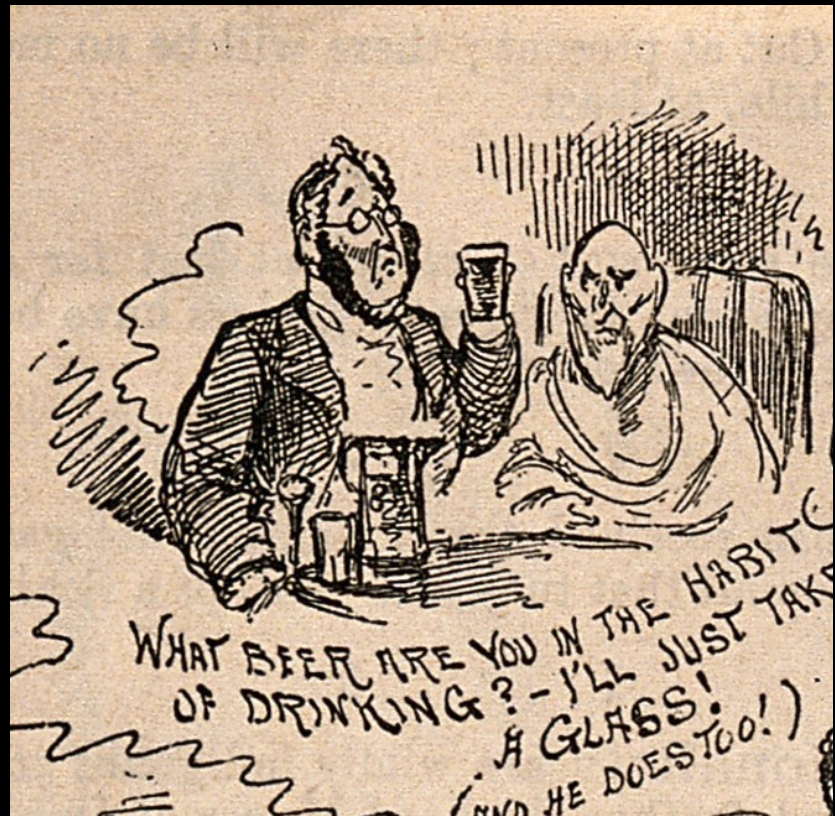
Royal Herbert Hospital Woolwich Ward in Main Building, 1920. The Qualis Photo Co, Wellcome collection, <https://wellcomecollection.org/works/rp2df6e9>





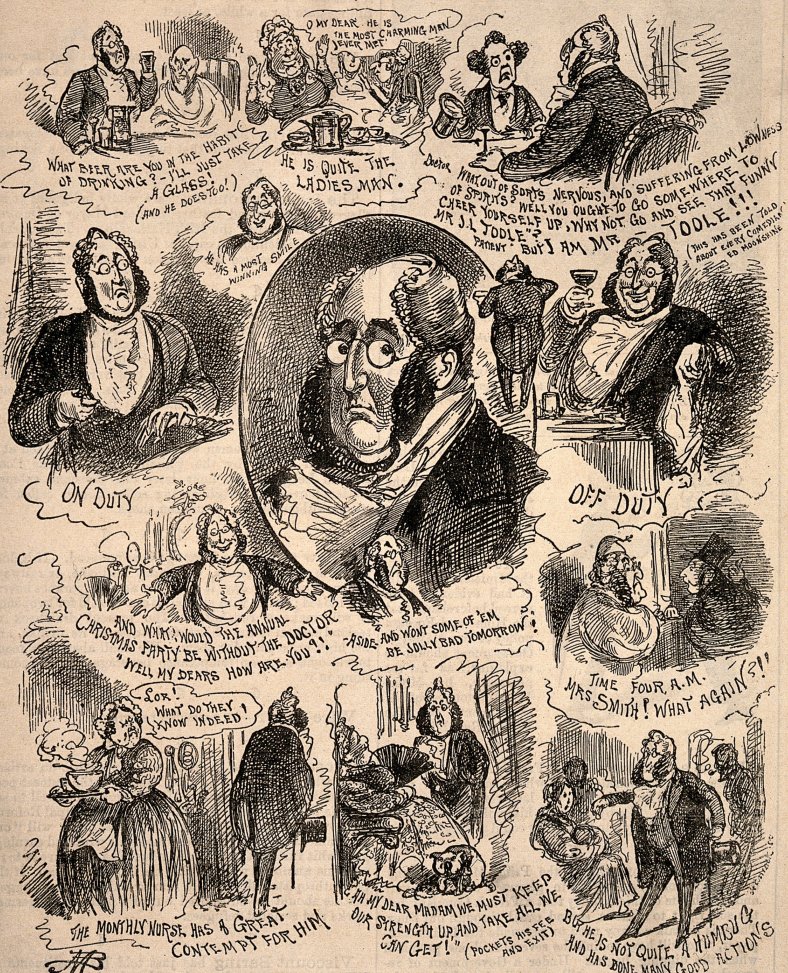


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A dozen scenes presenting the manifold aspects of a family doctor's personality. Wood engraving by M.B. Credit: [Wellcome Collection](#).



