

Skill up with APACMed: How to get digital health reimbursed in Korea?

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About APACMed

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Companies worldwide

130

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members

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About the APACMed Digital Health Committee

250+ MEMBERS
from **75+ COMPANIES:**
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Start-ups



OUR MISSION

Support APACMed members across the entire digital health product journey, from regulatory approval to market access and use.

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Share the voice of the industry with the public and private digital health deciders and provide a neutral platform for public-private collaborations on regulatory, cybersecurity, reimbursement, health data, interoperability.



APACMed's work in digital health reimbursement

Between 2020 and 2021, the APACMed digital health committee published 2 papers and 2 reports on digital health reimbursement:

1. **Harnessing the potential of digital health technologies – policy pathways for value assessment and reimbursement** ([link](#))

- A position paper with recommendations to policymakers on the implementation of fit-for-purpose value assessment, funding and reimbursement framework for clinical-grade digital health technologies.

2. **Advancing remote healthcare during and post COVID-19** ([link](#)),

- A paper summarizing learnings from dialogues between APACMed and private and public sector on remote care management programs in Asia.

3. **A new framework for digital health reimbursement** (link to [full report](#) and [white paper](#))

- A collection of use cases with the strategies that MedTech companies adopt to reimburse or monetize their digital health solutions in Asia.

4. **Overview of country Health Technology Assessment (HTA) guidelines for digital health technologies** ([link](#))

- A report which analyses digital health-specific HTA guidelines existing in Korea, France, Belgium and the U.K.



APACMed's work in digital health reimbursement

With these documents, **we review the status of digital health reimbursement and monetization approaches** in Asia and beyond, highlight best practices and gaps, and **invite policymakers and payors to implement fit-for-purpose value assessment, funding, and reimbursement frameworks for digital health** to improve access to patients and economic sustainability.



Today's agenda and speakers

Korea Time	Session	Speaker
2:05 am 15 Min	Value assessment and reimbursement of digital health technologies in Asia: best practices, gaps and use cases	Jaehyun Suh, KRPIA
2.20 pm 10 Min	Evaluating digital health in Korea	Prof. Jeonghoon Ahn, Ewha Womans University
2.30 pm 15 Min	Measuring the value of digital health – The HCP perspective and next steps for the government	Prof. Jae-Yong Shin, Yonsei University
2.45 pm 10Min	Industry position	Jae-Eun Myung, Medtronic, KMDIA, APACMed
2:50 pm 5 Min	Closing remarks and next steps for APACMed	Sang-Soo Lee, Medtronic, KMDIA, APACMed





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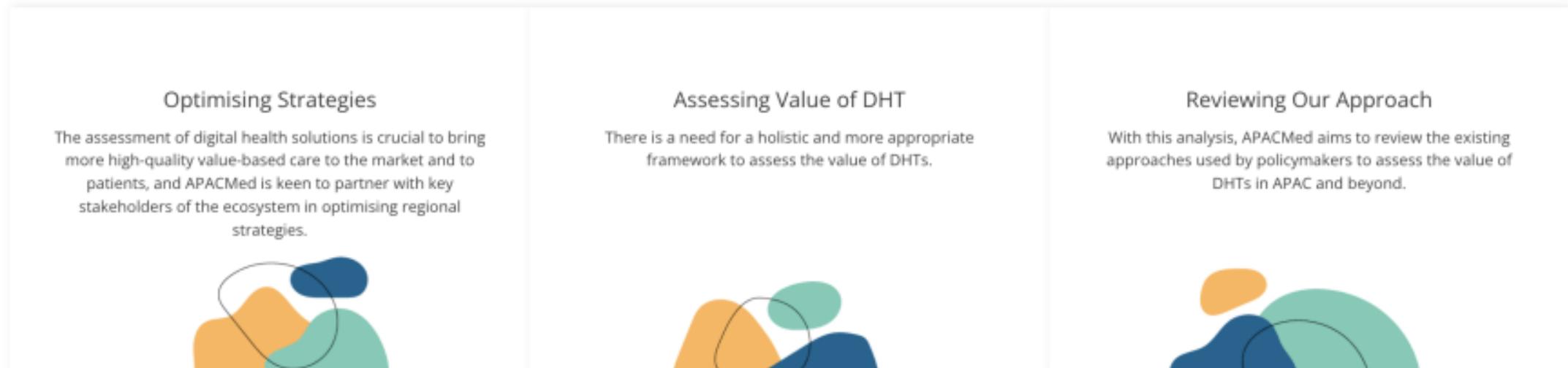
Value assessment and reimbursement of digital health technologies in Asia:

Best practices, gaps and use cases

Value assessment of digital health

APACMed conducted a comparative analysis of HTA framework specific to digital health in Asia and Europe.

Overview of Country Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Guidelines for Digital Health Technologies (DHTs)



Value assessment of digital health

France

Guide to the specific features of clinical evaluation of a connected medical device (CMD) in view of its application for reimbursement via LPPR¹

Considerations

Are considered connected medical devices (CMDs):

- ⊖ Devices intended for use for medical purposes (CE-mark)
- ⊖ Devices for individual use (implanted or used by patient)
- ⊖ Devices requesting reimbursement by the National Health Insurance



Reimbursements

Assessment criteria for Reimbursement

Evidence standards evaluated by the CNEDiMTS² have to demonstrate:

- ⊖ Individual benefits: morbidity-mortality, patient or carer's benefits, or any related and validated measurement tool supporting the product's claim
- ⊖ Other benefits, related to the stakeholders' contributions (accessibility, care practice and organisation, quality of care, safety)
- ⊖ Lack of harmful effect on the individual

Reimbursement (LPPR)

The reimbursement decision would be based on the actual clinical benefits (ACB) and the added clinical value (ACV), if sufficient ACB. The ACV will be a key contributing factor to price negotiations with CEPS³, to be listed in the LPPR.

Authors: CNEDiMTS (Medical device and Health technology Evaluation Committee) of HAS (Haute Autorité de santé)
Published in January 2019.



Value assessment of digital health

Germany

The Fast-Track Process for Digital Health Applications (DiGA) according to Section 139e SGB V

Considerations

DiGA (Digitale Gesundheitsanwendungen) is a medical device of the risk class I or IIa (MDR/MDD CE-marks). Its main function is based on digital technologies. The DiGA has to be used by the patient only or by the patient and the HCP.

To be listed in the directory, a DiGA must meet the following requirements:

- 1 Product qualities – Safety and Suitability for use, functionality, quality, data protection, information security, interoperability, etc.
- 2 Positive healthcare effect – Medical benefit and Patient-relevant improvement of structure and process



Reimbursements

If the DiGA already has a comparative study demonstrating a positive healthcare effect, it can apply for final listing for reimbursement. If not, it undergoes a preliminary testing period of 12 months, during which statutory health insurances will reimburse the costs provisionally.

Authors:

Federal Institute for Drug and Medical Devices (Bundesinstitut für Arzneimittel und Medizinprodukte, BfArM), Federal Ministry of Health (Bundesministerium für Gesundheit, BMG)

Published in April 2019

Value assessment of digital health

South Korea

Guideline for the national health insurance (NHI) coverage – eligibility for Innovative Health Technology Assessment Track

To date, South Korea is the only country in APAC that has developed a value assessment and reimbursement guidelines for DHTs.

Considerations

Scope: Innovative medical technologies

- Currently only artificial intelligence (AI) medical imaging, and 3D Printing
- To be updated for other innovative technologies including Digital Health Technologies (DHTs)



Reimbursements

Assessment criteria for Reimbursement

According to the level of improvement in clinical utility and cost effectiveness, DHTs are classified from Level 1 to 4.

Separate additional reimbursement price is granted to Level 3 and 4:

- Level 3 – Clinically significant improvement in treatment outcomes or diagnostic abilities / new diagnostic value and treatment effectiveness.
- Level 4 – Cost-effectiveness is clinically and significantly demonstrated in addition to Level 3.

Reimbursement of digital health has so far been difficult, for a number of factors including lack of reimbursement pathways and difficulties in demonstrating value



Because of the lack of clear reimbursement pathways and HTA guidelines, many DH technologies are paid by patients out-of-pocket or offered for free by manufacturers, **limiting innovation and adoption**

Developing structured access and reimbursement pathways for DH will have a number of **positive effects for the healthcare industry across multiple stakeholder types**

In APAC, specifically, reimbursement and HTA **guidelines for DH are limited**, and DH solutions are often **regulated as medical devices**

Our analysis shows that a regional strategy is lacking, even though COVID-19 has forged governments to switch to digital

Public frameworks existing in only 6 countries: Australia, China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand, covering a **variety of therapeutic areas** and based on **full payment, co-payment and per hour/visit charges**. Singapore, Vietnam and India have some policies to allow DH to get reimbursed by private health insurances.

CHINA

Reimbursement proves to be the Achilles heel in China's DH strategy.

KOREA

Korean policies regulate the reimbursement of a large variety of DH solutions.

THAILAND

Despite an extensive telemedicine programs established by 2017, insufficient reimbursement schemes limit adoption.



JAPAN

COVID-19 spurs much needed changes in Japan's digital health reimbursement schemes.

TAIWAN

Taiwan banks heavily on digital health to fight COVID-19.

AUSTRALIA

The most mature digital health market in APAC leads the way for Digital Health Reimbursement.

SINGAPORE

Singapore lacks of proper reimbursement schemes.



COVID-19 has forced governments to switch to digital health to prevent nosocomial infection

Impact of COVID-19 on government initiatives

Australia

- Australia included almost all therapeutic areas to the Medicare reimbursement scheme till October 2020, which provides up to 85% reimbursement for telehealth.

China

- China's health ministry released a directive which allows "full pay" for all telemedicine consultations.

Korea

- South Korea which had previously banned telemedicine, legalized telemedicine temporarily.

Japan

- Doctors can be consulted online for a first/not regular examination, even if the medical need doesn't meet conventional conditions.



Reimbursement policies currently cover Telemedicine, Remote monitoring, AI, 3D printing, SaMD and Robotic surgery

TELEMEDICINE



REMOTE MONITORING



SaMD



AI



ROBOTIC SURGERY



3D PRINTING



- Reimbursement policies currently cover Telemedicine, Remote monitoring, AI, 3D printing, SaMD and Robotic surgery
- **Telemedicine** is the most often reimbursed technology, being covered by national health insurers in Australia, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and by private in Singapore and Vietnam
- **Remote monitoring** is the second most reimbursed technology, with dedicated frameworks in Australia, Korea and Japan.
- **Smart infusion pumps** - which are used for a variety of purposes from diabetes to cancer – are reimbursed in Korea, China and Thailand
- **Robotic surgery and teleradiology** are reimbursed in Korea

We prioritised 15 use cases and profiled them to identify tactics to favour the reimbursement and monetization DH

Product	Manufacturer	Use case	Digital health component	Customer / Payer type	Geographic origin	Commercial availability in APAC ¹	APAC countries reimbursed
HeartFlow Analysis	HeartFlow	AI imaging – cardiology	Software	Hospitals/Public payer	US	JP	JP
da Vinci Robotic	Intuitive Surgical	Robotic surgery	Coupled with medical device		US	Across APAC	JP, KR
FreeStyle Libre	Abbott	Glucose monitoring system		Patients/Public payer	US	Across APAC	JP, KR, AU ⁴
Space Pump	B Braun	Smart treatment		Hospitals/Public payer	DE	Across APAC	KR, TH, CN (specific provinces)
Merlin@Home transmitter	Abbott	Remote home monitoring		Patients/Public payer / Private insurers	US	Across APAC	AU ⁴
VNS Therapy System	Liva Nova	Treatment - Neuromodulation		US	UK	Across APAC	JP, AU, TW, KR
Propeller sensor	Propeller Health	Smart treatment			US	Across APAC ²	Not publicly reimbursed ⁵
Welwalk Robotic System	Toyota and Fujita Health Uni. Hospital	Robotic system		Hospital service providers	JP	JP	
Selena+	EyRIS	AI imaging – ophthalmology			SG	SG, MY	
iBreastExam	UE Lifesciences	Breast cancer diagnostics			US	Across APAC	
Ultrasound iQ	Butterfly Network	Smart imaging		US	ANZ		
InferRead solutions	Infervision	AI imaging – multiple diseases	Software	CN	CN		
Avellan OPM Technology	Avellan	BP and heart rate monitoring	Coupled with medical device	Hospitals/Patients/ Private insurers	UK	Across APAC ³	
Neurotrack cognitive assessment	Neurotrack	Digital therapeutics	Software	Patients/ Private insurers	US	JP	
Kardia Mobile	Kardia	ECG Monitoring	Coupled with medical device	Patients	US	Across APAC	

Note: 1) Based on publicly available information and interviews with company representatives for selected companies, products commercialized across APAC are likely to be found in the key markets like CN, KR, JP, IN, TW, ANZ, and SEA; 2) Expected to be commercialized in APAC in 2020; 3) Avellan OPM technology is currently progressing FDA / CE registration; commercialization plans are still being developed; 4) Private reimbursement; 5) Not publicly reimbursed, and not for by other customer types such as hospitals, physicians, or patients.



