

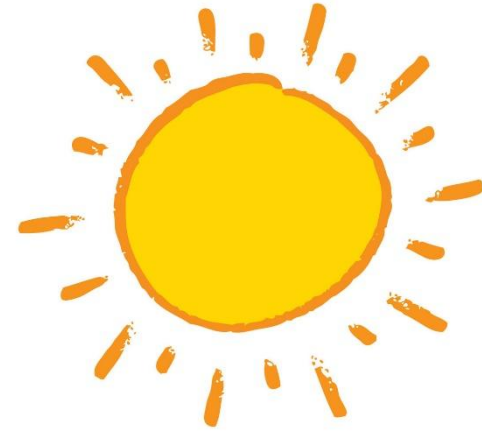


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# The Impact of eHealth on Pharmaceutical Care

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Good Morning  
Vancouver !



# Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



## Administrative Divisions

Saudi Arabia has 14 emirates (*imārāt*, singular *imārah*). All are administered from Riyadh.



King Faisal Hospital & Research Center  
Riyadh and Jeddah



# KFSH&RC FACTS & FIGURES

**MISSION** Provide the highest level of specialized healthcare in an integrated educational and research setting

**VISION** To be a world-leading institution of excellence and innovation in healthcare



Est 1975



Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



9.4M Population Served



Riyadh & Jeddah

## 2015 Statistics



1589 Beds



30,012 Admissions



1,224,806 OP Visits



1,158 Transplants



19,260 OR Cases



13,278 Employees  
63 Nationalities



87,692 ER Visits



1,432,165 OP Rx  
Avg. 7000 Rx/Day



38 Pharmacists  
280 Rx/Day







## HIMSS Analytics EMR Adoption Model

For Ambulatory Care



For Acute (inpatient) Care



### EMR Adoption Model<sup>SM</sup>

| Stage   | Cumulative Capabilities  |
|---------|--|
| Stage 7 | Complete EMR; CCD transactions to share data; Data warehousing; Data continuity with ED, ambulatory, OP                  |
| Stage 6 | Physician documentation (structured templates), full CDSS (variance & compliance), Closed Loop Medication Administration |
| Stage 5 | Full complement of Radiology PACS  |
| Stage 4 | CPOE, Clinical Decision Support (clinical protocols)   |
| Stage 3 | Nursing/clinical documentation (flow sheets), CDSS (error checking), PACS available outside Radiology                    |
| Stage 2 | CDR, Controlled Medical Vocabulary, CDS, may have Document Imaging; HIE capable  |
| Stage 1 | Ancillaries – Lab, Rad, Pharmacy - All Installed   |
| Stage 0 | All Three Ancillaries Not Installed  |

# The Impact of eHealth on Pharmaceutical Care



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Aprox. 2400 formulary  
items



**6 pharmacies in Riyadh**  
**4 pharmacies in Jeddah**



According to the Canadian National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities:

### “Prescription volumes

It is recognized that different pharmacists have different abilities and may perform different quantities of work more effectively and safely than others. However, there is an optimum workload that pharmacists may perform, after which, the potential for increasing errors rises. With regard to prescription volumes, the following guidelines are suggested:

- 1) A pharmacist working alone, with no technician assistance, should reasonably be able to dispense **approximately 10 prescriptions per hour as a consistent, daily average.**
- 2) A pharmacist working with technician support (one or more), should reasonably be able to dispense an **average of 15-20 prescriptions per hour.**“



**280 Rx/Day**

Working alone for 8 hours  
Shift (avg. 35 Rx/hr)



# MEDICATION ERRORS

More Than  
**7000**  
Annual Deaths

**50%**  
Related to  
Medical Dose Selection

**5-8%**  
Hospital  
Admissions

Effected  
**1.5m**  
Patients



Loss of  
**USD3bn**  
Per Year

**79%**  
During Physician  
Prescribing

Too Rushed 78%

Illegible Writing 68%

Mistaken Physician Order 62%

Too Many Medications 60%

Similar Drug Names 56%

# MORE ERRORS



10-20%

Transcribing

30-40%

Prescribing

5-10%

Dispensing

Preventable ADEs cost

**\$1.5 billion**

Annually

20-30%

Administration

Nurses spend  
**35%** of their time on  
documentation

**61%**

of most serious med errors  
**Are IV Related**

**40** ADEs  
per day

What **do** you think ?