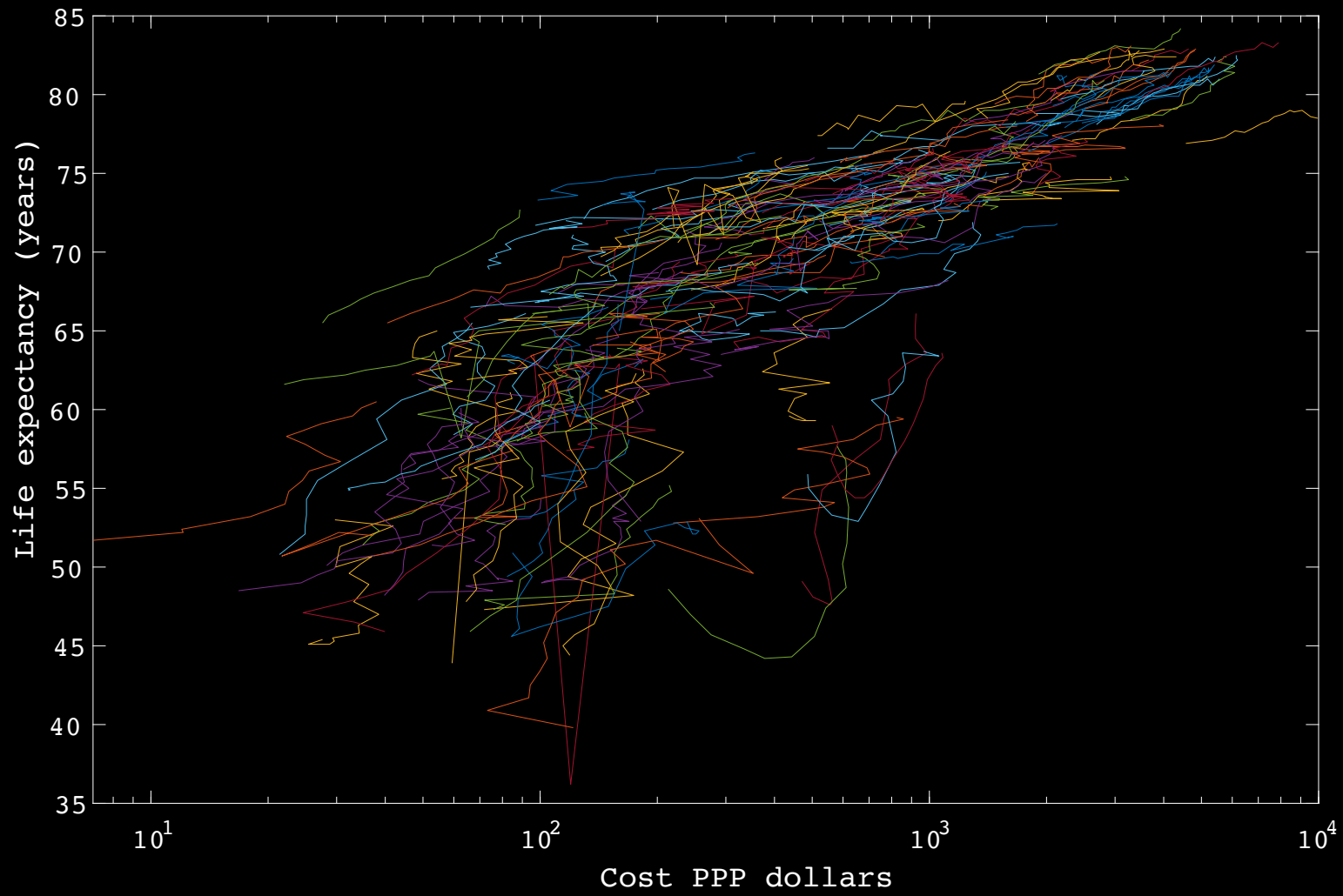


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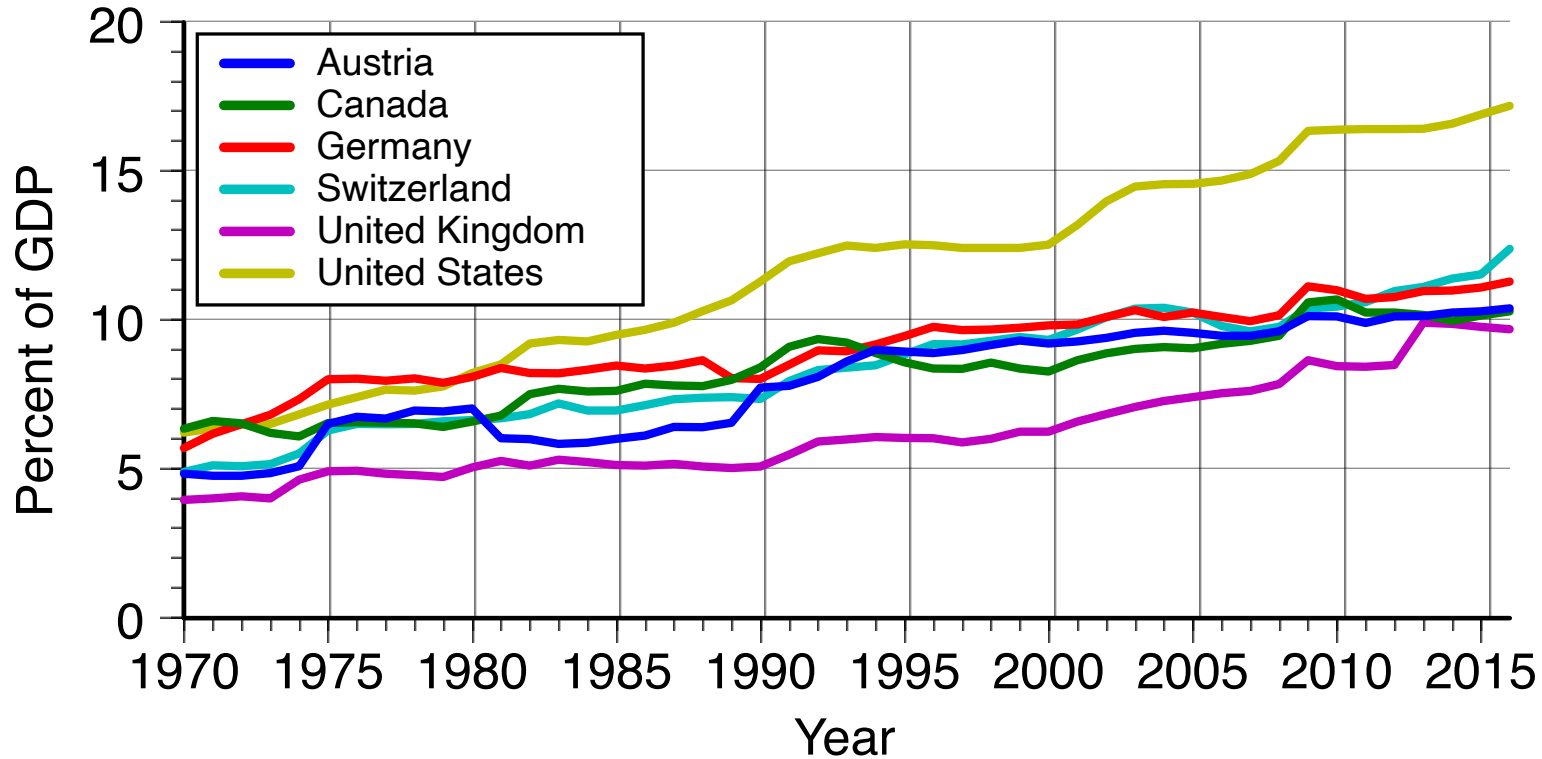
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## Health Care Cost (1970-2016)



