ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR MHEALTH-BASED CLINICAL SUPPORT AMONG CLINICIANS IN LOW RESOURCE SETTINGS

A 3-DAY WORKSHOP AT THE BROCHER FOUNDATION, GENEVA

9-11 JANUARY 2019

Overarching aim of the workshop:

The workshop aims to lay the groundwork for the development of a guideline for good ethical practice in image-based mHealth practice for diagnostic and treatment consultation among clinicians.

The guidelines will incorporate key ethical issues such as patient autonomy and safety, and integrate perspectives from all users.

Structure of the workshop:

We plan for themed days, with a slightly different but complementary focus through each day's discussions. Themes are intended to cover issues at the levels of patients (both data and care, in terms of autonomy and safety) and the health care system (e.g. how health resources are distributed, and how mHealth may influence that).

Day 1 is on patient-related ethical issues – how mHealth challenges ethical principles as regards individuals – autonomy, non-maleficence, beneficence, justice – through different users.

Day 2 deals with health systems issues in the implementation and use of mHealth, including how principles of medical ethics are influenced, challenged and compete with one another (including utilitarianism and justice).

Day 3 is on incorporation of the results of the plenary and round tables discussions into an integrated guideline.

Discussions will take the form of whole-group brainstorming (intended to generate keywords and key principles to feed the guideline) and small-group roundtables (intended to generate statements which will also inform the guideline development).

Several sessions will start with a number of short contributions – live, or through video – to illustrate key aspects of the session and generate discussion.

DAY 1 HOW MHEALTH CHALLENGES ETHICAL PRINCIPLES AS REGARDS INDIVIDUALS – AUTONOMY, NON-MALEFICENCE, BENEFICENCE, JUSTICE	
Session 1 0900-0930	INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING MESSAGES
	Chair: Brocher representative, Lee Wallis, Lucie Laflamme
Session 2 0930-1230	THE LANDSCAPE OF IMAGE-BASED MHEALTH AMONG CLINICIANS IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS
[includes TEA/COFFEE	Chair: Lee Wallis, Lucie Laflamme
1045-1115]	Speakers –10 min each
	Johan Lundin Title: Artificial intelligence for improved access to diagnostics at the point-of-care
	Antoine Geissbuhler Title: Mobile technologies to support isolated care professionals: the experience of the RAFT network
	Adriana Velaquez Berumen Title: TBC
	Vula App developers
	Session Aim: Explore ethical perspectives on, and identify key challenges with, the use of mHealth in health care, from the perspective of patients, clinicians, and the health system.
	Preliminary topics for discussion:
	The notion of autonomy and protection of individual information/data
	 What specific challenges exist with pictures of individual patients? What are the perspectives of users, and how do we involve all stakeholders?
	Format: Brainstorming and prep for feedback 1 hour
	Output: Determination of keywords to guide on-going discussions. What are the biggest current issues (patient, clinician, health system)? Feedback 45 mins
	Summary Nikki Williams
1230-1315	LUNCH
Session 3 1315-1445	MEDICAL ETHICS AND MHEALTH – PATIENT INTEGRITY AND AUTONOMY
	Chair: Andreas Reis, Alain Labrique
	Speakers: 10 mins each
	Sabine Koch Title: Ethical issues during development and use of mHealth tools
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Maurice Mars

Title: `Spontaneous', Instant-Messaging-Based Telemedicine, a Simple mHealth Solution for the Developing World. Ethical Issues From the Coalface.

Keymanthri Moodley

Title: Image-based mHealth: opportunities for and challenges to autonomy

Session aim: Highlight the key issues around integrity and autonomy that App developers and researchers need to address when developing or studying mHealth.

Preliminary topics for discussion:

- Why are integrity and autonomy compromised through this technology?
- What are the challenges for protecting integrity and autonomy?
- How should major challenges be overcome, both in the short and long term?

Format: Roundtable 30 mins

Output: Determination of keywords to guide on-going discussions

Feedback 20 mins

Summary

Niklas Juth

1445-1500

TEA /COFFEE

Session 4 1500-1630

MEDICAL ETHICS AND MHEALTH – BUILDING IN PATIENT SAFETY (NON-MALEFICENCE AND BENEFICENCE PRINCIPLES)

Chair: Ousmane Ly, Abha Saxena

Speakers - 10 mins each

Bruce Dahlman

Title: Addressing Non-Malfeasance by improving Relevance of Clinical Evidence in mHealth Decision Support Tools

Isaac Bogoch

Title: Ethical considerations for image-based diagnostics to enable high-quality care in low-resource settings: a discussion of issues and potential solutions

Halima Adam

Title: How does mHealth safety fit into daily clinical frontline practice in low resource limited settings?

