

SUMMARY REPORT

Out-of-hospital Care Forum

25th August, Beijing, China

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APACMed China organised the Out-of-hospital Care Forum titled "Internet + Healthcare" New Scenarios and Technology Application on 25th August 2023 together with Tsinghua University, China Academy of Information and Communications Technology, China-Asia Economic Development Association and Austrade. The forum was selected to be a part of the prestigious national platform -Zhongguancun Forum, launched by eight ministries and organizations in China. China National Health Commission, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, local policymakers and experts in 5 cities including Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Wuhan joined together with over 30 APACMed members, to brainstorm potential models for out-of-hospital care in China.

"Out-of-hospital care" – the direction for future healthcare reform in China

Amid the growing ageing population and high burden of chronic disease in the region, Out-of-hospital care emerges as an innovative care model to address the gaps and brings benefits to patients and their families, hospitals as well as the entire society.

Progress in out-of-hospital care has been observed in many international markets, e.g., Singapore has launched 'Mobile Inpatient Care @ Home' program which leverages digital technology to enable remote consultation and patient monitoring at home.

In China, to date there have been several explorations around out-of-hospital care led by leading public hospitals, such as West China Hospital and Tsinghua Changgung Hospital, although more potential needs to be unlocked. Out-of-hospital care is aligned with China's primary level care reform direction. National Health Commission has clearly indicated China's focus on innovative health service model to strengthen efforts on managing chronic diseases, key patient groups and training qualified primary care doctors.

Brainstorming solutions in out-of-hospital care for China

Potential models proposed by experts of different cities in China:



Experts also discussed some challenges including raising awareness of policymakers, increased patient literacy, training of primary level doctors and care workers, establishment of regulatory approval pathways for technologies across settings of care, optimized funding through exploration of alternative reimbursement pathways.

The role of MedTech industry and next steps for APACMed

Experts on the forum commended APACMed in forging the multi-stakeholder discussion on this topic and highlighted the role of medical technologies in making out-of-hospital care happen in China. Moving forward, APACMed China will focus on the following:

+ Setting up multi-stakeholder alliance to work on pain points, such as adoption of these solutions in a systematic manner

+ Working with local champions to design fit-for-purpose-out-of-hospital care models

+ Matchmaking the requirements of the policy direction in China with the solution offerings from the member companies

Appendix: list of participating organizations

Abbott, Alcon, Align Technology, Avanos Medical, Braun, Baxter, Bayer, BD, bioMérieux, Boston Scientific, Cardinal Health, Cook, EVERSANA, Fresenius Medical Care, Hologic, Infervision, Johnson & Johnson, KPMG, Lima Corporate, LivaNova, Medtronic, Mölnlycke, ResMed, Roche Diagnostics, ShuKun Technology, Siemens Healthineers, Smith & Nephew, Stryker, Teleflex, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Austrade, Beijing Health Alliance Charitable Foundation, China Academy of Information and Communications Technology, China-Asia Economic Development Association, Tsinghua University, Yunnan Health and Development Research Center