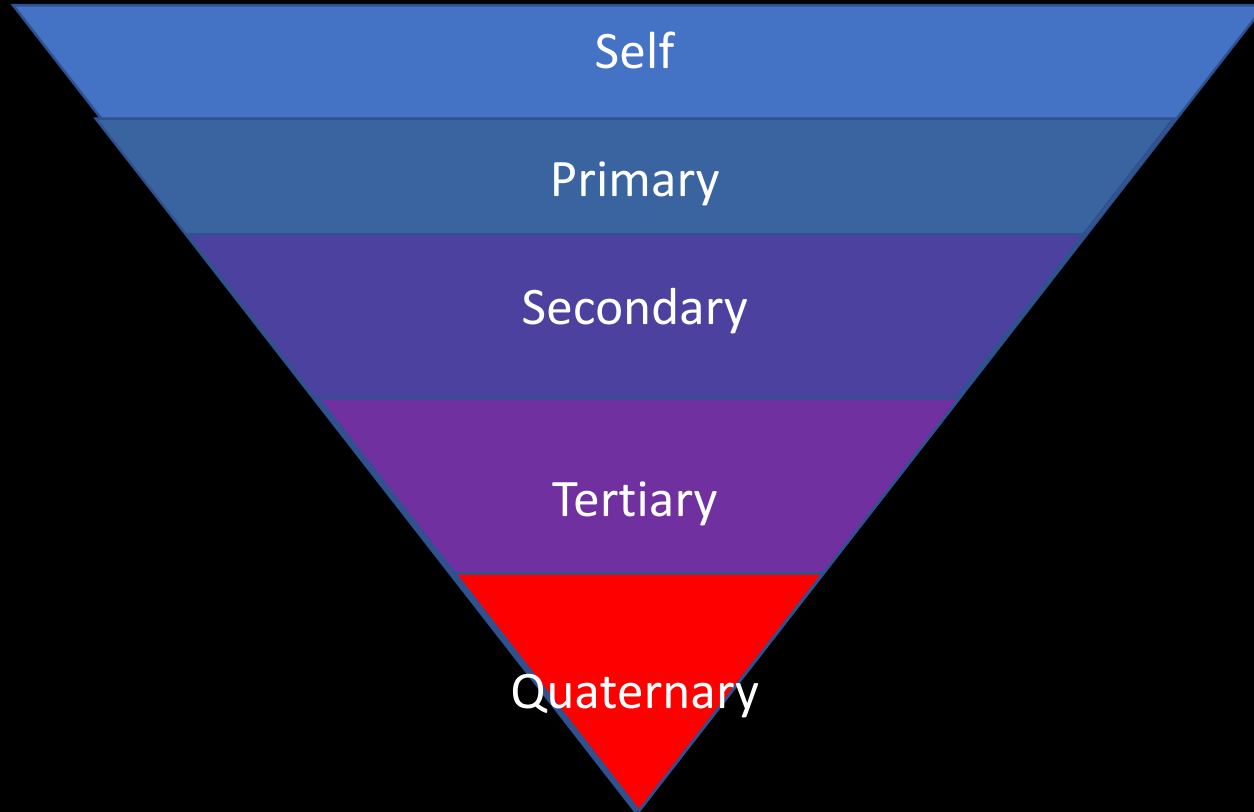


“Harnessing the power of digital technologies is essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including universal health coverage and the other “triple billion” targets in WHO’s 13th General Programme of Work. Such technologies are no longer a luxury; they are a necessity.”

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus  
Director-General, World Health Organization