Session aim: Identification of critical aspects for "best practice" model for mHealth systems, having patient safety in mind.

Preliminary topics for discussion:

- What aspects need to be built in to such technology?
- What can go wrong? That is what are the risks for the patient and provider?

	How should we build in patient safety? This is - how do we protect from delays, errors
	Format: Roundtable 30 mins
	Output: A set of keywords to help shape the guideline development process Feedback 20 mins
	Summary
	Adriana Berumen
1630-1700	SUMMARY / WRAP UP – REFLECTIONS ON THE KEYWORDS
	Chair: Lee Wallis, Lucie Laflamme

	DAY 2	
HOW MHEALTH CHALLENGES ETHICS IN HEALTH SYSTEMS AND FOR CARE DELIVERY BY HEALTH WORKERS – e.g. UTILITARIANISM, JUSTICE		
0830-0915	INTRODUCTION AND RECAP	
	All day 1 sessions chairs to feedback impressions	
Session 5 0915-1100	THE HEALTH SYSTEM PERSPECTIVE – TECHNICAL AND HUMAN PERSPECTIVES	
	Chair: Marie Hasselberg, Eddie Mukooyo	
	Speakers – live and on video: 10 mins each	
	Jennifer Chipps Title: Can mHealth serve as a mechanism to enhance health systems to ensure care delivery and responsiveness?	
	Niklas Juth Title: Utilitarian and justice-based considerations in mHealth systems	
	Nikki Allorto	
	Session aim: Reflect on whether and how mHealth can serve as a mechanism to enhance health systems to ensure care delivery and responsiveness.	
	 Preliminary topics for discussion: What are the key healthcare-worker challenges to integration of mHealth into daily practice while allowing maintenance of utilitarianism and justice? 	
	Format: Brainstorming 30 mins	
	Output: A set of core health system components for the guideline Feedback 20 mins	
	Summary	
	Alain Labrique	
1100-1130	TEA / COFFEE	
Session 6 1130-1300	HEALTH CARE PERSPECTIVE – CLINICAL CODE OF CONDUCT AND THE NOTION OF RESPONSIBILITY	
	Chair: Lucy Gilson, Nikki Williams	
	Speakers: 10 mins each	
	France Légaré Title: No decision about us without us using mHealth or is it?	
	Hendry Sawe Title: Impact of mHealth systems on Resource maximization and Doctor–patient	
	partnership	

	Joseph Ali Title: Emerging medicolegal issues for image-based and other related clinical applications of mHealth
	Session aim: Reflect on challenges that mHealth can bring to strengthen the clinical code of conduct.
	 Preliminary topics for discussion: What are the key issues with regard to the code of conduct that are threatened or strengthened by mHealth systems?
	Format: Roundtable 30 mins
	Output: A set of core patient and clinician elements for the guideline Feedback 20 mins
	Summary Olola Oneko
1300-1345	LUNCH
1345 – 1500	SPEAKERS' CORNER – ON ANY USER OR SYSTEM PERSPECTIVE
	Chair: Johan Lundin, Keymanthri Moodley
	Session aim: To allow formal inputs from those who have not yet had an opportunity to present, with regard to the discussions so far
	Format: Speaker's corner
1500-1515	TEA / COFFEE
Session 7 1515 – 1630	GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT PART 1 – KEY WORDS AND STRUCTURE
	Chair: Lucie Laflamme, Lee Wallis
	Moderator: Nikki Williams
	Session aim: On basis of the brainstorming and roundtable discussions, draft the main lines of the clinical guideline for mHealth development and implementation in general, and image-based solutions in particular, in order to especially Low Resource Settings.
	Format: Roundtable
	Output: A draft of the guideline
Session 8 1630 – 1700	SUMMARY / WRAP UP

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	Chair: Guy Dumont, Nikki Williams
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DAY 3 TO DEVELOP OF AN OUTLINE GUIDELINE, AND TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETION		
Session 9 0830 – 1030	GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT PART 2 – ON PATIENT AND CLINICAL USER AUTONOMY	
	Chair: Lee Wallis, Lucie Laflamme	
	Session aim: To develop an outline of the Guideline, looking at ethical principles in Low Resource Settings	
	Format: Roundtable and plenary	
1030 – 1100	TEA/COFFEE	
Session 10 1100 – 1300	GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT PART 3 – ON PATIENT SAFETY AND PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE	
	Chair: Marie Hasselberg, Antoine Geissbuhler	
	Session aim: To develop an outline of the Guideline, looking at ethical principles in Low Resource Settings	
	Format: Roundtable and plenary	
1300 – 1400	LUNCH	
Session 11 1400 - 1530	WRAP UP AND WAY AHEAD	
	Chair: Lee Wallis, Lucie Laflamme	