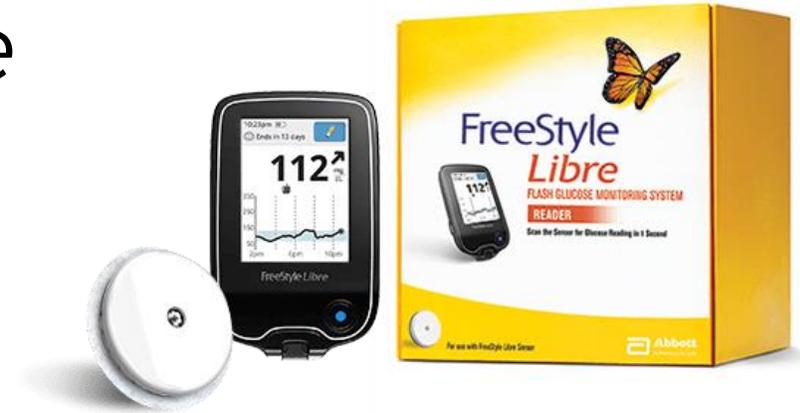
Use case: Abbott *FreeStyle Libre*

Value Proposition

HCPs / Physicians: Facilitates better treatment decision through the data gathered

Patients: Convenience, Disease management

Public payer: Reduction in cost (e.g., reducing the likelihood of debilitating comorbidities)



Japan: Reimbursed in Aug 2017

Real world use data demonstrated that people using FreeStyle Libre spend less time in hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia

US: Reimbursed in Jan 2018

patient co pay 20%

Canada: Reimbursed in Sep 2019

First sensor-based glucose monitoring system to be listed by any provincial health plan in Canada

Reimbursement progress

UK: Reimbursed in Nov 2017

Korea: Reimbursed in Jan 2019

CGM are reimbursed 70% for people with type 1 diabetes in Korea, while the remaining 30% is paid by patients

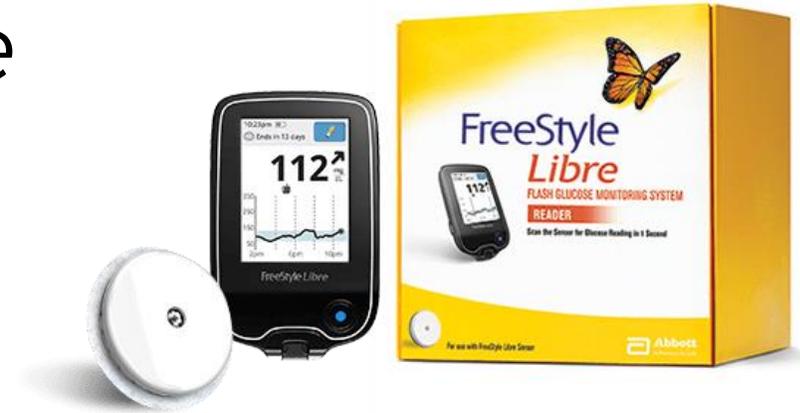
Australia: Reimbursed in Mar 2020

Listed on the National Diabetes Services Scheme - fully subsidized for eligible citizens living with Type 1 diabetes



Use case: Abbott *FreeStyle Libre*

Reimbursement: Key findings



Gained strong advocacy by clinical societies and patient groups

In Australia,

- The expanded reimbursement coverage decision for CGM devices has been driven by efforts of patient and professional advocacy organizations

In Korea

- Patient advocacy, supported by organizations like Korean Diabetes Association, Korean Pediatric Diabetes Association led to changes in nation wide policies related to reimbursement of medical devices (including CGM)

Demonstrated strong clinical evidence with positive outcome

In Japan and the UK

- Real world use data was presented, demonstrating that people using FreeStyle Libre were able to scan their glucose levels more frequently and spend less time in hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia, hence able to achieve improved glucose control overall

Collaborated with private insurers

- Prior to reimbursement by Medicare in the US, ~98% of commercial insurers already recognized the value of FreeStyle Libre and provided coverage for policyholders



Based on the use cases analysis, we developed a Best Practices Framework, which can be used by companies for their DH solutions



Best practices

- D** Develop understanding of local reimbursement requirements, including 'unofficial' practical considerations
- I** Invest in initiating HTA and cost-effectiveness studies for key markets early to justify product pricing
- G** Generate superior clinical evidence against the existing standard of care
- I** Invest in market creation and market acceptance of digital health products
- T** Target existing reimbursement codes first and concurrently assess feasibility of gaining new reimbursement codes
- A** Attain advocacy through known digital champions
- L** Land partnerships that offer access to valuable datasets
- L** Look for alternative funding sources for digital health products
- E** Embrace a monetization model that considers the unique nature of the digital health product

Type

Similar to
medical devices

Tailored to DH





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Measuring the value of digital health – The HCP perspective and next steps for the government



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Evaluating Digital Health in Korea

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National Agenda on Telehealth

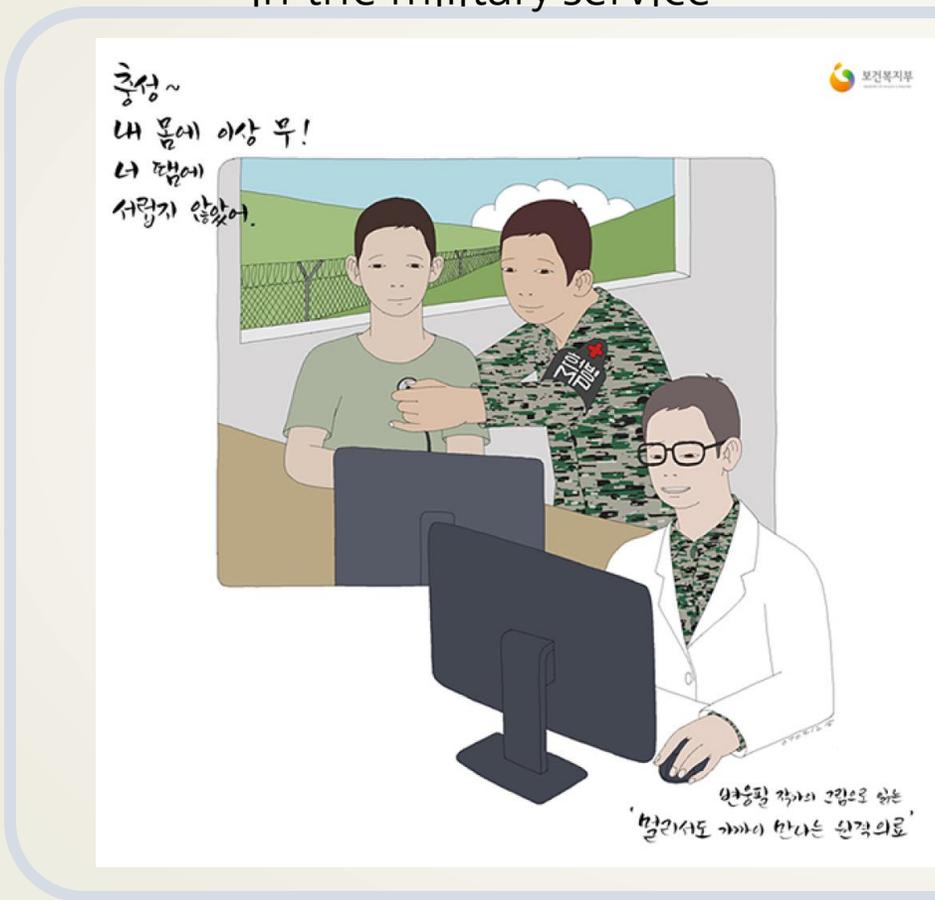
- Korean governments have pursued digital health as a national policy agenda for the last decade
 - To provide an access to healthcare for those who do have a healthcare access issue (e.g. living in a remote island without a medical clinic) and who are not managed well (e.g. chronic disease patients does not come in to clinics)
 - To promote domestic industry in the field
 - To support Korean hospitals abroad

TELEHEALTH MODELS CONSIDERED

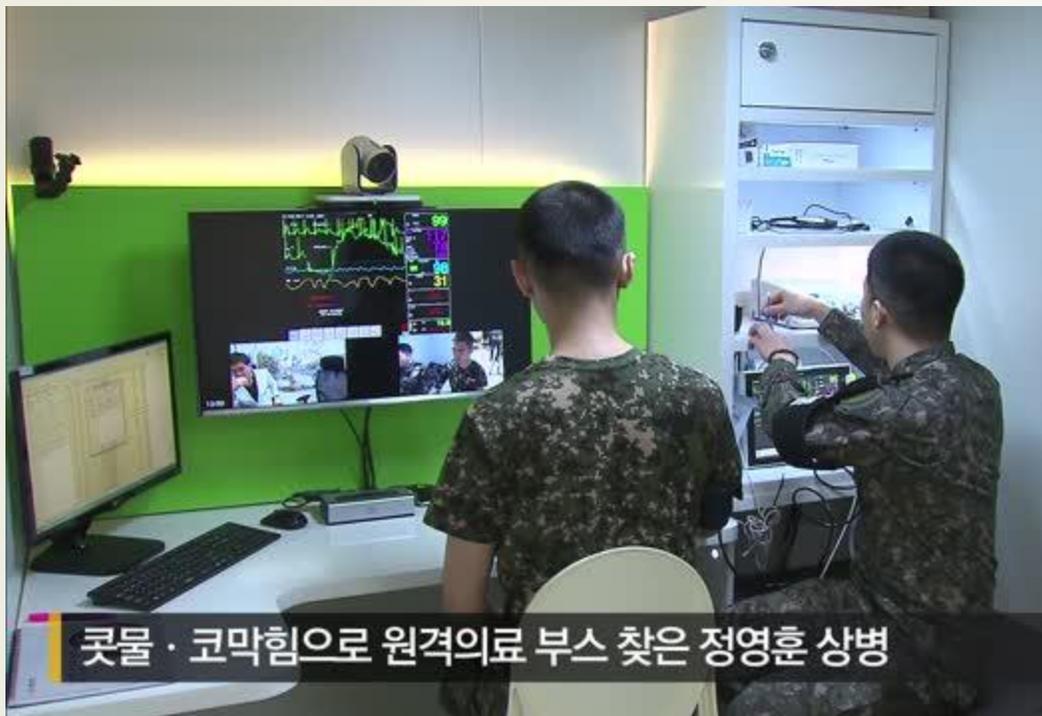
SPECIAL NEED BASED MODEL

In the military service

For the merchant marines and seamen



Military GP



Marine Telehealth



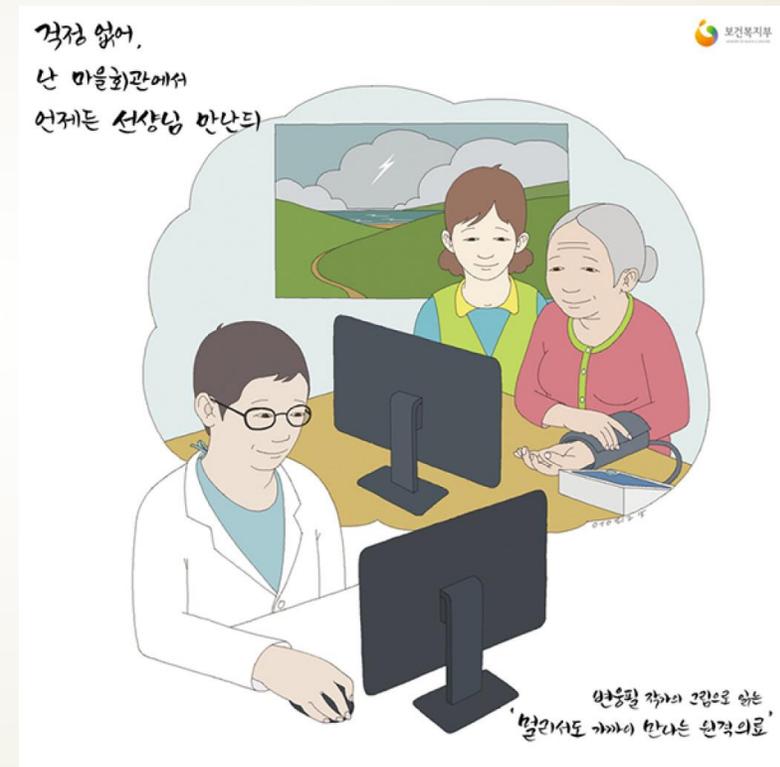
TELEHEALTH MODELS CONSIDERED

SPECIAL NEED BASED MODEL

In the long-term care facility



In the remote village



Telehealth Booth



Telehealth Booth



국제 의료기기·병원설비 전시회(KIMES)가 5일 서울 삼성동 코엑스에서 열렸다. 비트컴퓨터 직원이 부스형 원격진료 시스템을 시연하고 있다. 비트컴퓨터 제공



Difficulties in Rural Area Health System

- As the population in the rural area decreases, hospitals suffer from financial problems
 - It is difficult to maintain emergency care units
- Medical professional school system and increase in female medical students accelerated the shortage of public doctors
- Young doctors do not want to work in the rural area



Solutions to the rural area health problems

- Remote consultations
 - Doctor to doctor setting
 - Rural doctor consult with an experienced doctors in other regions
- Doctor helicopter
 - Transport emergency patients quickly to the tertiary hospitals
- Telehealth