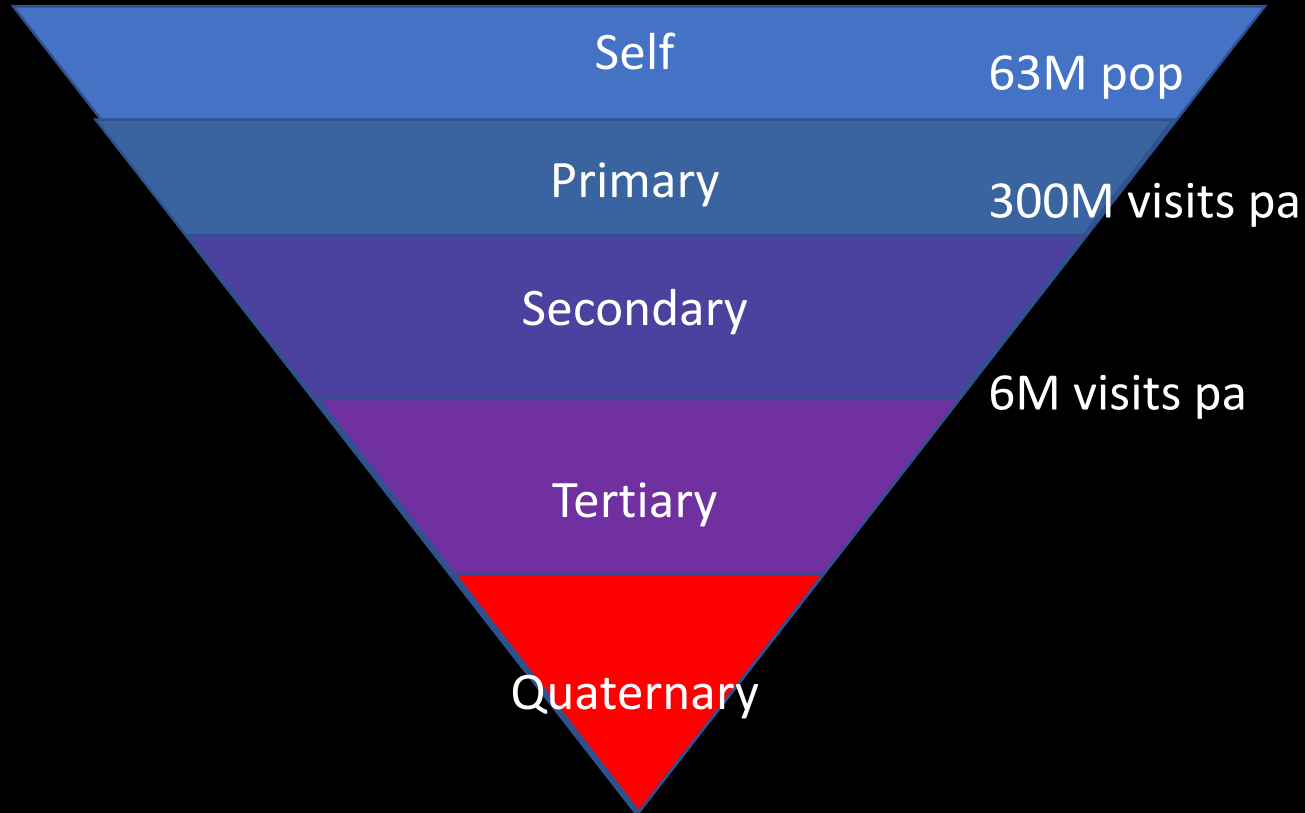


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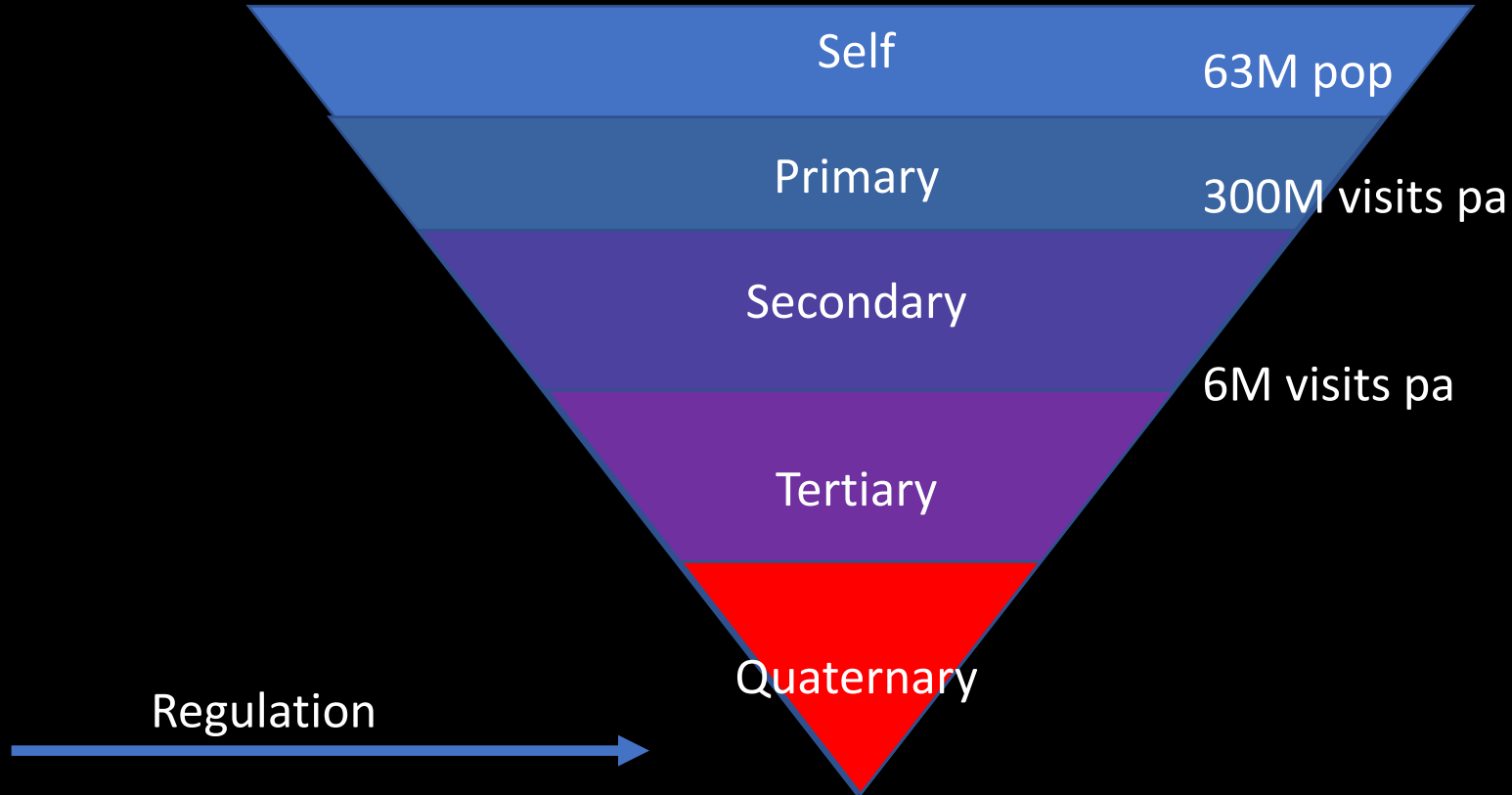




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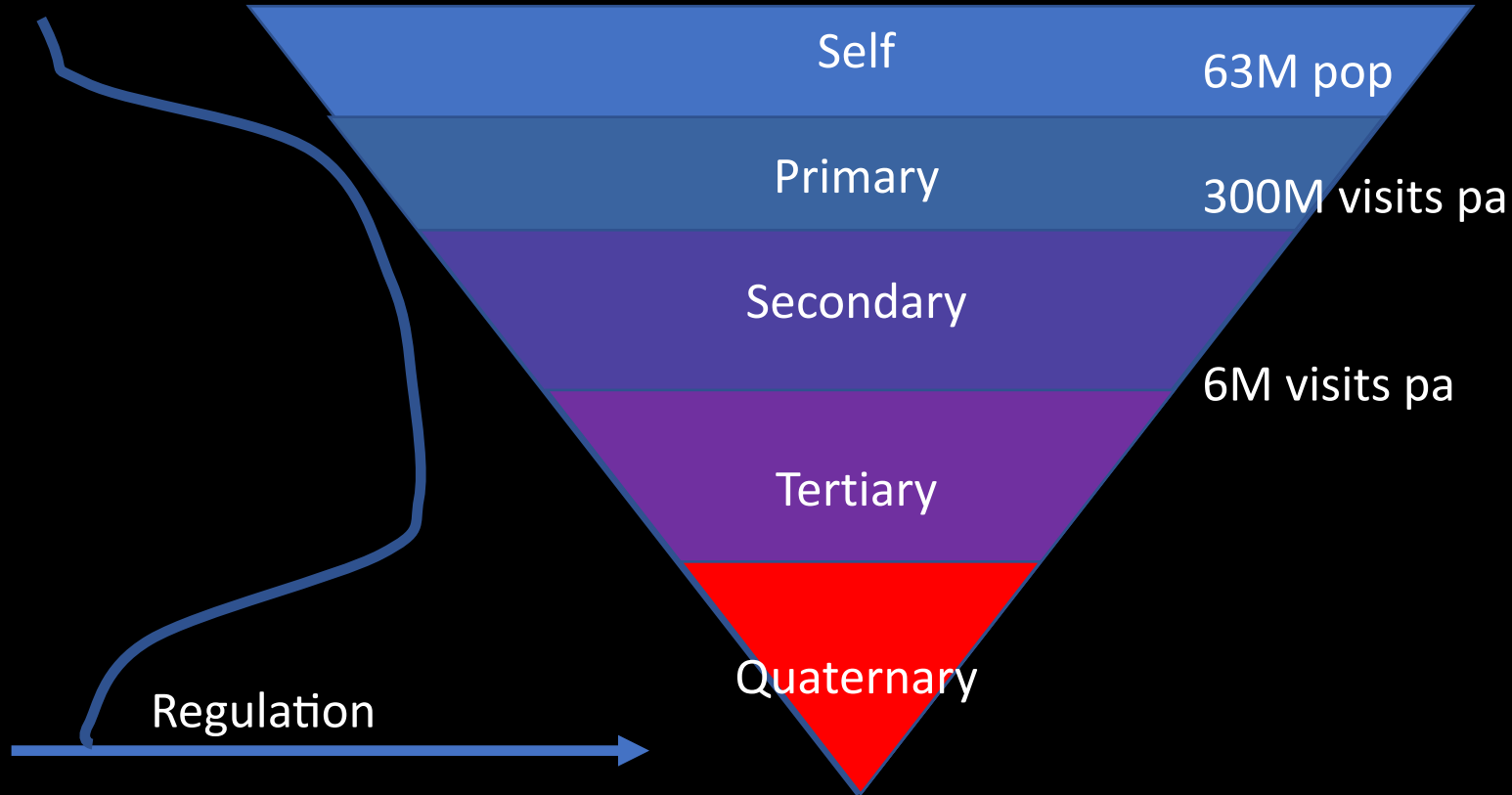


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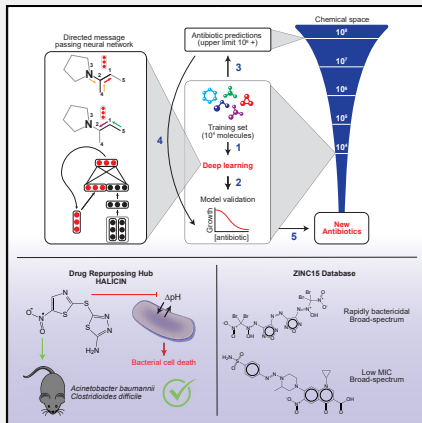
# Tertiary and Quaternary care

- Robot surgeons, neural nets and artificial hearts
- Very popular in the press
- Very small numbers of patients.



