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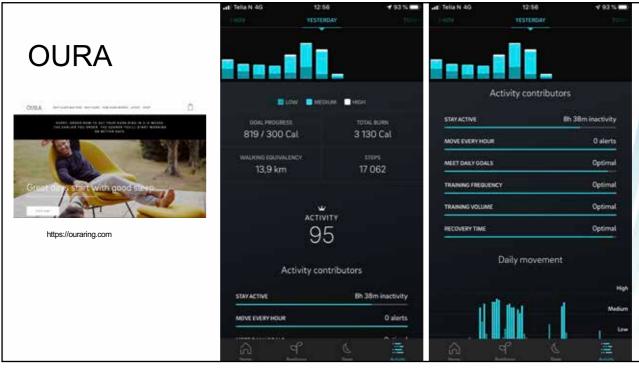
## Digital medicine and emergent technologies

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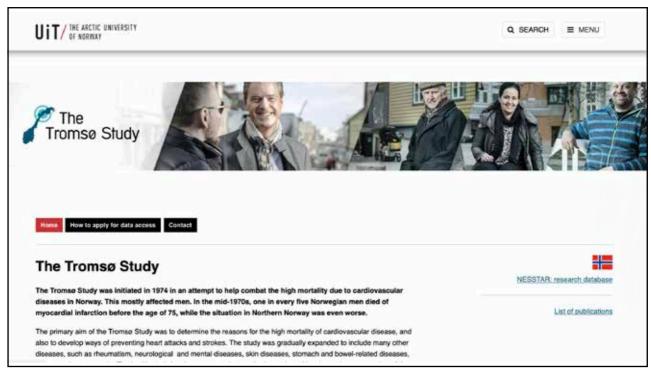
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### **Project title**

# full flow of Health Data Between Patients and Health Care Systems

The primary objective is ...

... to investigate how to integrate and utilize data between all three main actors in health care; the **patients**, the **primary care** and the **secondary care** actors.