Doctor Helicopter

- Heliport
- Tertiary Hospital
- Public Health Center
- Public Clinic



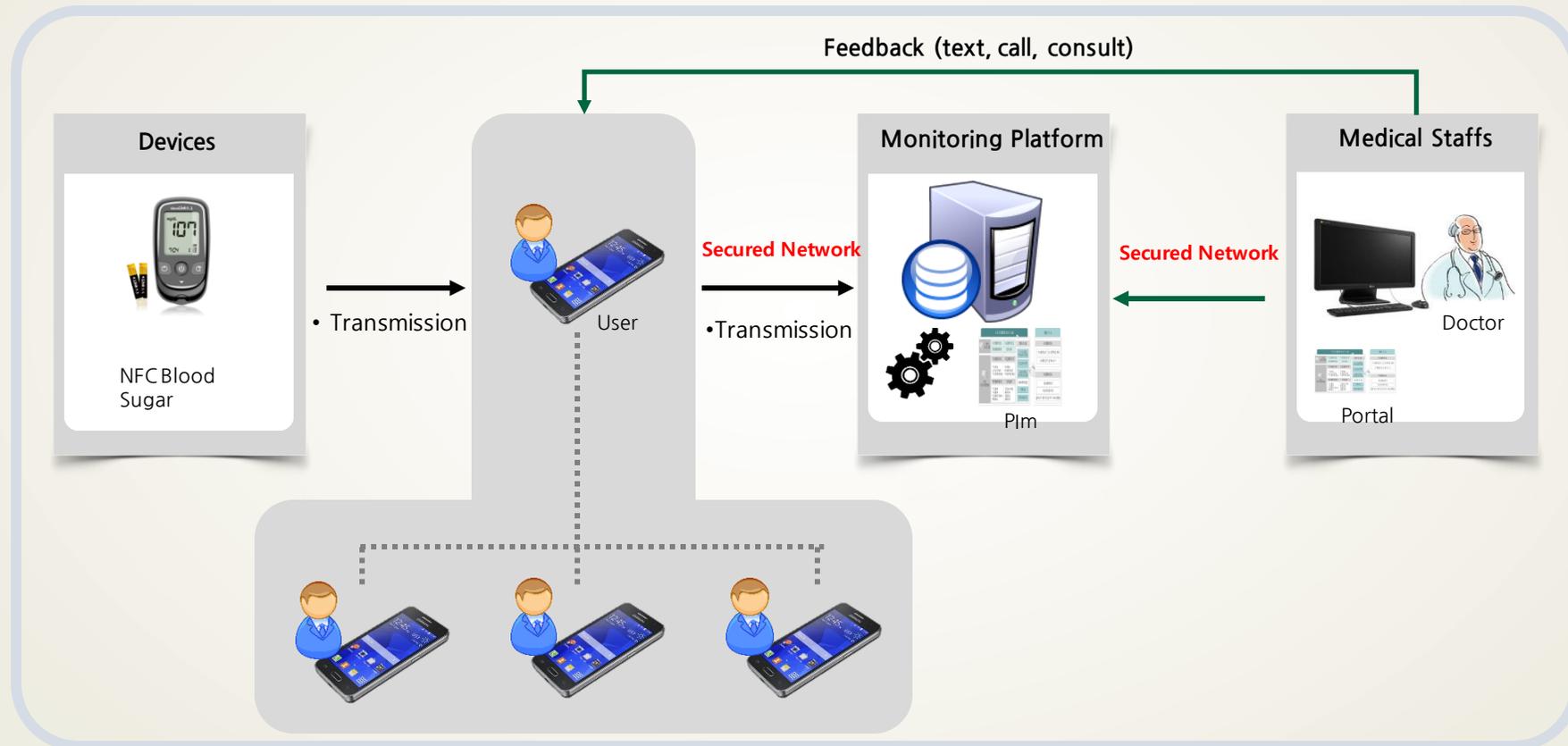
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BETTER MANAGEMENT MODEL

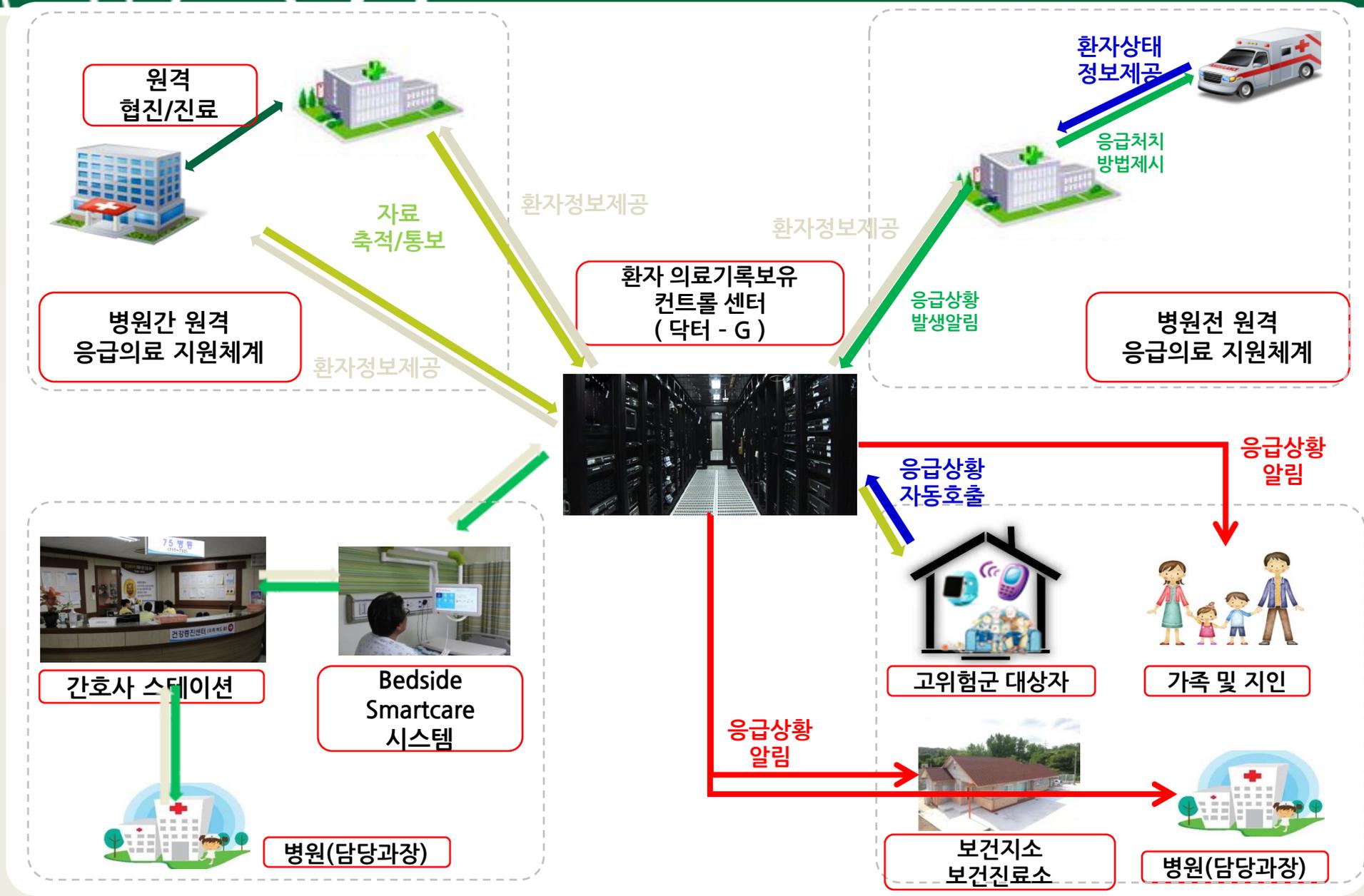


TELEHEALTH MODELS CONSIDERED

COMMUNITY BASED MODEL



Future System



RCT on Diabetes Management

COMMUNITY BASED MODEL

Setting		Intervention (N=145)	Control (N=94)	p-value
Baseline (A)	Mean±SD	7.98 (±0.78)	7.91 (±0.75)	0.4803
At 3 months (B)	Mean±SD	7.35 (±0.82)	7.63 (±0.95)	<0.05
Difference (B-A)	Changes	△0.63 (±0.81)	△0.27 (±0.71)	<0.05
	p-value	<0.05	<0.05	-

△: decrease

- Diabetes patients randomized and compared for m-health intervention vs routine care
- More significant decrease in HbA1C reported

Hypertension Management

COMMUNITY BASED MODEL

Setting		Baseline	At 3 months	BP change (p-value*)	
Total (N=288)	SBP	Mean±SD	131.32±13.74	128.09±14.31	△3.24 (p < 0.05)
		Median [Q1,Q3]	130 [121, 140]	126 [119, 137]	△4
	DBP	Mean±SD	81.33±9.64	81.11±9.88	△0.22 (p = 0.74)
		Median [Q1,Q3]	80 [75, 88]	80 [75, 88]	0

BP: Blood Pressure, SBP: Systolic BP, DBP: Diastolic BP

△: decrease

* paired t-test

For hypertension patients in treatment managed by m-health showed statistically significant reductions in BP: SBP by 3.24 mmHg and DBP by 0.22 mmHg

- In subgroup of baseline $140 > SBP \geq 130$ mmHg (N=65), the decrease was 8.25 and 0.97 mmHg
- In subgroup of baseline $SBP \geq 140$ mmHg (N=66), the decrease was 15.39 and 4.36 mmHg
- In subgroup of monitoring compliance $> 75\%$ (N=205), the decrease was 3.90 and 0.94 mmHg while less than 75% group (N=83), the decrease was 1.60 and -1.54 mmHg (not significant)



Patient Adherence on Pharmaceutical Therapies

- In management of chronic diseases, patient adherence on pharmaceutical therapies are key success factor
- M-health management of chronic patients seem to increase adherence on pharmaceutical therapies
- Many patients find in helpful to receive feedback on their BP or BG values (motivation)



Professional Society Opposition

- Strongly against telehealth and m-health
 - Especially the community based ones
 - M-health/telehealth cannot be cost effective
 - For those countries allowing m-health / telehealth has shortage in doctors but Korea does not have shortage
 - Safety concerns
 - Patients must see doctors!

Thank you !

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Measuring the value of digital health – The HCP perspective and next steps for the government

How to measure the value of digital health

The HCP perspective and next steps for the government

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- ③ Evaluating Digital Intervention for HCP
- ④ Role and Responsibility of HCPs





Introduction

The HCP perspective and next steps for the government

- 1 Background
- 2 Environmental change in Korea
- 3 Importance of Digital Adaptation



I. Background

Digital healthcare that adds value rather than comparison



VALUE



I. Background: meaning for HCP

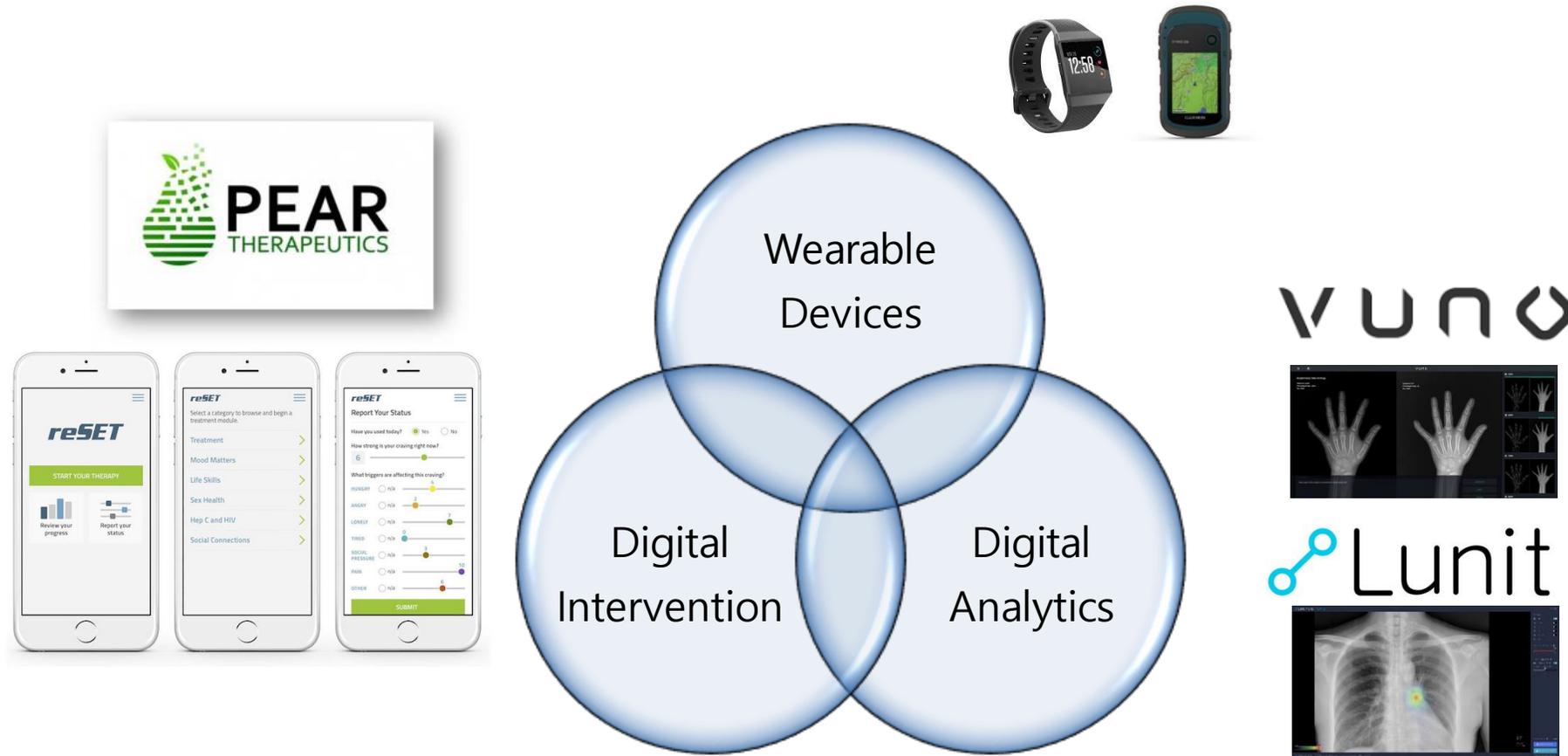


**Building
Better Practice**

Digital health is

- the **convergence** of digital technologies with
- **Health, healthcare, living, and society**
- to enhance **the efficiency** of healthcare delivery
- and make 'medicine' more **personalized and precise**