# A Deep Learning Approach to Antibiotic Discovery

## Graphical Abstract



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## In Brief

A trained deep neural network predicts antibiotic activity in molecules that are structurally different from known antibiotics, among which Halicin exhibits efficacy against broad-spectrum bacterial infections in mice.

## Highlights

- A deep learning model is trained to predict antibiotics based on structure
- Halicin is predicted as an antibacterial molecule from the Drug Repurposing Hub
- Halicin shows broad-spectrum antibiotic activities in mice
- More antibiotics with distinct structures are predicted from the ZINC15 database



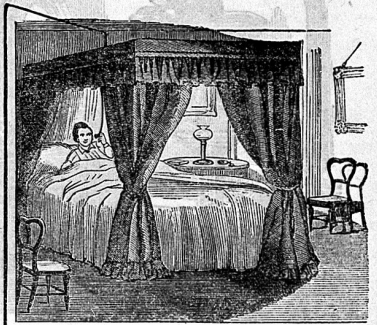
Primary care



# Telemedicine

Advertisement for the Gutta Percha speaking tube.  
Credit: Wellcome Collection.

## Medical Man's Midnight Friend.



### GUTTA PERCHA SPEAKING TUBE.

#### Testimonials.

From **HENRY ASHTON, Esq., Surgeon.**  
*Walton, near Preston, Dec. 11th, 1850.*

I have had Gutta Percha Tubing carried from my front door to my bedroom, for the transmission of communications from my patients *in the night*. I have it brought to my pillow, and am able with the greatest facility to hold any communication with the messenger in the street, without rising to open the window, and incurring exposure to the night air. It gives me great satisfaction in being able to recommend to my medical brethren, an article so cheap, and easy of adoption, which will save them from the injurious effects of being exposed to a current of cold air from an open window the moment they rise from their beds.

From Messrs. **WALL & TROUPER, A SURGEONS, &c.**  
*6, Mount-st., Grosvenor Square, Jan. 22, 1851.*

We state, with satisfaction, that the Gutta Percha Tubing fitted up by Mr. H. C. Dulley, 18, Wilderness Row, communicating between the street and the bed chamber, answers our expectation as a conductor of sound, and that the necessity of going down stairs, or opening the window to receive messages from our nightly visitors, is thus obviated. It is, therefore, with confidence we recommend all exposed to this inconvenience of our profession to adopt a similar plan.

**THE GUTTA PERCHA COMPANY, PATENTEES,**

18, WHARF ROAD, CITY ROAD, LONDON.

# Online consultations

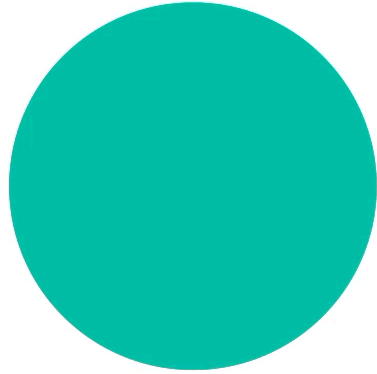


# Healthcare-Focused Companies With Chatbot Services

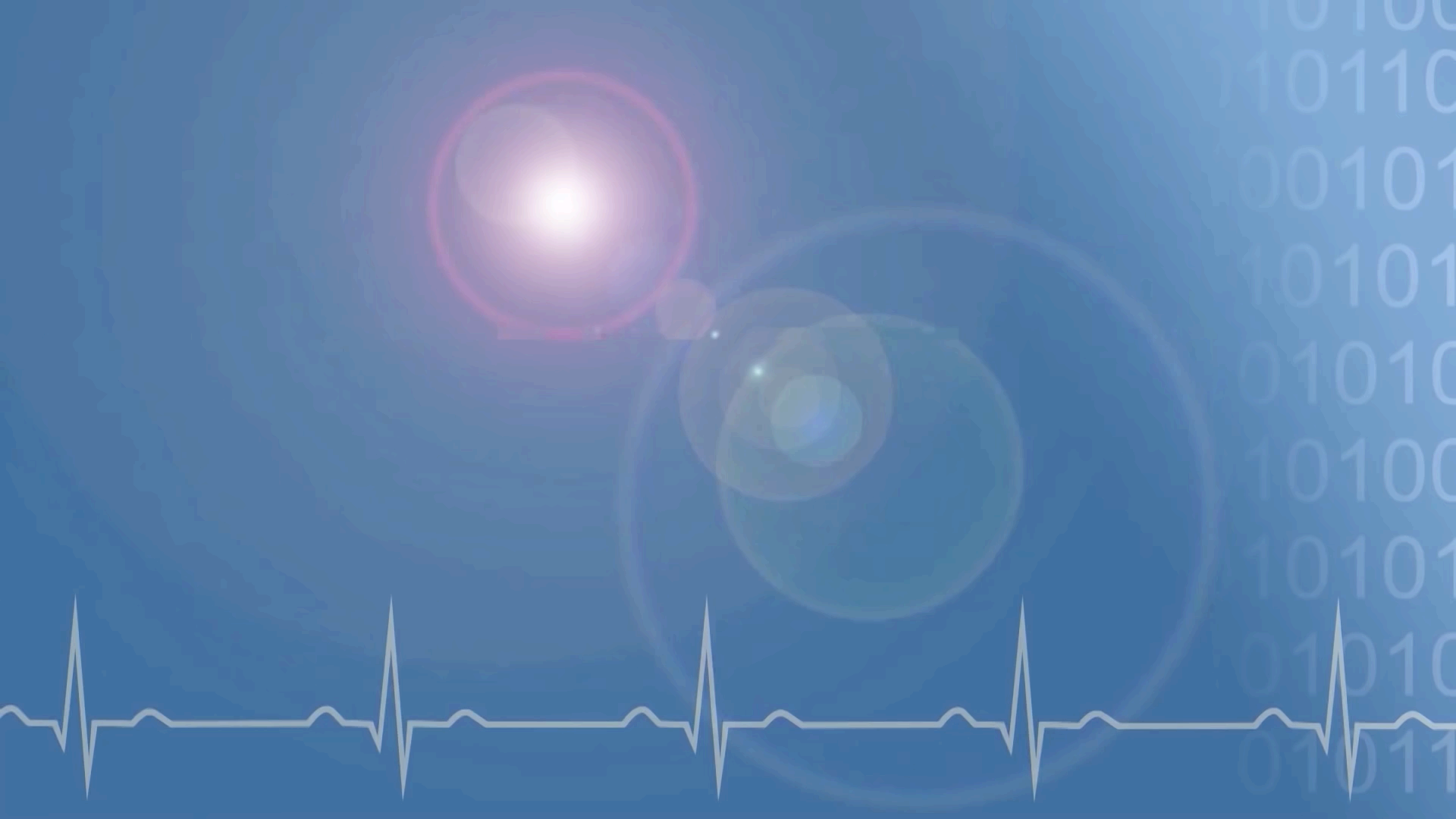
Data is current through early December 2019.