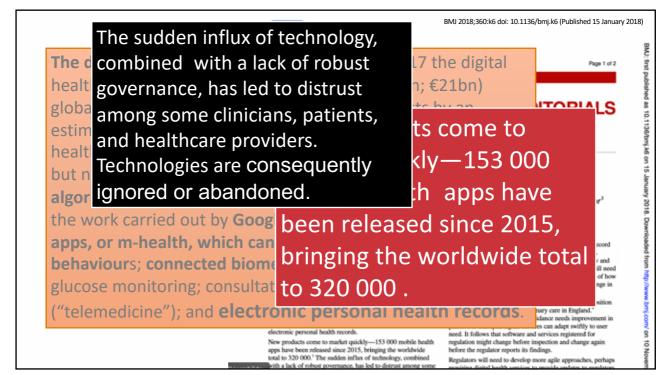






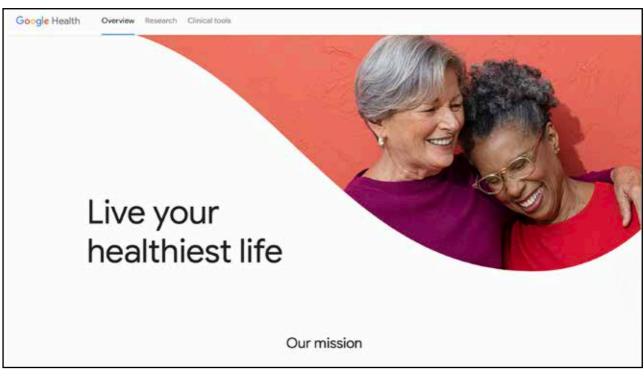


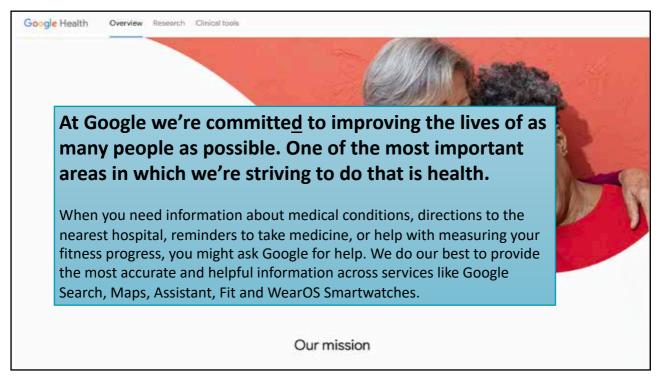






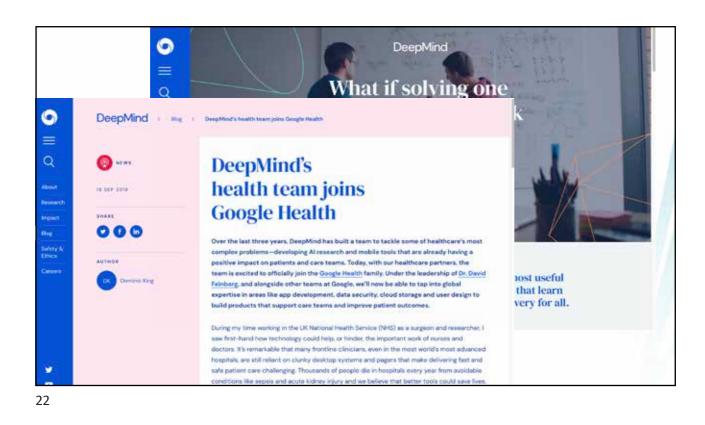


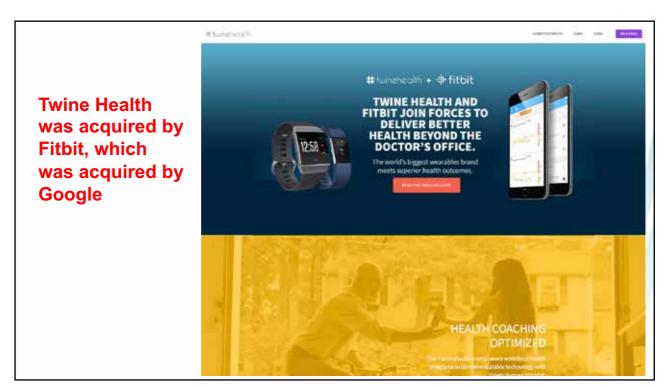


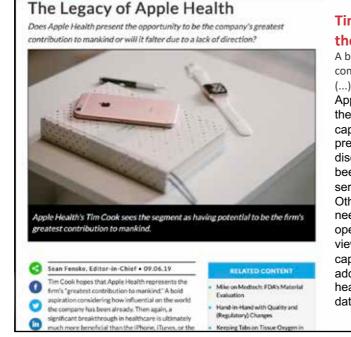












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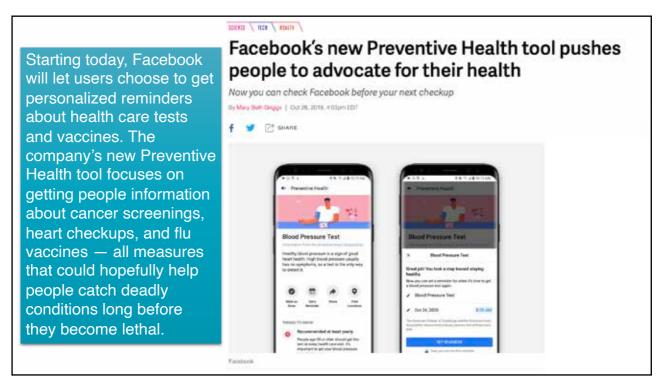
## Tim Cook hopes that «Apple Health represents the firm's "greatest contribution to mankind.»

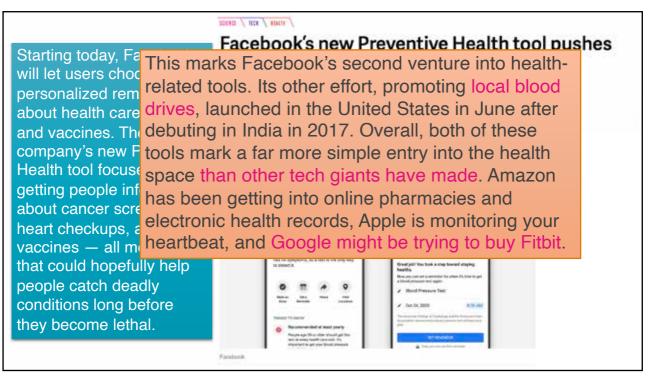
A bold aspiration considering how influential on the world the company has been already.

Apple is just one of several tech giants who have entered the healthcare technology space, leveraging different capabilities from the traditional medtech firms to enable prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of a variety of diseases. Their potential to disrupt the industry has often been discussed. To some, these organizations represent serious new competitors to established medtech firms. Others consider them potential partners who bring a much needed skill set to those already quite familiar with operating in the regulatory environment. Regardless of the view one has, these enterprises bring specialized capabilities with them that complement the needs to address the ongoing shift in healthcare (e.g., digital health, patient-focused solutions, artificial intelligence, big data and analytics, etc.).