Do we have a problem ?

Why is it important ?

How can we select and use a  
technology to enable/help us ?

Dose it impact our practice?

# ScriptPRO Workflow System

ScriptPro provides an integrated platform of robotics-enabled systems and barcode driven workflow to optimize ambulatory pharmacy operations, promoting safe and effective medication use and improve adherence





Is it Enough?



# ScriptPRO Workflow System

- Installed **2007** in one site (Phase I)
- Expanded in **2010** to all other remaining sites in Riyadh (Phase II)
- Expanded in **2016** to all Jeddah sites (Phase III)
- ScriptPro's Robot and SP Workflow System complements the robotic **dispensing** technology by coordinating the entire pharmacy workflow using barcode verification technology and identifying and batching all prescriptions for every patient to ensure proper medication delivery

# The Impact of Adopting a New Robotic Dispensing System in Outpatient Pharmacies at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre (KFSH&RC)

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Phase II

2010

# Objectives

- We try to measure the outcome of adopting a state of the art, robotics-based management and bar-coded driven workflow systems for outpatient pharmacies and to develop a framework tool for pharmacy automation solutions outcome measurements by:
  1. measure pre and post ScriptPro implementation impacts on dispensing errors as a primary objective.
  2. evaluate the effect on the time required by pharmacy staff to complete six dispensing related activities (secondary objective):
    - a. Receive the Rx Order
    - b. Process the Rx Order
    - c. Resolve Clinical Conflicts
    - d. Prepare the Prescription
    - e. Double check
    - f. Patient counseling



## Objectives

3. To study the impact of technology on staff satisfaction by conducting pre and post implementation survey.
4. To describe the changes in the pharmacy practice by comparing the robotic dispensing process (post implementation) with conventional (pre implementation) prescription dispensing process.

# Method

- Mix of quantitative and qualitative methods. Prospective observational study of random selected prescriptions. Cross sectional staff survey and area managers structured interview.

# Result

- KFSH&RC pharmacies dispense around 7000 prescriptions per day. A total of 4886 prescriptions were randomly selected (2602 pre and 2284 post) over a 2 weeks period and the post implementation was collected after 6 months of the go-live. 36 serious dispensing errors (wrong medication) were captured.
- The recorded time required by pharmacy staff to complete all dispensing-related activities pre-installation is around 12-16 minutes per patient (avg. no of prescriptions is around 5-6/patient) and 9-13 minutes post- installation (around 25% reduction).

# Result

- Staff satisfaction is 96% positive and they are all more confident to dispense medication using ScriptPro compared to the manual process (85% respond rate from a total of 38 staff members)





**Almost in each 1000 Rx, there is 7 Rx dispensed wrongly**

# Conclusion

- This study help to improve the outpatient pharmacy workflow and guide the management to develop an automation evaluation tool (framework) based on the indicators measure and the findings.

# IMPACT of eHealth

## FINDINGS

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>0.5% of the outpatient dispensed medication errors prevented by a barcode driving technology



Improve patient care by reducing medications errors



Staff satisfactions are very important



An estimated a yearly cost saving of 7,000,000 SR (2.3 millions CAD) is recorded

# eHealth OUTCOME



Dispensing Errors

**≈18,000 SR**

Cost saving  
Per Day

**96%**

Satisfaction

**25%**

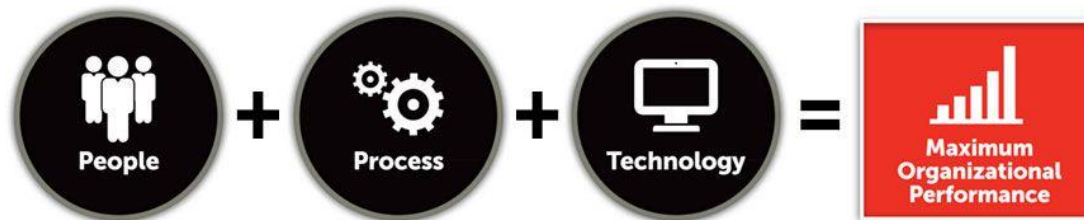
Increase efficiency





Remember

People  
Process  
Technology





**eHealth** is  
a 'Roadmap' Not a Checklist

**M**aking a process electronically, does not  
mean it is 100% correct





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# QUESTIONS