I. Background: what we can use



I. Background: what value we will transfer



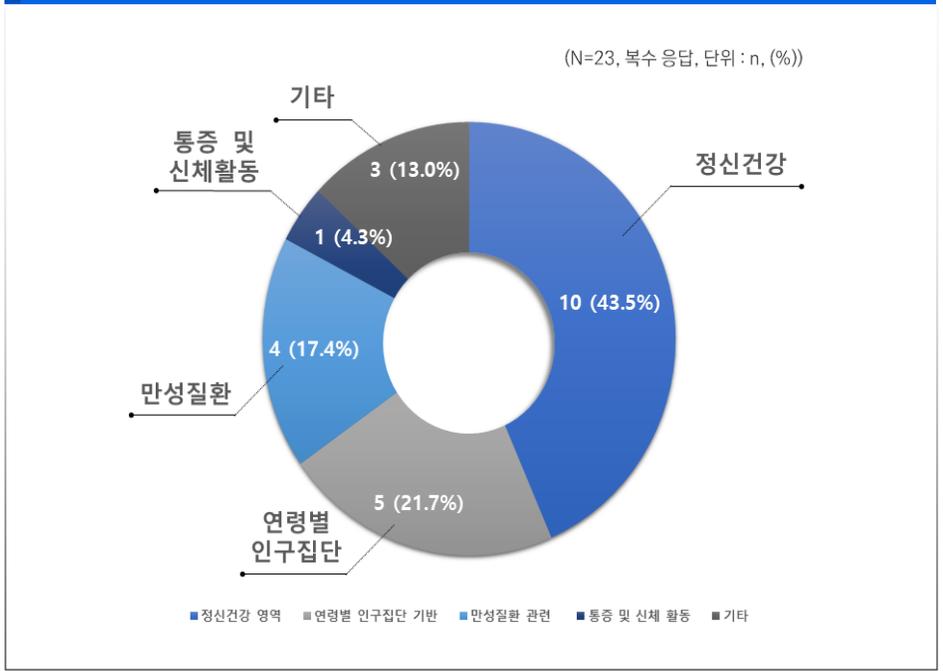
**What is your value?
Just clock? Or clock-based notifying schedule?**

1.2. Environment change in Korea

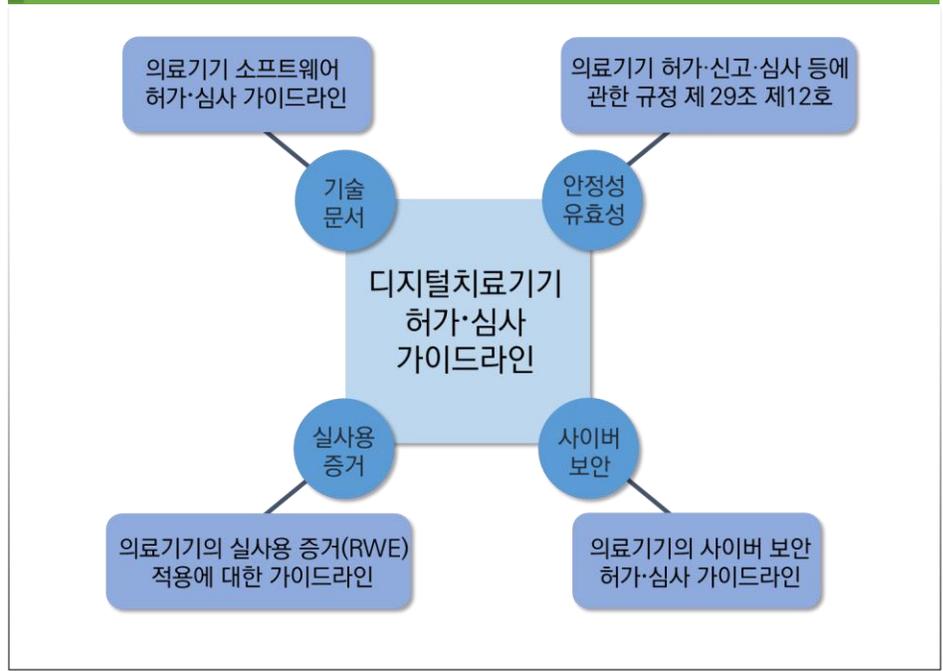
With the domestic growth for Digital Therapeutics(DTx), it is necessary to develop national evaluation system

- (Economic) The domestic DTx market is expected to grow with annual rate of 20%, to reach 200 billion KRW in 2025
- (Policy) Requiring preemptive production of specific and systematic clinical trial protocols for approval and review
- (Technology) Reflecting the DTx specific characteristics to provide prompt support
- (Industry) Providing expert knowledge-based feedback to companies developing DTx

Increases in the number of DTx pipelines and Pre-existing Digital Specific Regulations in Korea



출처: 내부 연구진-디지털헬스케어산업협회 공동 조사 자료, 2020.11. (대외비)

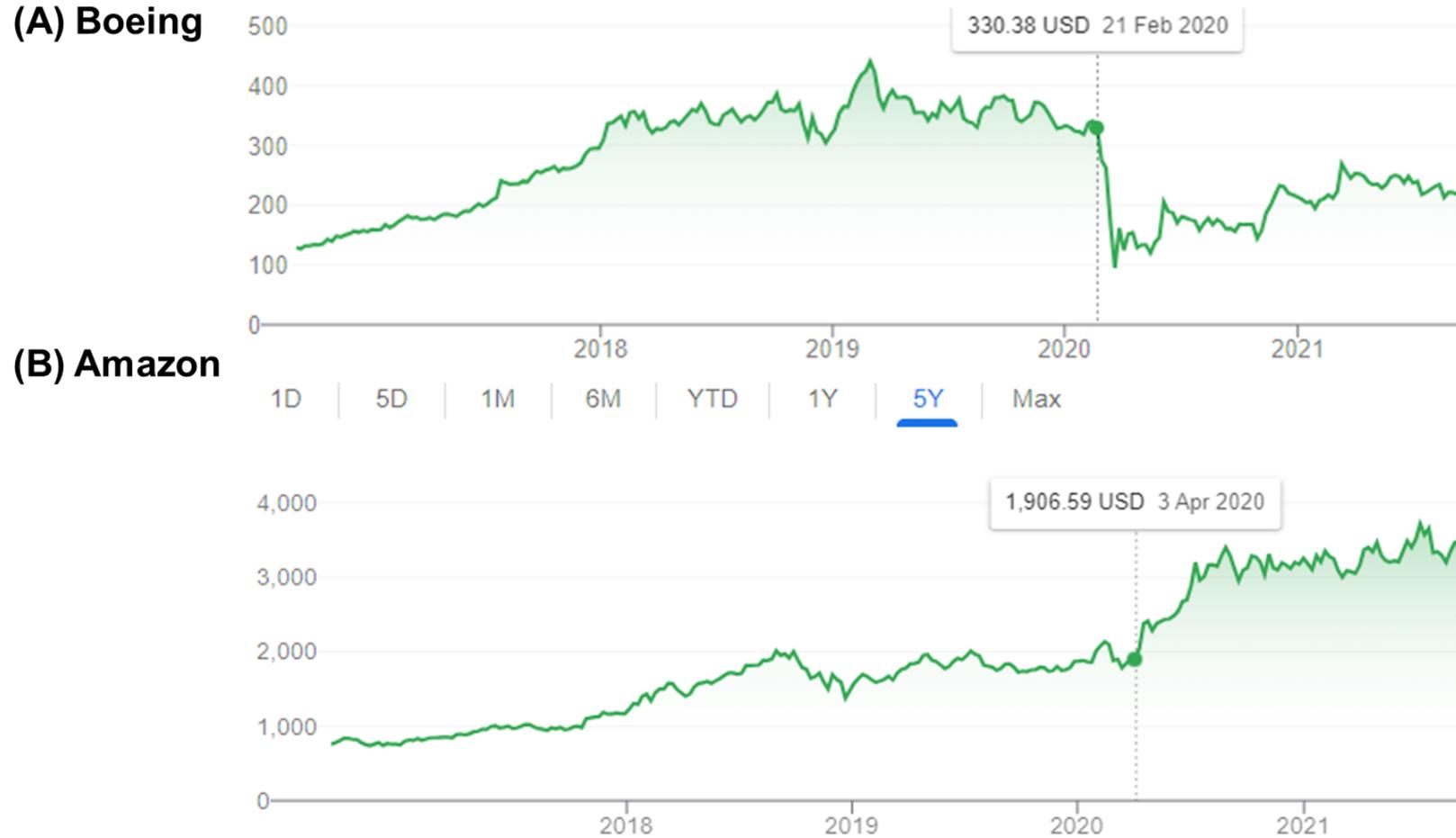


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1.2. Environment change in Korea: COVID-19 Pandemic

I. 디지털치료기기의 개요

Uncomfortable, because of lock-down → However, *not so bad!*



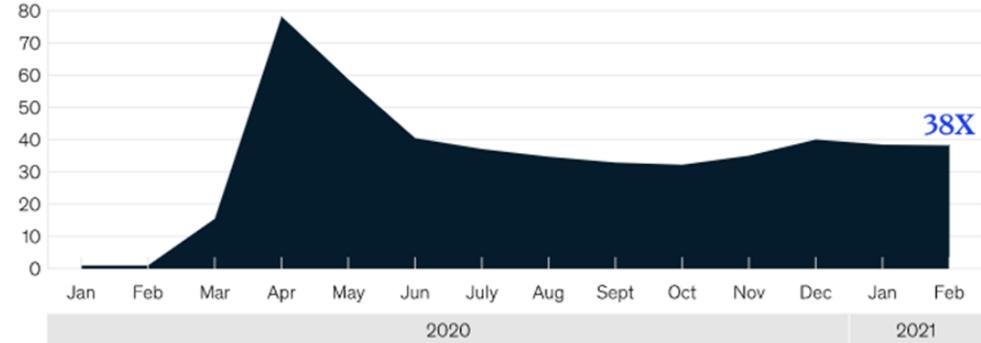
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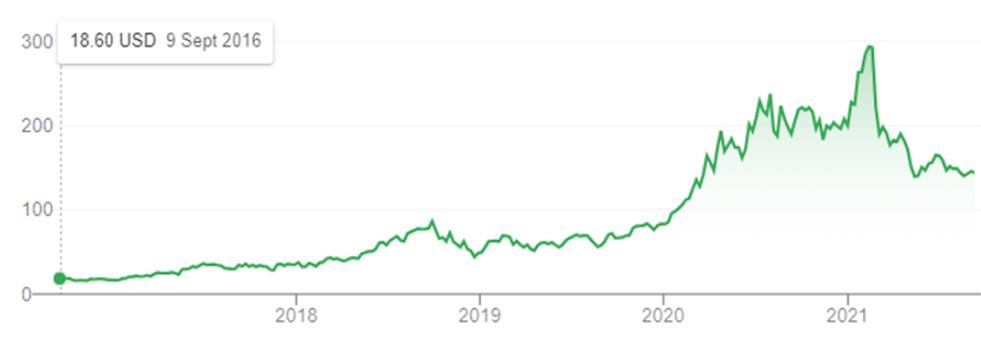
Uncomfortable because of limited accessibility → However, telehealth is fair enough

In the United States, the amount of telehealth rose up to 78 times and then stabilized at 38 times.



Source: Telehealth: A quarter-trillion-dollar post-COVID-19 reality?, McKinsey & Company, Jul, 2021.

Stock trends of Teladoc, the largest telehealth company in the US



1.2. Environment change in Korea: COVID-19 Pandemic in the US

I. 디지털치료기기의
개요



Questions raised after Telehealth Services



Does Telehealth provide as much or better care than face-to-face care?



Does telemedicine ensure equal access improvements for all?



Wouldn't telemedicine actually lead to medical overuse?



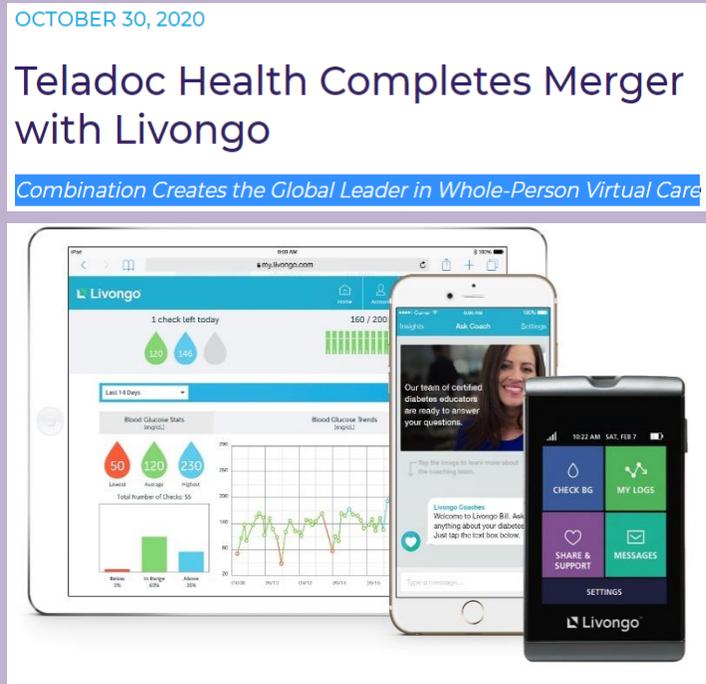
Wouldn't telemedicine become a vehicle for fraudulent claims or insurance fraud?