Company	Chatbot Name	Focus Area	Funding To Date
Babylon Health	Ask Babylon	General	\$635M
Ada Health	Ada	General	\$67M
Buoy Health	Buoy	General	\$29M
Sensely	(Varies)	Connecting to insurance services and healthcare resources	\$27M
Woebot Labs	Woebot	Mental health	\$8M
Youper	Youper	Emotional health assistant	\$3.5M
Clear Genetics	Gia	Genetics	Acquired





Secondary care







# Google streams

Sir David Sloman, Chief Executive  
Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust  
Pond Street  
Hampstead  
London  
NW3 2QC

3 July 2017

Dear Sir David,

***RFA0627721 – provision of patient data to DeepMind***

I write to confirm that I have concluded my investigation into the above.

In summary, my investigation has determined that the processing of approximately 1.6 million patients' personal data by DeepMind Technologies Limited ('DeepMind') for the purpose of the clinical safety testing of the Streams application did not fully comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 (the 'Act').

This letter explains how my investigation has reached that conclusion and highlights my key areas of concern. It explains the steps that I expect The Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust ("Royal Free") to take as a result. As the letter goes on to explain, this includes Royal Free London NHS Trust's agreement to the signing of an undertaking.

**1.1 Our investigation**

First and foremost, my office has made our support for the appropriate use of personal data for the purpose of research, development and clinical improvements clear. As you may be aware from my recent outreach work and public statements, I see the Data Protection Act, transparency for individuals, and sound data protection practices as fundamental to innovation. The ICO is committed to supporting technological advances in a way that locks in good data protection practice by default. We recognise that data analytics has huge and varied potential, but we also want to ensure that good data protection practice is seen as the positive force for good that we believe it to be.

In relation to health data, my office recognises the benefits that can be achieved by using patient data for wider public good and, where appropriate, we support

# Some persistent problems

- Bugs in hospitals
- Computer-generated inefficiency
- Poor procurement
- Poor interoperability
- Poor systems design leading to
  - See above!

# Are computer bugs worse than real bugs?

- Therac-25
  - injured or killed six people
  - A case study in poor software engineering practice
- Multidata Systems International RTP/2
  - killed five people (so far)
- Glucose monitoring software at Princess of Wales Hospital
  - 70 nurses disciplined and five sent to court
  - Database evidence thrown out of court

# Are computers really efficient?

**RESULTS:** Clinicians spent 355 minutes (5.9 hours) of an 11.4-hour workday in the EHR per weekday per 1.0 clinical full-time equivalent: 269 minutes (4.5 hours) during clinic hours and 86 minutes (1.4 hours) after clinic hours. Clerical and administrative tasks including documentation, order entry, billing and coding, and system security accounted for nearly one-half of the total EHR time (157 minutes, 44.2%). Inbox management accounted for another 85 minutes (23.7%).



# Procurement disasters

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### NHS IT system one of 'worst fiascos ever', say MPs

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**Taxpayers face a rising, multi-billion pound bill for a failed government IT project, MPs have said.**

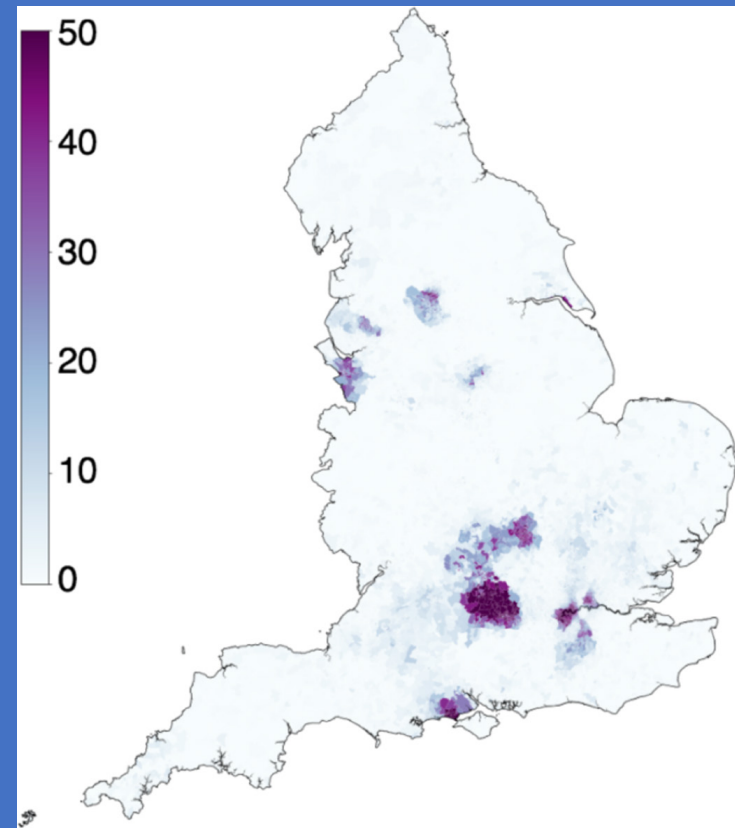
A report by the influential Public Accounts Committee (PAC) concluded an attempt to upgrade NHS computer systems in England



Ministers want to make the NHS paperless

# Interoperability

Warren LR, Clarke J, Arora S, et al. Improving data sharing between acute hospitals in England: an overview of health record system distribution and retrospective observational analysis of inter-hospital transitions of care. *BMJ Open* 2019;**9**:e031637. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2019-031637



**Figure 2** Map of England indicating the probability of patients in each Lower Layer Super Output Area having an encounter recorded on the same type of health record system, where consecutive encounters were at different trusts. Proportions range from zero (white) to high (dark purple) probability of attending a different trust using the same health record system.

# Looking forwards

Given that

software cannot be trusted in life-threatening situations

procurement is poor

IT infrastructure is poor...

Can we do anything at all?

Simulation





# Patient preferences

*“Benign prostate disease. Patients typically seek treatment because of urinary symptoms. Surgery can ameliorate these symptoms, but there is a trade-off. Many patients suffer from a form of post-surgical sexual dysfunction. An observational study showed that **when patients were well informed about the trade-off**, 40 per cent fewer preferred surgery (Wagner *et al* 1995)”*

# Decision aids

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a Healthwise decision aid page. The URL in the address bar is [www.healthwise.net/ohridecisionaid/Content/StdDocument.aspx?DOCHWID=zx1815](https://www.healthwise.net/ohridecisionaid/Content/StdDocument.aspx?DOCHWID=zx1815). The page features the Healthwise logo and a search bar. The main heading is "Diabetes: Should I Get an Insulin Pump?". Below the heading, there is a paragraph of introductory text. A navigation bar contains six numbered options: 1. Get the Facts (highlighted), 2. Compare Options, 3. Your Feelings, 4. Your Decision, 5. Quiz Yourself, and 6. Your Summary. The "Get the facts" section is expanded, showing "Your options" with two bullet points: "Get an insulin pump." and "Keep doing insulin injections." Below this, the text "Key points to remember" is partially visible.