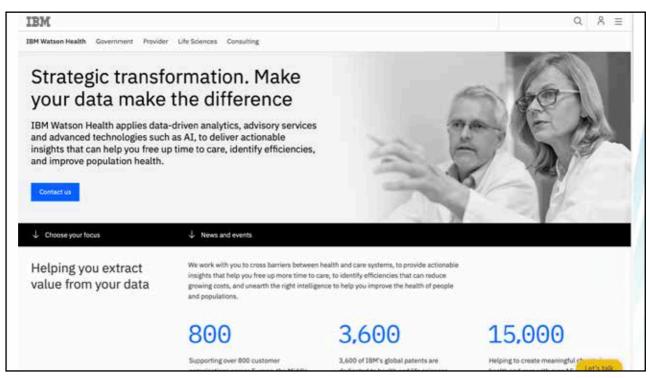


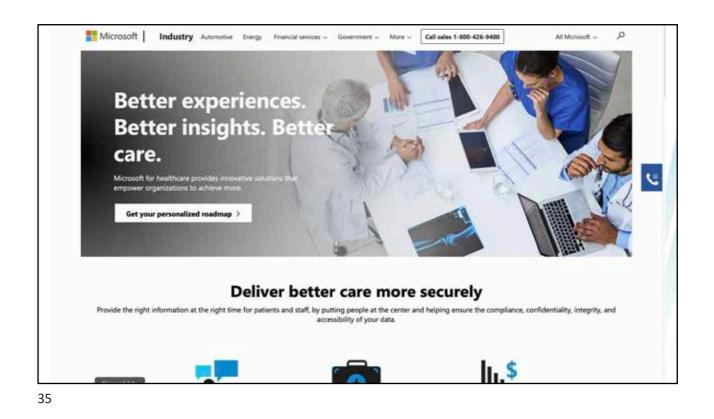




















### The Topol Beview

«Genomics, digital medicine and AI will have a major impact on patient care in the future. A number of emerging technologies, including low-cost sequencing technology, telemedicine, smartphone apps, biosensors for remote diagnosis and monitoring, speech recognition and automated image interpretation, will be particularly important for the healthcare workforce.»



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5.0 Digital medicine

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#### **Smartphone apps**

The app allows patients to:

- check their symptoms using NHS 111 online and/or the symptom checker on the NHS website;
- · book and manage their appointments at their GP practice;
- order repeat prescriptions
- · securely view their GP medical record;
- · register as an organ donor; and
- choose whether the NHS uses their data for research and planning

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## (3.1) Top technology descriptions

## Sensors and wearables for diagnostics and remote monitoring

Today an estimated **70-80% of all clinical decisions rely on the result of a test**, typically performed in a centralised NHS pathology lab.

Advances in sensors and wearables are already beginning to **bring diagnostics and monitoring ever closer to the patient**, including on hospital wards, out-patient clinics, A&E, GP surgeries, pharmacies and in the home.

#### Point-of-care and self-tests

Advances in sensors harnessing ultra-sensitive bionanotechnologies will transform the rapid diagnosis of disease at the point-of care, and could result in earlier diagnosis, faster access to treatment, improved antimicrobial stewardship, better health outcomes and disease prevention.

## (3.1) Top technology descriptions

#### Sensors for self-monitoring

Self-monitoring and self-management have been the cornerstone of Type 1 diabetes management for three decades, since the first finger-prick blood glucose meters became widely available in the 1980s.

The advent of Bluetooth-enabled glucometers linked to smartphones has **made self-management easier to integrate into the activities of daily life**.

#### Wearables for remote vital-sign monitoring

There is an **increasing acceptance of the use of wearable sensors** (including the in-built cameras and accelerometers of smartphones) to track vital signs, such as heart rate and abnormal rhythms, respiratory rate, blood oxygen saturation and blood pressure.

## (3.1) Top technology descriptions

#### Video cameras for patient monitoring

Hospitals and care homes in which frail and elderly patients with cognitive impairment are being cared for usually have video cameras installed in patients' rooms.

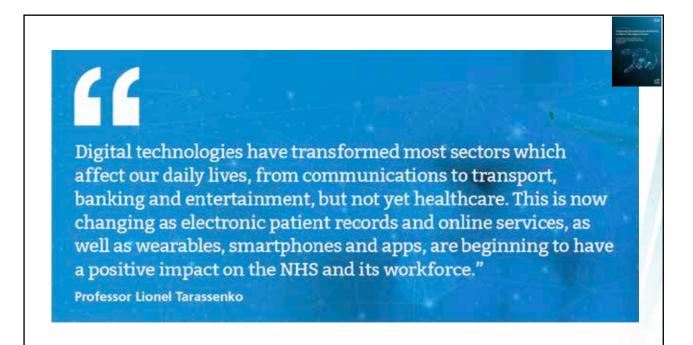
**Computer vision and machine learning algorithms to analyse video data streams can transform the care of these patients**, both through early detection of adverse events such as falls and through presenting objective reports of activity and health data to help healthcare professionals proactively plan care.

