The Future of Health Care Access

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Technology-driven innovation signals the emergence of a compelling new model. As we explore the world's efforts to improve health care access, we begin with a discussion of the many challenges that patients face. We then look at programs that are specifically designed to leverage information and communication technology (ICT) to help meet those challenges. Finally, we offer observations on the implications of this nascent model of health care delivery and discuss how this new approach could impact the future of health care worldwide. The model is already finding its application in various locations, such as a hospital in India that uses computerized systems to manage patients' electronic medical records, a clinic in South Africa that offers mobile health services, and a community-based program in the United States that uses social networking to promote healthy lifestyles. In each case, we find that the use of ICT is helping to overcome some of the barriers to access that patients face. For example, in the case of the Indian hospital, the use of ICT has enabled the hospital to manage patients' electronic medical records more efficiently, allowing patients to access their records from anywhere in the world. In the case of the South African clinic, the use of ICT has enabled the clinic to provide mobile health services, allowing patients to access health care services from their homes. In the case of the community-based program in the United States, the use of ICT has enabled the program to promote healthy lifestyles through social networking, allowing patients to connect with other patients and share information on healthy living. In each of these cases, the use of ICT is helping to overcome some of the barriers to access that patients face. However, there is still much work to be done to ensure that everyone has access to the benefits of ICT-driven health care. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that, globally, 1 billion people still lack access to basic health care services, and the vast majority of these people live in low- and middle-income countries. In order to address this gap, it is essential to develop new models of health care delivery that can be used to improve health care access for everyone. In this article, we introduce a simple yet powerful framework for analyzing the use of ICT in health care. This framework is based on the idea that ICT can be used to improve health care access in two main ways: by increasing the efficiency of health care delivery and by helping to overcome some of the barriers to access that patients face. The framework is designed to help program managers identify which strategies are most effective in improving health care access, and to help policy makers understand the potential impact of ICT-driven health care on health care access. The framework is also designed to help funders and government officials understand the potential impact of ICT-driven health care on health care access, and to help them identify the most promising programs to support. The framework is based on a simple yet powerful idea: technology can be used to improve health care access by making health care more accessible and more efficient. The framework is designed to help program managers identify the most promising strategies for improving health care access, and to help policy makers understand the potential impact of ICT-driven health care on health care access. The framework is also designed to help funders and government officials understand the potential impact of ICT-driven health care on health care access, and to help them identify the most promising programs to support. We hope that this framework will help to accelerate the development of ICT-driven health care and to improve health care access for everyone. The Future of Health Care Access

In recent years, the world has witnessed a proliferation of innovative ICT-driven programs designed to improve health care access. These programs are designed to help patients overcome some of the barriers to access that they face, and they are being implemented in a variety of locations around the world. In order to understand the potential impact of ICT-driven health care on health care access, it is essential to develop a framework for analyzing the use of ICT in health care. This framework is designed to help program managers identify which strategies are most effective in improving health care access, and to help policy makers understand the potential impact of ICT-driven health care on health care access. The framework is also designed to help funders and government officials understand the potential impact of ICT-driven health care on health care access, and to help them identify the most promising programs to support. The framework is based on a simple yet powerful idea: technology can be used to improve health care access by making health care more accessible and more efficient. The framework is designed to help program managers identify the most promising strategies for improving health care access, and to help policy makers understand the potential impact of ICT-driven health care on health care access. The framework is also designed to help funders and government officials understand the potential impact of ICT-driven health care on health care access, and to help them identify the most promising programs to support. We hope that this framework will help to accelerate the development of ICT-driven health care and to improve health care access for everyone.