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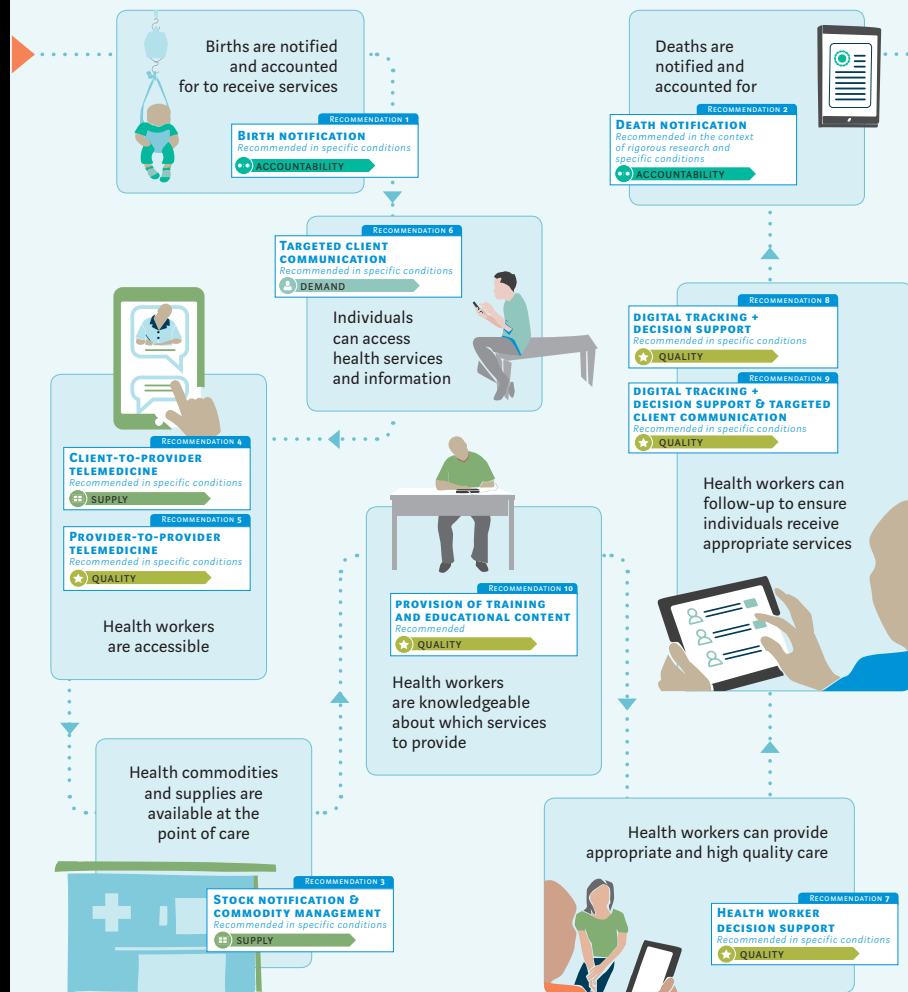
Decision aids for people facing health treatment or screening decisions (Review); Stacey D, Légaré F, Lewis K, Barry MJ, Bennett CL, Eden KB, Holmes-Rovner M, Llewellyn-Thomas H, Lyddiatt A, Thomson R, Trevena L; *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* 2017, Issue 4. Art. No.: CD001431.

DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD001431.pub5.

# WHO Guidelines

WHO guideline: recommendations on digital interventions for health system strengthening. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2019

FIGURE 4 LINKAGES OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ACROSS THE HEALTH SYSTEM



Now with added Covid



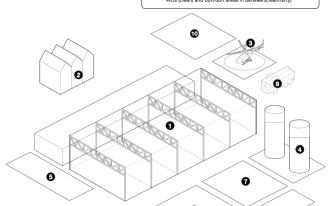


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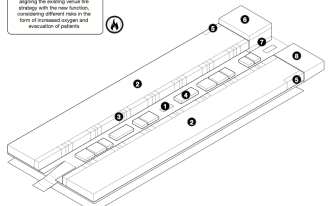
Large form-type spaces with flat floor areas for the ICU rooms and 10m<sup>2</sup> x 12m<sup>2</sup> adjacent space for storage, pharmacy, staff break out and WC, clean and essential nurse workstation(s).



- Vendor requirements**
- A. Clear room, large flexible space
  - B. Priority to appropriate staff accommodation
  - C. An airlock entrance
  - D. Space for medical plant
  - E. General lighting e.g. John Ambulance base
  - F. Emergency lighting e.g. John Ambulance base
  - G. Temporary generators
  - H. Space for staff emergency and showers
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  - L. Additional space to accommodate CTR bed head feet for resuscitated and temporary mortars

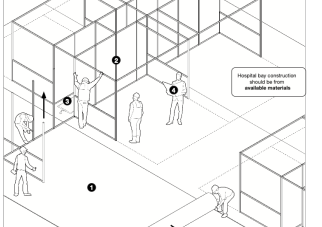
# 2. LAY OUT

It is essential that an NHS site delivers a resuscitated room design, allowing for medical plant, emergency lighting and the new location, considering different levels in the form of increased oxygen and evacuation of patients.



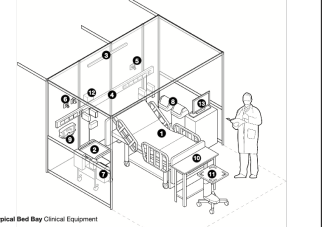
- NHS Nightingale London**
- 1. Central bedward
  - 2. Bed
  - 3. DASH/DOFF area
  - 4. Pharmacy access to bed
  - 5. CT / Diagnostics
  - 6. Mortuary
  - 7. Staff carmen
- Warding and signage** is key to assist staff to understand and make their way through the site. It is essential that the design is clear and to avoid confusion, ensuring a safe area.