Source: Four Questions Telehealth Companies Must Answer To Ensure Long Term Growth, Joseph, Mar, 2021, Forbes.

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Recognizing telehealth as **a component of the care**, rather than a simple static and ad hoc means

- Non-face-to-face services must have more than basic elements to be included in health insurance
- Non-face-to-face service provides patient-centered health services with services such as prevention, management, rehabilitation, and follow-up in addition to treatment



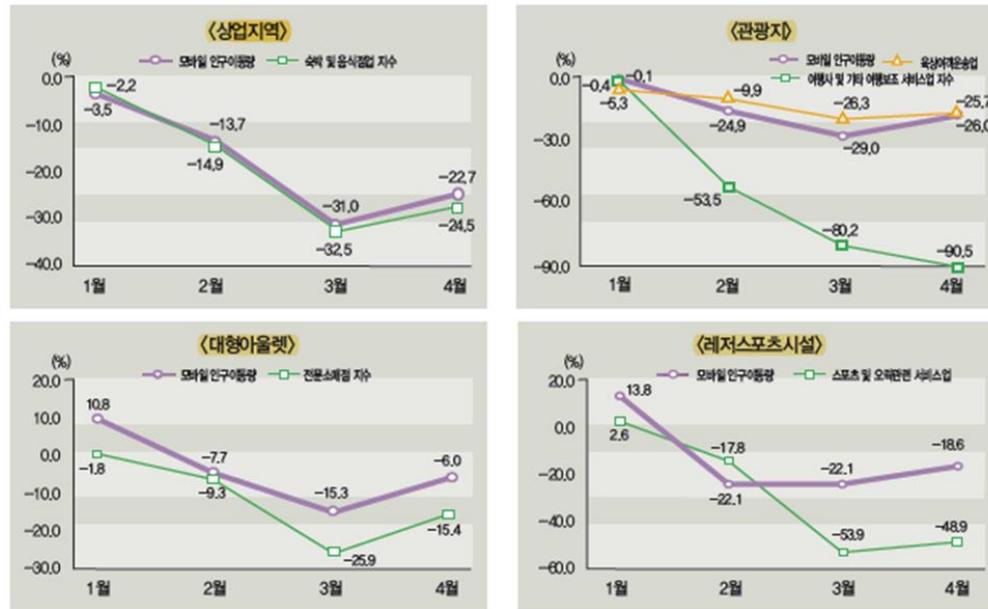
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Significantly reduced mobility and unhealthy eating habits → Affect Health Outcomes?

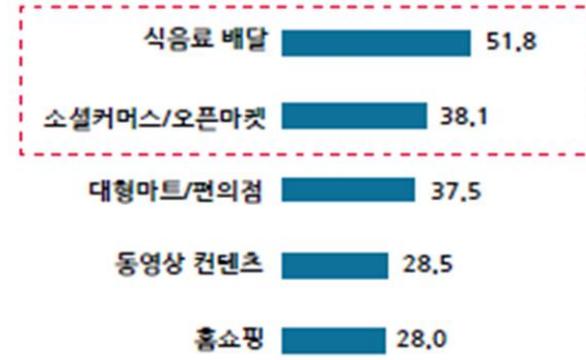
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주: 서비스업생산지수 · 소매판매액지수는 불변지수
 자료: 통계청 서비스업생산 및 소비 동향(2019~2020년), SKT 모바일 인구 이동량(2019~2020년)

[COVID-19 이후 모바일 식음료 배달앱 이용량 변화]

[코로나19 이후 앱이용량 증가자, n=533, 단위: % 복수응답]



Q 코로나19 이후 이용량이 증가한 모바일 앱은 무엇입니까?

1.2. Environment change in Korea: COVID-19 Pandemic in Korea

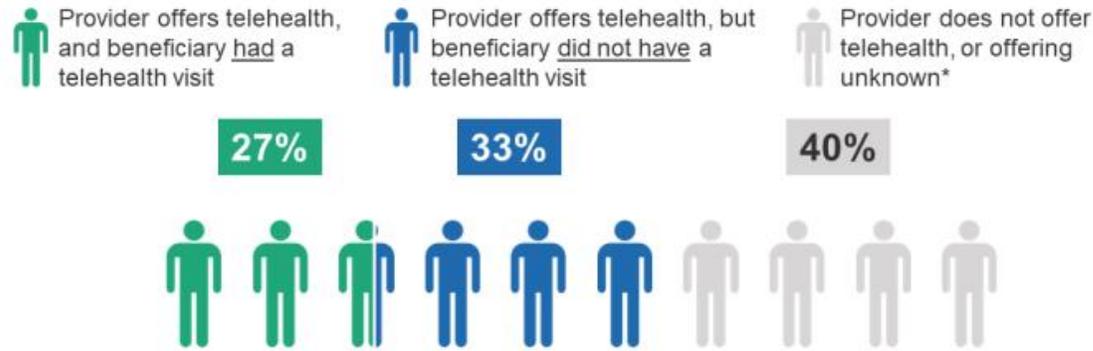
I. 디지털치료기기의 개요

Since audio-only telehealth was allowed on February 2020, a total of 3.2 million cases were carried out at 16,950 clinics until August, 2021.

- 0.3% of the total number of outpatient prescription
- Internal Medicine 50.7% > General 8.5% > Neurology 7% > Psychiatry 5.5% > Family Medicine 4.5%

Figure 1

More Than 1 in 4 Medicare Beneficiaries Had a Telehealth Visit Between the Summer and Fall of 2020



Total Number of Medicare Beneficiaries, 2020: 55.3 million

NOTE: Analysis includes community-dwelling beneficiaries only. *Also includes beneficiaries without a usual source of care. SOURCE: KFF analysis of CMS Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey COVID-19 Fall Supplement Public Use File, 2020.



Source: <https://www.kff.org/medicare/issue-brief/medicare-and-telehealth-coverage-and-use-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-and-options-for-the-future/>

1.3. Importance of Digital Adaptation

It is a time when doctors need to adapt to the changing needs of their patients.

Due to COVID-19, patients hate long stays in hospitals. Therefore, it is impossible to operate an education program on the prevention and management of chronic diseases.

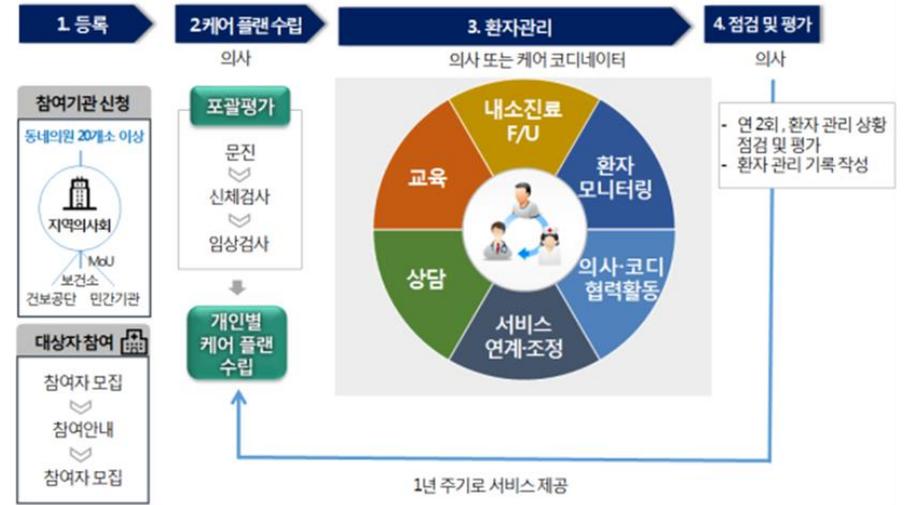
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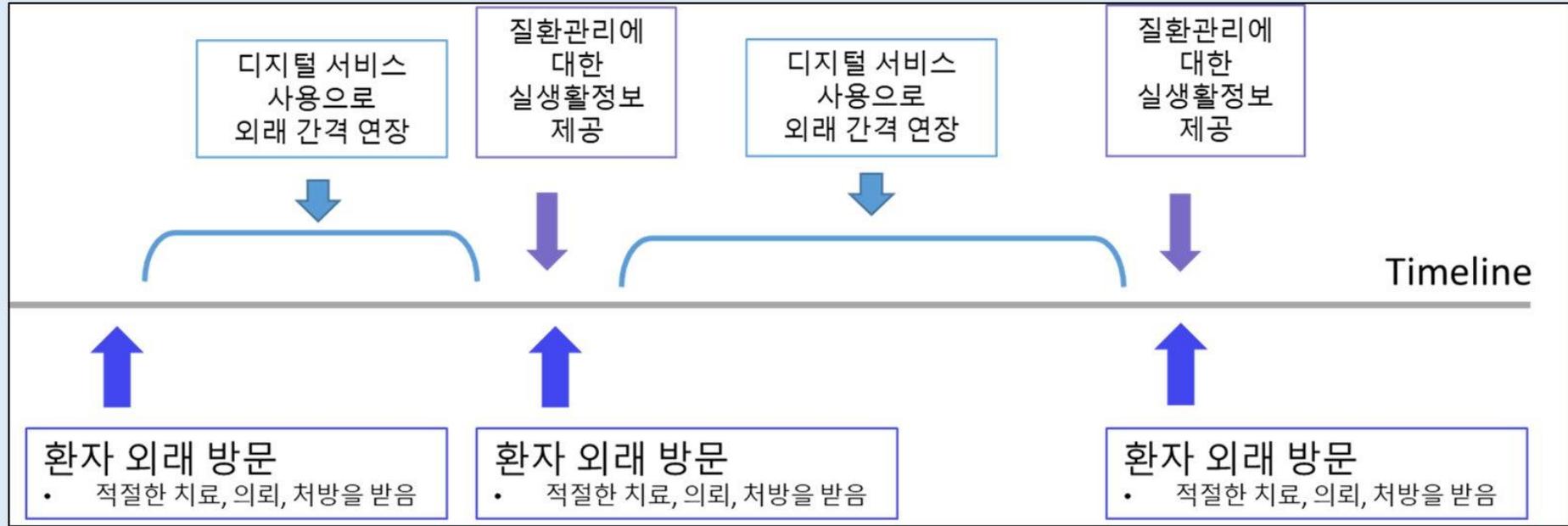
- 만성질환자 대상 서비스 유의사항
 - 만성질환자에 대한 비의료적 상담·조언은 만성질환을 관리하는 목적으로 행해져야 함
 - 특정 질환의 치료를 직접적 목적으로 하는 상담·조언은 '의료행위'성이 높으므로 의료기관에서 제공하여야 함
 - 다만, 특정 질환의 치료를 위해 행하더라도, 비의료기관이 의료인의 판단·지도·감독·의뢰 하에서 행하는 경우 예외적 허용됨

일차의료 만성질환관리 시범사업

박 회장은 “코로나19로 인해 만관제 시범사업이 크게 다운돼 있다”며 “만관제 시범사업은 상담이 중요한데, 환자들이 병원에 오래 있는 걸 싫어 한다”



1.3. Importance of Digital Adaptation





Digital Intervention for HCPs

The HCP perspective and next steps for the government

- 1 Digital Therapeutics
- 2 Expectations of HCPs to DTx



3.1. Digital Therapeutics

I. 디지털치료제의 개요



Redefining Medicine

PRESCRIPTION DIGITAL THERAPEUTICS
FOR THE TREATMENT OF
SERIOUS DISEASE



3.1. Digital Therapeutics

I. 디지털치료제의 개요

Prevention

- Prevention of Alzheimer's dementia through cognitive rehabilitation training for patients with mild cognitive impairment
- Reducing the occurrence of schizophrenic symptoms through drug treatment and drug control for schizophrenia patients

Treatment

- Treatment of chronic insomnia through cognitive behavioral therapy for chronic insomnia patients
- Treatment of chronic major depressive disorder through psychological education and cognitive behavioral therapy for depression patients

Management

- Maintaining normal blood sugar by controlling the dosing according to the measured blood sugar for diabetic patients
- Manage side effects through monitoring nausea and pain in gastric cancer patients and adjusting drug dosing

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I GRABBED THE PILLS
FROM MY POCKET
AND I RELAPSED

2:39 AM

JUST ANOTHER MOMENT
I PULLED THE PHONE
FROM MY POCKET
AND I RESET

Indications for Use:

reSET-O is intended to increase retention of patients with opioid use disorder (OUD) in outpatient treatment by providing cognitive behavioral therapy, as an adjunct to outpatient treatment that includes transmucosal buprenorphine and contingency management, for patients 18 years or older who are currently under the supervision of a clinician. reSET-O is indicated as a prescription-only digital therapeutic.

Important Safety Information:

Warnings: reSET-O is intended for patients whose primary language is English and who have access to an Android/iOS tablet or smartphone. reSET-O is intended only for patients who own a smartphone and are familiar with use of smartphone apps (applications).