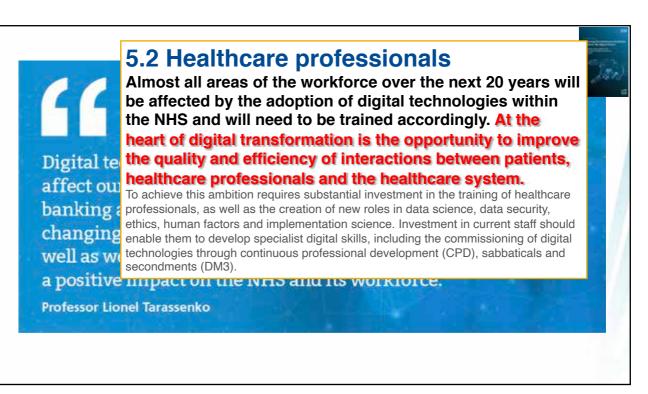
#### **Remote monitoring**

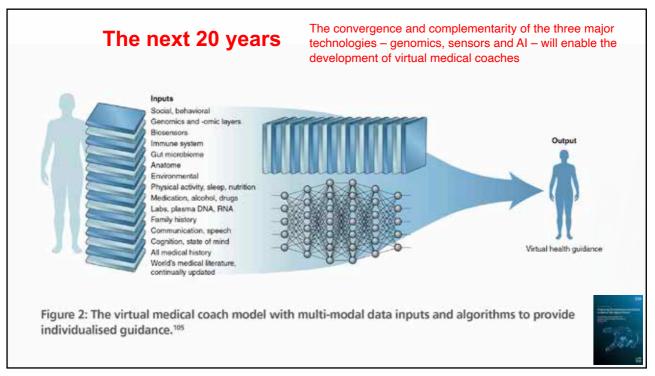
The sharing of patient-generated data with the healthcare workforce enables remote monitoring, but this **needs to be integrated within clinical pathways**.

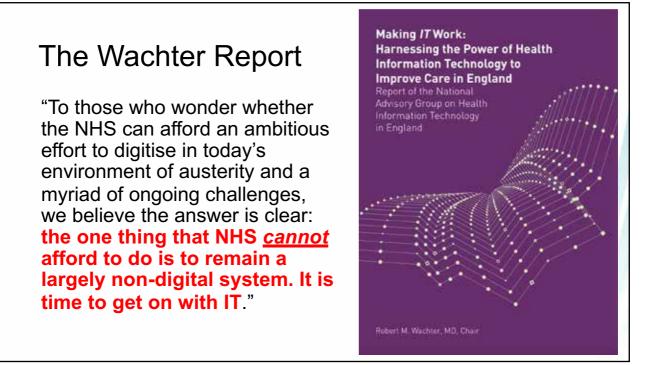
As digital technologies become more prevalent, there is a risk that a deluge of automatically transmitted data will overwhelm healthcare professionals.

The application of AI to generate patient summaries may provide a clinically useful solution to this problem.



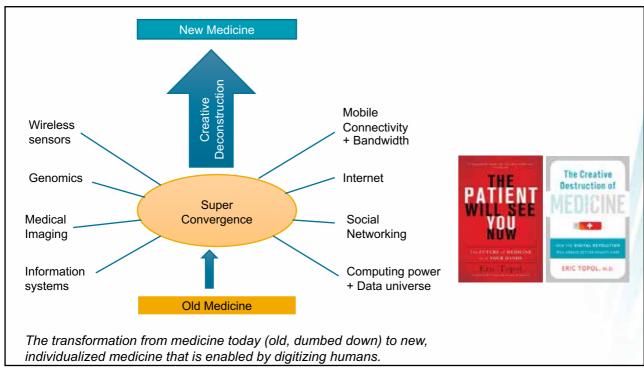
















Improving Diagnosis in Health Care exposes a critical type of error in health care—diagnostic error—that has received relatively little attention since the release of To Err Is Human.



AN EXAMPLE FROM OUR OWN RESEARCH

# The combination of sensor-based and syndromic monitoring

You have an infection. Please contact your doctor. We have therefore booked an appointment at 11:30 today with your GP. There is currently an outbreak of influenza in your area. Try to avoid close contact with others to prevent further spread.

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