# 3. FIT OUT

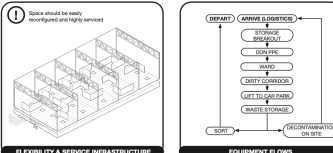


- Utilising Existing Infrastructure**
- 1. Vinyl flooring
  - 2. End-user sign-off system
  - 3. End-user sign-off system
  - 4. Utilise available workroom from existing layout
- Note:** Use what you have rather than trying to procure new and utilize large groups of available labour

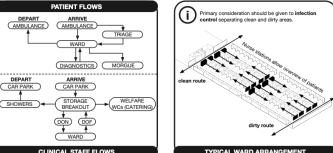
# 4. KIT OUT



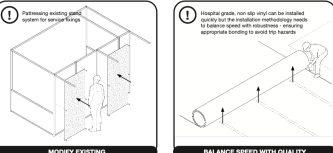
- Typical Bed Bay Clinical Equipment**
- 1. Bed bay (2000W x 1000L)
  - 2. Commensal table
  - 3. Bed mounting (2000W x 1000L)
  - 4. TV/Charger
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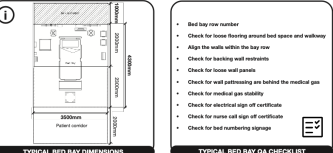
**FLEXIBILITY & SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE**



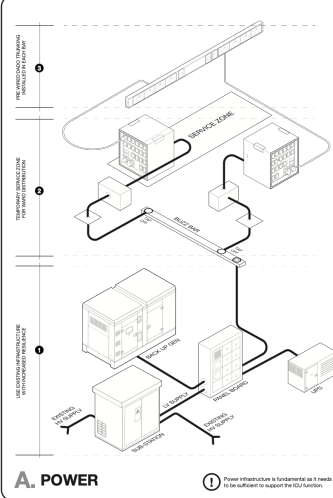
**PATIENT FLOWS**  
**CLINICAL STAFF FLOWS**  
**TYPICAL WARD ARRANGEMENT**



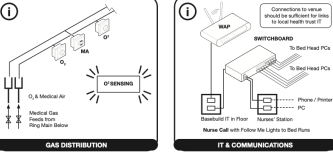
**MODIFY EXISTING**  
**BALANCE SPEED WITH QUALITY**



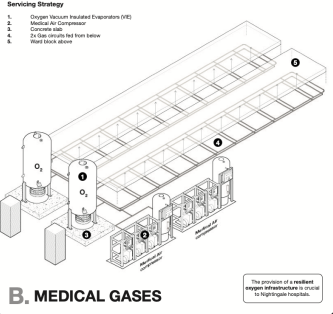
**TYPICAL BED BAY DIMENSIONS**  
**TYPICAL BED BAY QA CHECKLIST**



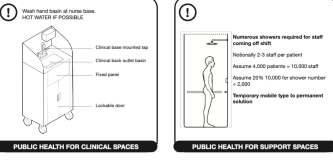
**A. POWER**



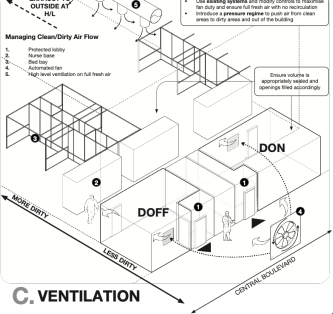
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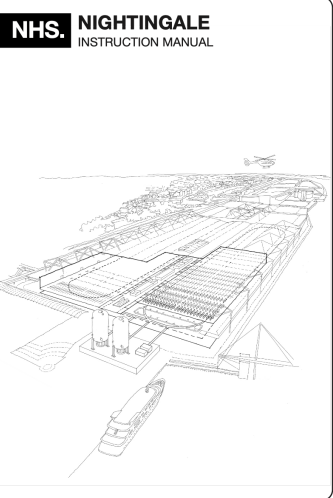
**B. MEDICAL GASES**



**PUBLIC HEALTH FOR CLINICAL SPACES**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH FOR SUPPORT SPACES**



**C. VENTILATION**



**NHS. NIGHTINGALE INSTRUCTION MANUAL**



# AI for Pandemic prediction



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Promoting healthy travel worldwide

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Rapid Communication

Rapid Communication

## Pneumonia of unknown aetiology in Wuhan, China: potential for international spread via commercial air travel

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### Abstract

There is currently an outbreak of pneumonia of unknown aetiology in Wuhan, China. Although there are still several unanswered questions about this infection, we evaluate the potential for international dissemination of this disease via commercial air travel should the outbreak continue.

**Key words:** SARS, air travel, coronavirus, pneumonia, outbreak, zoonosis

On 30 December 2019, a report of a cluster of pneumonia of unknown aetiology was published on ProMED-mail, possibly related to contact with a seafood market in Wuhan, China.<sup>1</sup> Hospitals in the region held an emergency symposium, and

that severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), the Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS), avian influenza and several other common respiratory pathogens have been ruled out (<http://news.hebei.com.cn/system/2020/01/05/100154729.shtml>). On 8 Jan-

First scientific paper on COVID-19:

Bogoch II, Watts A, Thomas-Bachli A, Huber C, Kraemer MUG, Khan K. Pneumonia of unknown aetiology in Wuhan, China: potential for international spread via commercial air travel. *J Travel Med.* 2020;27(2):taaa008. doi:10.1093/jtm/taaa008

Produced by BlueDot AI

Uses ML and NLP to scan reports  
Adds travel tracking and hence predicts  
pandemics

# Wearables and early warnings

## WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute and Oura Health unveil study to predict the outbreak of COVID-19 in healthcare professionals

Wednesday, April 08, 2020



Healthcare providers in the WVU Medicine J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital Emergency Department receive their digital PPE from RNI team members. WVU Photo

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Digital Health: Tracking Physiomes and Activity Using Wearable Biosensors Reveals Useful Health-Related Information

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Abstract

# Contact tracing

# Central versus distributed contact tracing

Bluetooth on mobiles  
Infected person flags they are now ill  
Messages sent to contacts  
either via trusted intermediary  
or via crypto-exchange

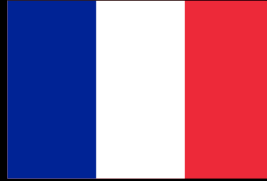
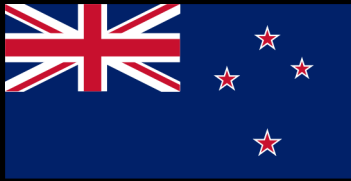
Government tracks all citizens  
mobile signals  
credit cards  
Government contacts people and  
immobilises them



Decentralised, app

Centralised, app

Centralised, no app



# Issues with contact tracing

- Bluetooth works through walls
- iOS turns off Bluetooth when its not used (StopCovid)
- Should you trust the government
- When will the data be destroyed?
- 80% adoption needed

## Fowler on split infinitives

“The English-speaking world may be divided into (1) those who neither know nor care what a split infinitive is; (2) those who do not know, but care very much; (3) those who know and condemn; (4) those who know and approve; and (5) those who know and distinguish. Those who neither know nor care are the vast majority, and are a happy folk, to be envied by the minority classes”

# The NHS

- One of the largest employers in the world: 1.4M people
- Relies on a national “spine” which processes around 6Bn transactions per year
- Spine was a legacy of a catastrophic project to digitise the NHS
- Obsessed with privacy and security
- Poor IT infrastructure
- Poor supply chains
- Madly fragmented management
- Long-term design-thinking is urgently needed
- Meanwhile...if you are in the UK...clap for your carers and hope!



# Digital state - recap

- Digital identity, Social media, Digital universities, Crime and punishment, Money, Health
- Success or failure depends on “system thinking” at government and pan-government levels
- Governments, particularly in the older democracies need to decide what the over-arching principles of their systems should be ... the techies can then design solutions to fit.
- “Bolt-on” legislation and orders are very dangerous to such designs