Please see additional Important Safety Information on back cover and accompanying Clinician Brief Summary Instructions on inside pages.



reSET-OTM
ALWAYS ON HAND

3.1. Digital Therapeutics

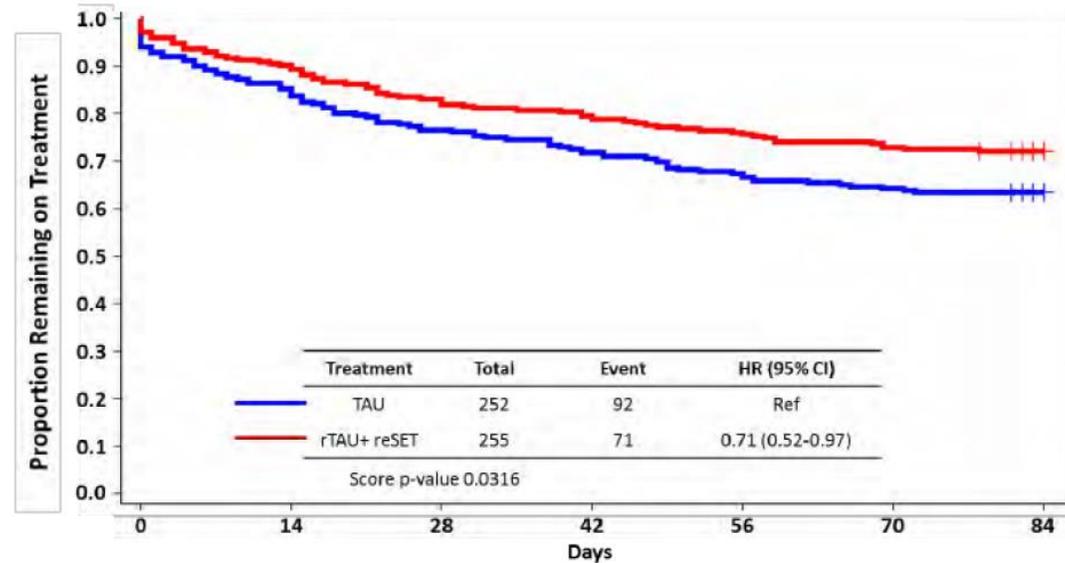
The first FDA-certified digital therapy, consisting of 62 sessions for therapeutic purposes related to addiction disorders

- 31 required sessions: life skills, treatment, emotional regulation, social restoration, sexuality, and prevention of infectious diseases → Learning and training at least twice a week → Providing incentives

Probability of continuing to visit the clinics

Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier curve for Cohort 1 (all comers)

Kaplan-Meier Curves of Retention measured as time from last face-to-face therapy ("time to dropout")

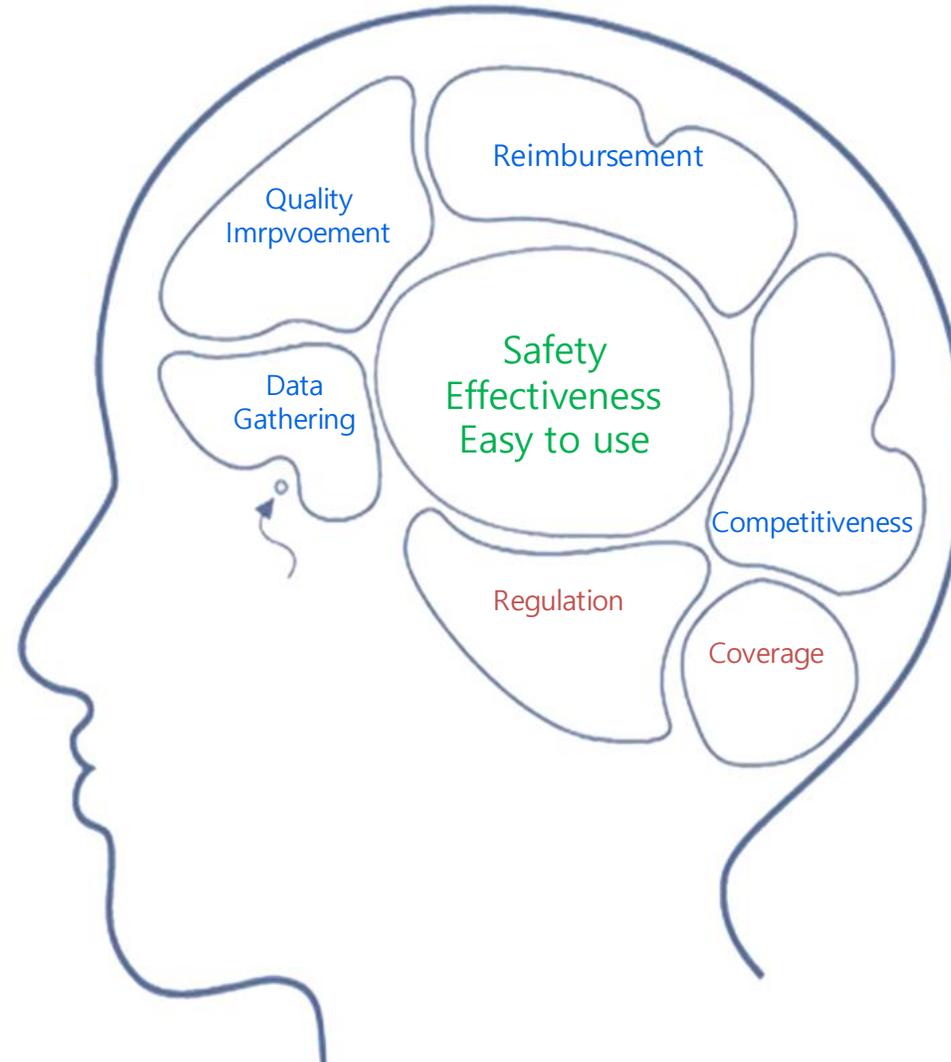
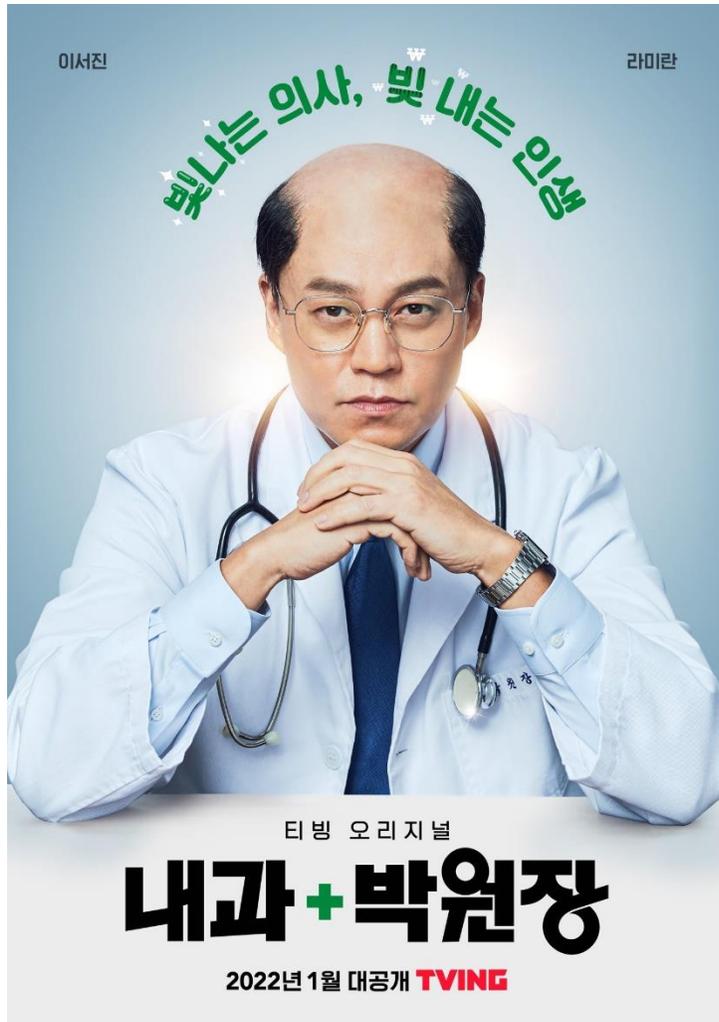


# Patients at-Risk	TAU	252	225	215	201	193	188	181	176	170	165	162	160	149
rTAU+reSET	255	237	230	220	212	207	203	197	194	189	186	185	171	

3.2. HCPs' expectations and concerns about digital therapeutics

I. 디지털 치료제의 개요

Prescribing Software? Not Medication?





Evaluating DTx for HCPs

The HCP perspective and next steps for the government

- 1 Mechanism of Action
- 2 Effectiveness of DTx
- 3 DTx-specific Real World Evidence



3.1. Mechanism of Action

Requirements for being able to track and document the clinical improvement effect of software use

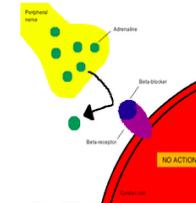
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Mechanism of Action (MoA): standardized action of drugs

Specify in detail which parts and components of the intervention in software resulted in the expected clinical improvement

[당뇨 합병증 관리 DTx]

당뇨족(diabetic foot) 관리 체계적 교육법 제공 → 훈련 → 매일 당뇨족 관리 횟수 증가 → 입원 예방
→ 당뇨식이 개선 → 당뇨콩팥병 감소



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Cognitive Behavioral Treatment and Real-world performance

- Cognitive behavioral therapy: thoughts, emotions, bodily sensations and final behavior are linked, and the vicious cycle caused by negative thoughts and emotions is blocked

3.1. Mechanism of Action

The importance of constructing cognitive behavioral therapy

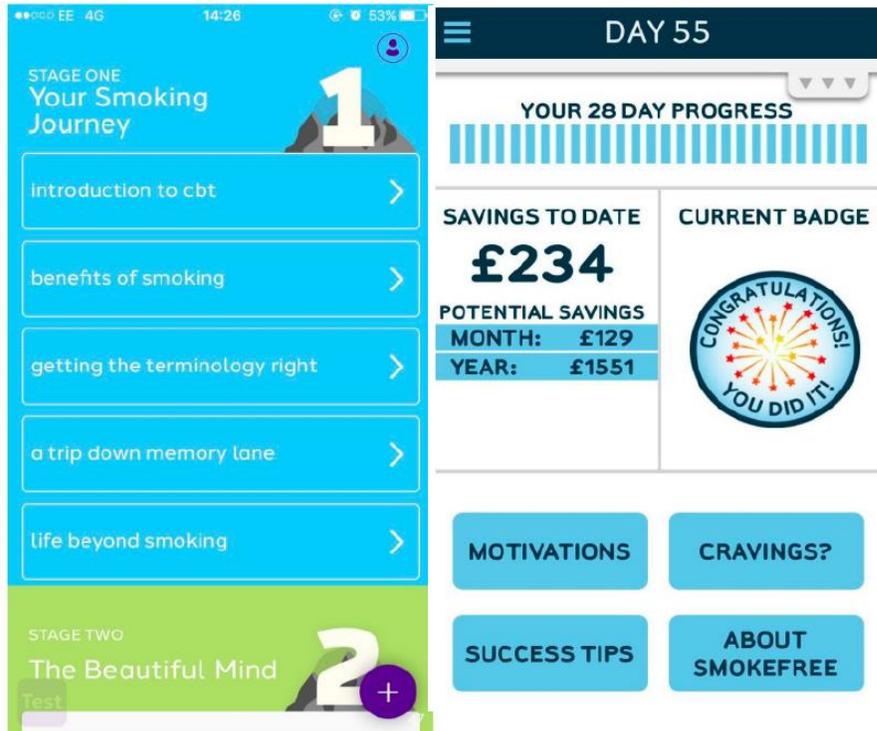


Table 3. Numbers of users whose willingness to use a smoking cessation app to manage their health was high, moderate, or low, for each app at National Health Service.

Willingness to use smoking cessation app to manage health	Quit Genius (N)	NHS Smokefree (N)
High (increased willingness)	10	5
Moderate (no change in willingness)	4	4
Low (decreased willingness)	1	5

Table 4. Overall patterns of users' perceptions and health behavior change in relation to smoking cessation for each app.

Number of participants who:	Quit Genius, n (%)	NHS Smokefree, n (%)
Decreased number of cigarettes/day	8 (53)	2 (14)
Increased number of cigarettes/day	0 (0)	3 (21)
Showed increased motivation to quit smoking	8 (53)	5 (36)
Expressed desire to continue using app	10 (67)	5 (36)
Recommend the app	11 (73)	5 (36)

(출처: Eisingerich, et al., JMIR Mhealth Uhealth, 2018, vol. 6, iss. 4, e98, p. 1)



Evaluating DTx for HCPs

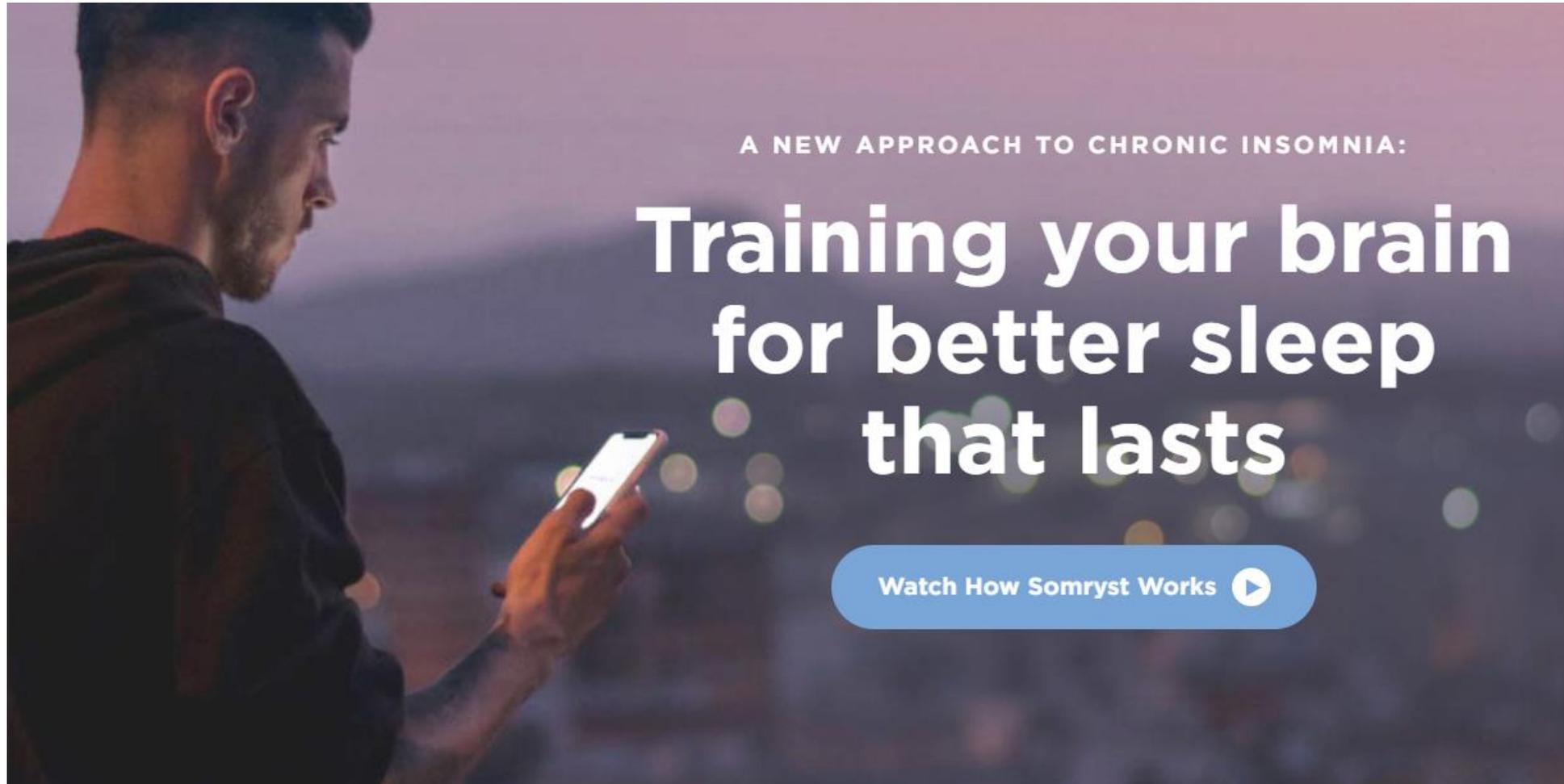
The HCP perspective and next steps for the government

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3.2. Effectiveness: Somryst, PEAR Therapeutics

I. 디지털치료제의
개요



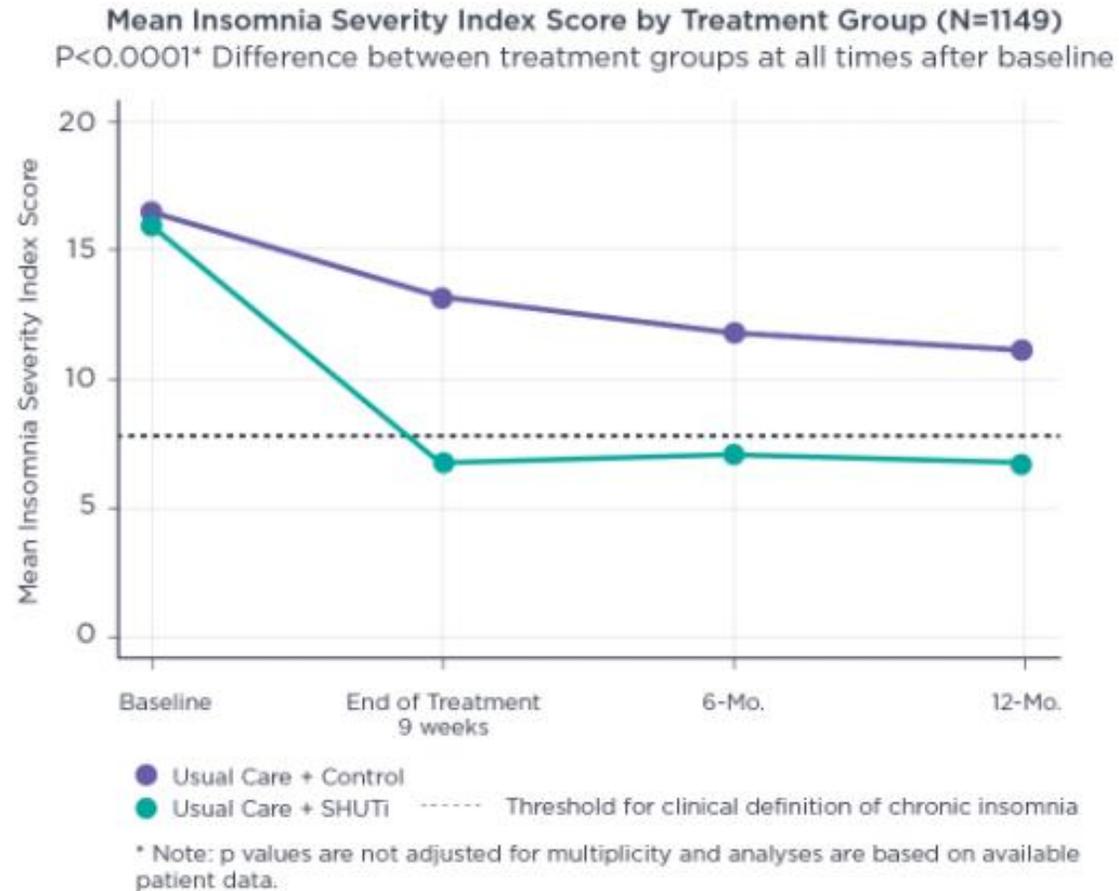
A NEW APPROACH TO CHRONIC INSOMNIA:

Training your brain for better sleep that lasts

Watch How Somryst Works 

3.2. Effectiveness: Somryst, PEAR Therapeutics

Proven long-term maintenance effect after 6 weeks of use



(출처: Christensen H, Batterham PJ, Gosling JA, et al. Effectiveness of an online insomnia program (SHUTi) for prevention of depressive episodes (the GoodNight Study): a randomised controlled trial. Lancet Psychiatry 2016; 3: 333–41.)



Evaluating DTx for HCPs

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3.3. DTx-specific Real-world Evidence

Fast-track based safety and effectiveness valuation for DTx

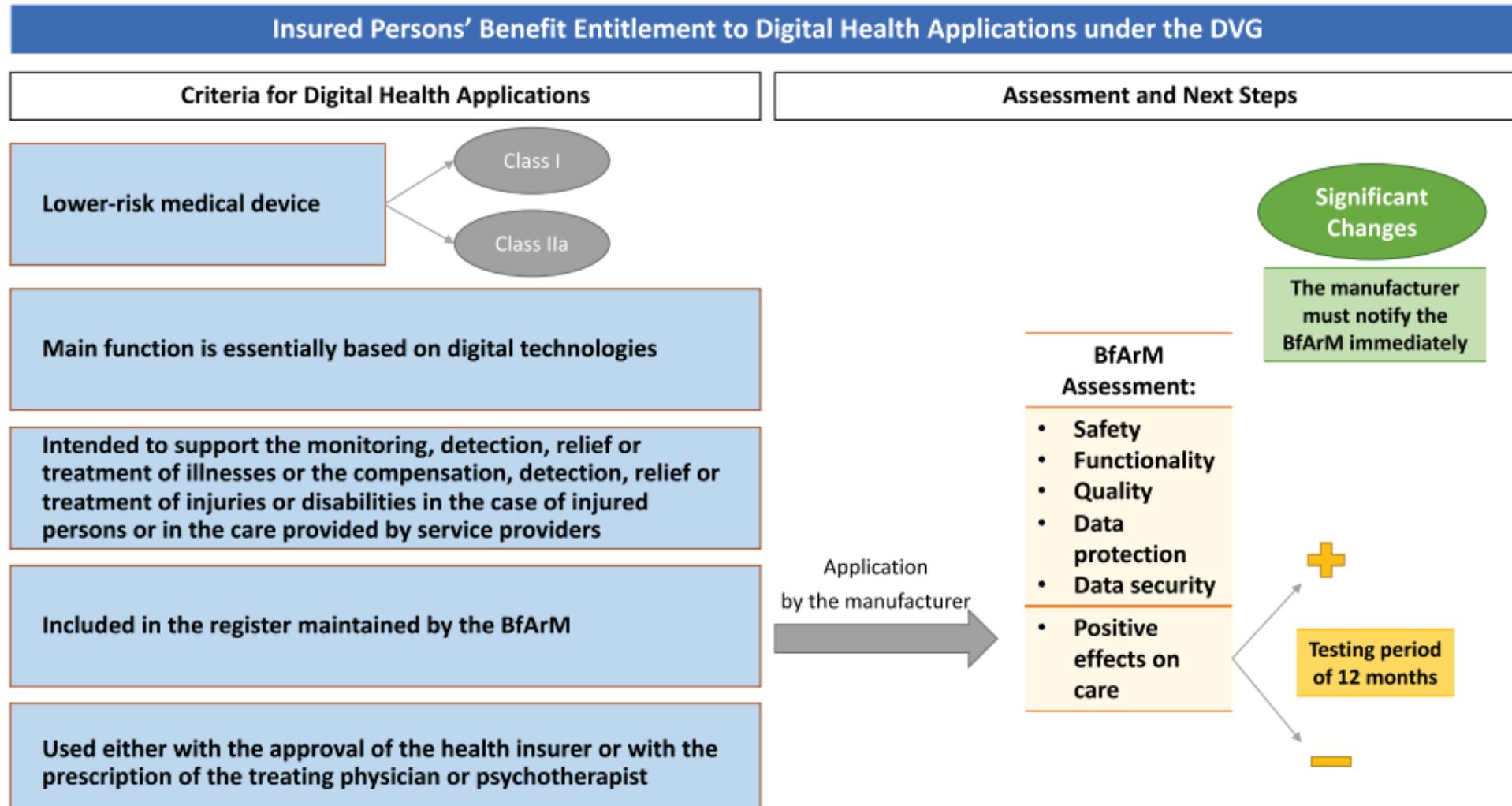
FDA's Pre-Cert RWE Domains and Items

Real-world Health Analysis	Real-world UI/UX Analysis	Program Performance Analysis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Safety • Clinical Effectiveness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfaction • Participation • Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Protection • Cyber security • Stability

3.3. DTx-specific Real-world Evidence: Digital Healthcare Act, Germany, 2020

Release first, Evaluate Later

- When satisfying five minimum criteria, Then providing reimbursement for 12 months -



A Comprehensive Approach to the Excellence of Digital Therapeutics

- ▶ Accept it if it can add value to the health care system, even if it is not better than face-to-face

Medical Benefit

the improvement of the state of health

the reduction of the duration of a disease

the prolongation of survival

an improvement in the quality of life

Patient-relevant improvement of structure and processes

good and new possibilities for improving care

seen as part of the **detection, monitoring, treatment or alleviation of disease**

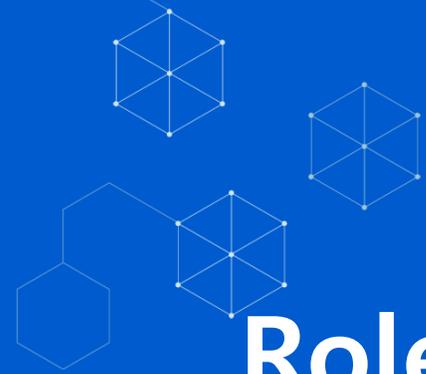
the detection, treatment, alleviation or compensation of injury or disability

aimed at supporting the health behaviour of patients or **integrating the processes between patients and healthcare providers**

3.3. DTx-specific Real-world Evidence: Digital Healthcare Act, Germany, 2020

Germany reached consensus on upfront payment for DTx of up to 2,000 Euros per year, Evidence Committee

Product	Indication	Date added	Hardware	Prices(Euro)
Invirto	Agoraphobia Panic	12/2020	VR, headphone	428.40
Kalmeda	Ringing in ears	09/2020		116.97
Somnio	Inorganic insomnia	10/2020	Fitbit (additional)	464
Velibra	Agoraphoniba	10/2020		476
Vivira	Back, knee, hip pain	10/2020		239.97
Zanadio	Obesity	10/2020		499.8
Elevida	Multiple sclerosis	12/2020		743.75
M-sense	Migraine	12/2020		219.99
Selfapy	Depression	12/2020		540
Deprexis	Depression	02/2021		297.50
Vorvida	Alcohol Use	05/2021		476
Hero	Smoking	07/2021		239
Esysta	Diabetes	07/2021		249.86
Mika	OBGY cancer	02/2021		419



Role and Responsibility of HCPs

The HCP perspective and next steps for the government

- 1 Maximizing relative value of DTx in healthcare
- 2 Role and Responsibility



5.1. Maximizing relative value of DTx in healthcare

Through Rural Health Clinic certification in the United States, the number of all-inclusive rate concept is added

- Bundled payment of \$100 per outpatient visit to the extent that much of it provides care and prevention
- The University of Mississippi Medical Center introduced tele-health specialized for rural health and innovative medical services, reducing glycated hemoglobin in diabetic patients by 1.7% (45% of mortality from heart disease), and no readmission within 3 months.
- Reports reduced Medicare financial penalties and reduced health care costs due to fewer emergency room visits

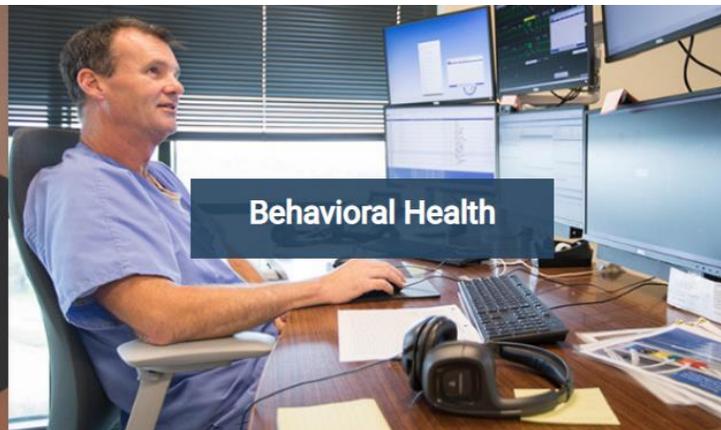
CDSS-based Trauma

Evaluation



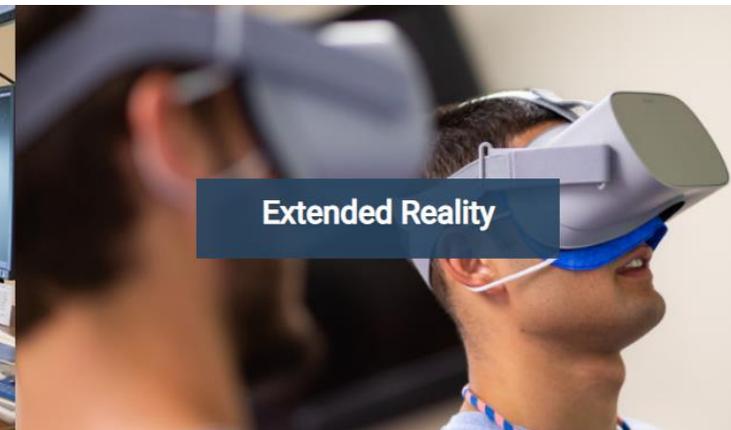
Sleep disorder (CBT-i)

Behavioral Health



VR-based DTx

Extended Reality



5.2. The Role and Responsibility of HCPs

Should health care providers be charged for related services? If yes, what responsibilities and services do you provide?

Reimbursement for assessment

- Additional flat rate for issuing an initial prescription for DiGAV
- RBRVS, 18 → 2 Euros

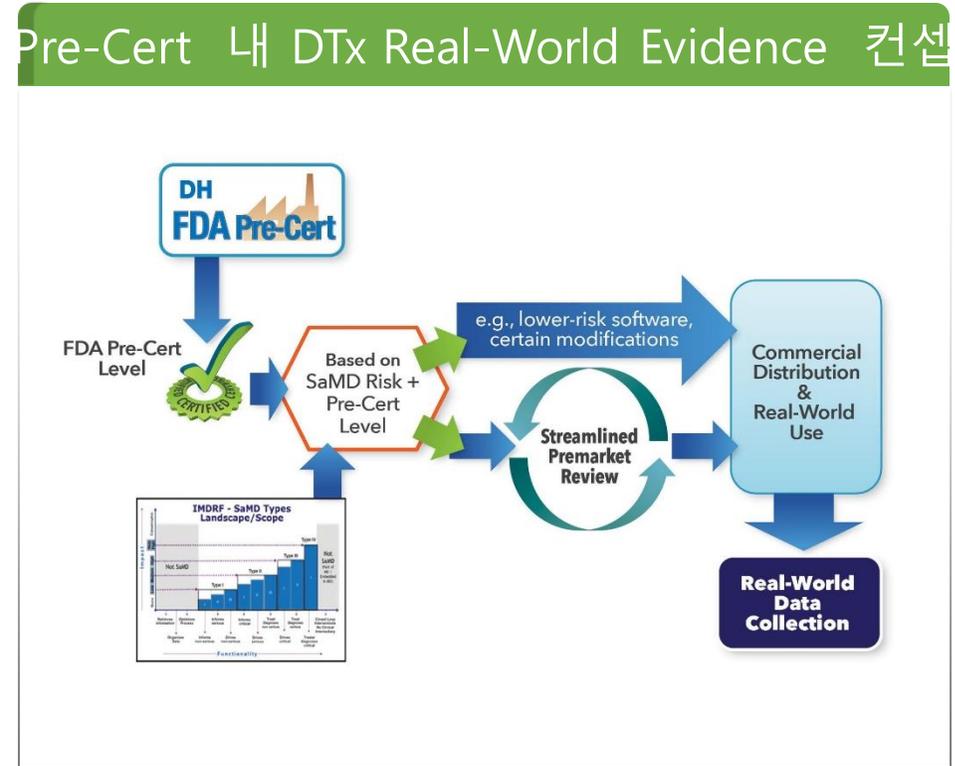
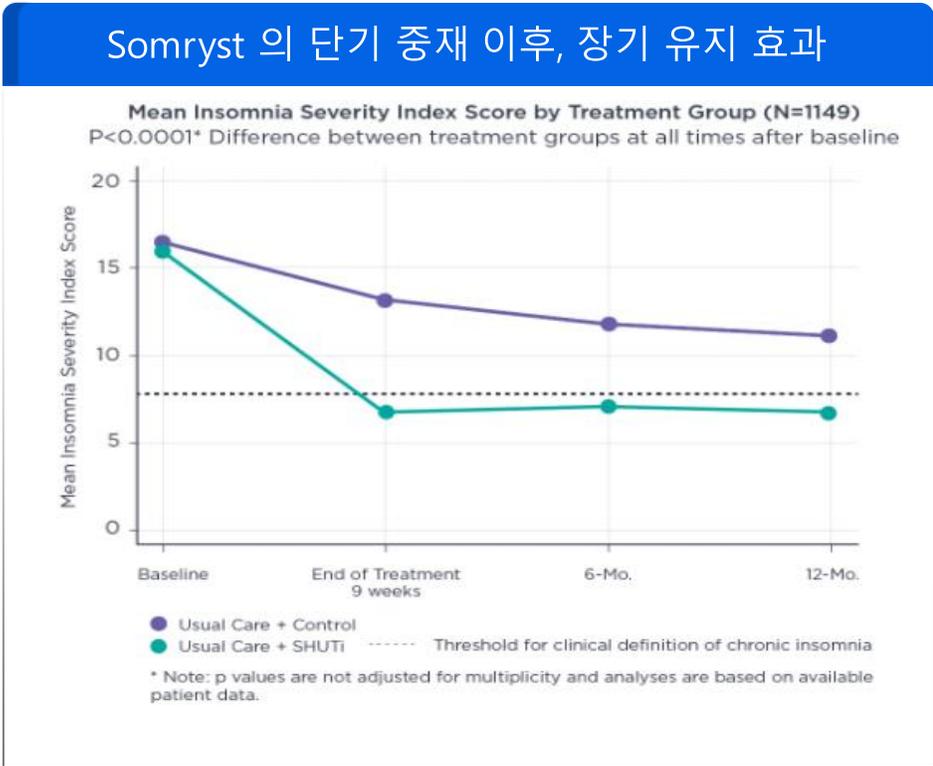
Reimbursement for monitoring

- Additional flat rate for the follow-up and the evaluation of the digital health application (DiGA) somnio
- RBRVS, 64 → 7.62 Euros

5.2.1. Monitoring for safety, efficacy and effectiveness

Digital treatment is differentiated from existing wellness programs as **prescribed digital medications**

- (Safety, Social Responsibilities)** Does DTx show sufficient safety to treat people's diseases?
- (Efficacy, professionalism)** Does DTx show sufficient efficacy as stated?
- (Efficiency, manager)** Does the digital treatment show positive efficiency in the management of clinics and the finances of health insurance?



5.2.2. Assess potential risks to HCPs

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Establish a compensation system for cost-effective treatment without increasing the workload of existing doctors

Stakeholder	Benefits, Risks, and Distractions	Recommendations
<p>Hospital systems, ACOs and IDNs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providers with large purchasing departments can help spur adoption of DTx - DTx solutions must not add overhead or create more work for physicians or health system stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure co-development of DTx solutions with health systems - Optimize DTx for integration with existing health system workflows - Organize forums and provide literature to ensure medical teams and patients understand DTx treatment options

(출처: How Digital Therapeutics Developers Can Satisfy Diverse Stakeholder Needs, Syneos Health, 2020)



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The APACMed Policy Paper



APACMed Approach

Analysis of the current approaches to gain reimbursement

Interview of key policy and provider stakeholders across the APAC region

Creation of 2 country-archetypes to consolidate DHT best practices and guiding principles

- **Australia:** developed market from health coverage and DH perspectives
- **India:** developing country with a mixed payer model and at the earlier stages of DH blueprinting

※ APACMed is currently organizing closed-door dialogues with key Australian stakeholders

APACMed Policy Recommendations



What Issues We Have in Korea?

Components of RBRVS*

Physician work	Practice expense**	Professional liability insurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct cost • Indirect cost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical accident-related cost

* **RBRVS:** Resource-Based Relative Value Scale

** **Direct cost:** non-physician clinical labor, disposable medical supplies, medical equipment

Indirect cost: administration, rent, other overhead

DTHs mostly contributes reduced physician work and labor cost...

Does current RBRVS reflects the value and costs of DHTs?

Case 1. Long-term continuous electrocardiography (ECG)

Within 48 hours (E6545; *existing code*; KRW 55,789)
 48 hours – 7 days (E6556; KRW 148,686)
 7 days – 14 days (E6557; KRW 203,139)

Case 2. Gait training care using robots in stroke patients

Gait Training (MM302; *existing code*; KRW 18,083)
 + extra robot usage (MM304; KRW 32,397)

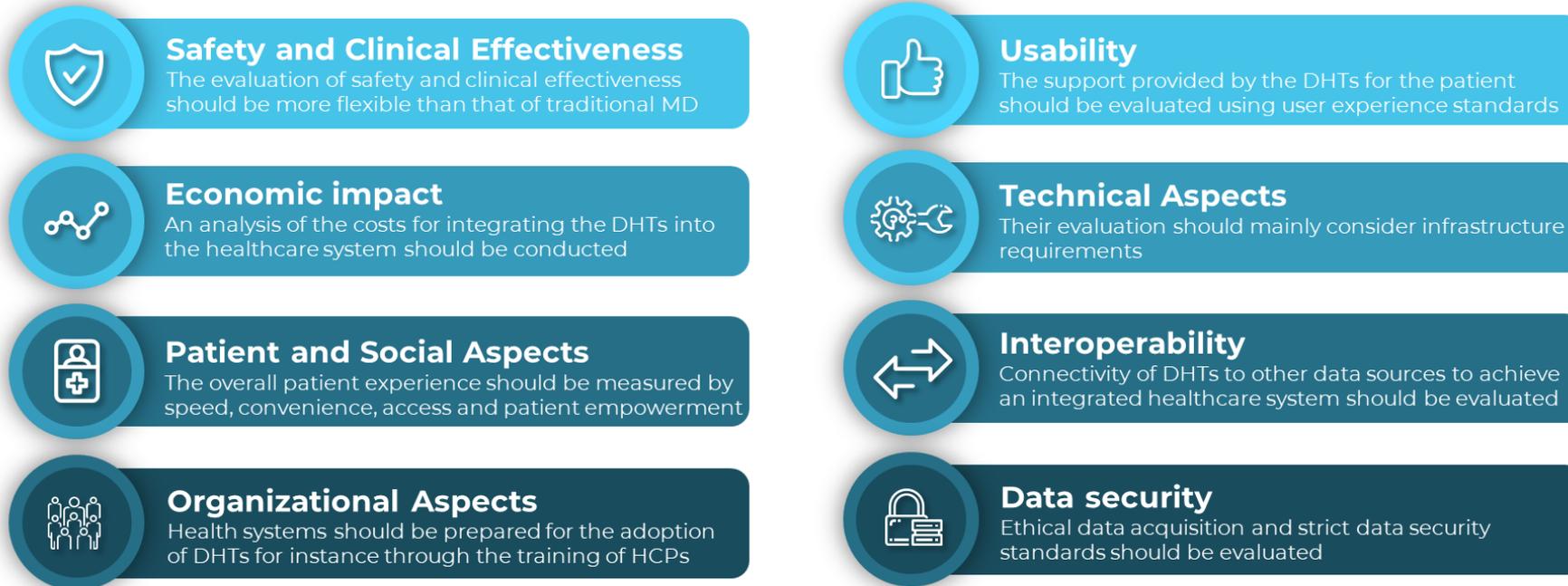
**Amount based in tertiary teaching hospital*



APACMed Policy Recommendations



Proposed Value Assessment Framework for DHTs



MD medical device; DHTs digital health technologies



Closing remarks

In 2022, APACMed and KMDIA will **drive country activation initiatives in Korea**, and in particular:

- Strengthen our collaborations with local stakeholders and policymakers, to support them to develop reimbursement frameworks for digital health
- While continuing to support the industry to build their capabilities

We will also continue working in other Asian countries.



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