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# E-Health and Healthcare in Japan

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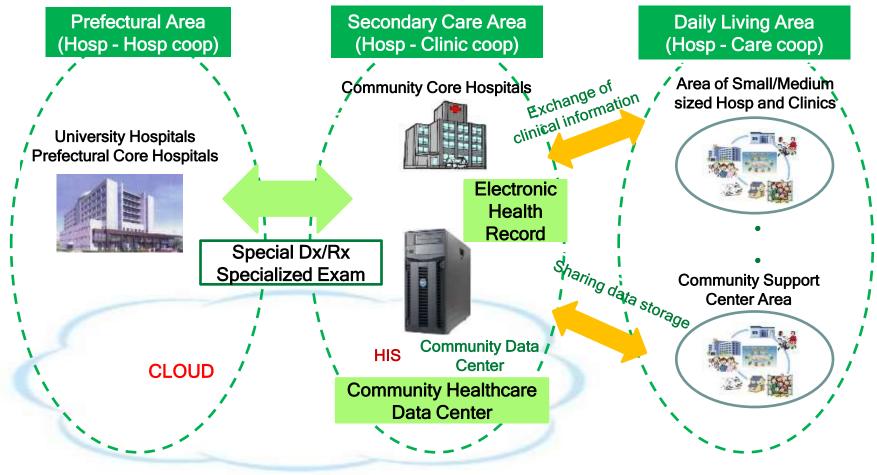


### Medical Care Provision System and Promotion of ICT in Healthcare

- An aging society with fewer children will affect social security and finance negatively
  - Reform for the establishment of a sustainable social security system
- Implementation of Social Security and Tax Number System
   (My Number System): October 1, 2015
  - Introduction of the number system in healthcare
  - Digitalization and standardization of healthcare data
  - Promotion of the community healthcare information networks
  - Application of data in healthcare policy making
  - Enhancement of healthcare business infrastructures to utilize healthcare data



# Medical - Welfare Information Networks - Miyagi Model





# **Cooperation of Community Healthcare**

#### - Telemedicine

Seirei Hamamatsu General Hospital

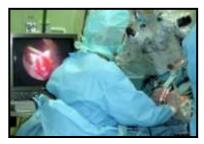


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Community Hospital





6 Emergency surgery as needed



(3) Consulting Specialist



(5) Patient transfer



1 Teleconsultation

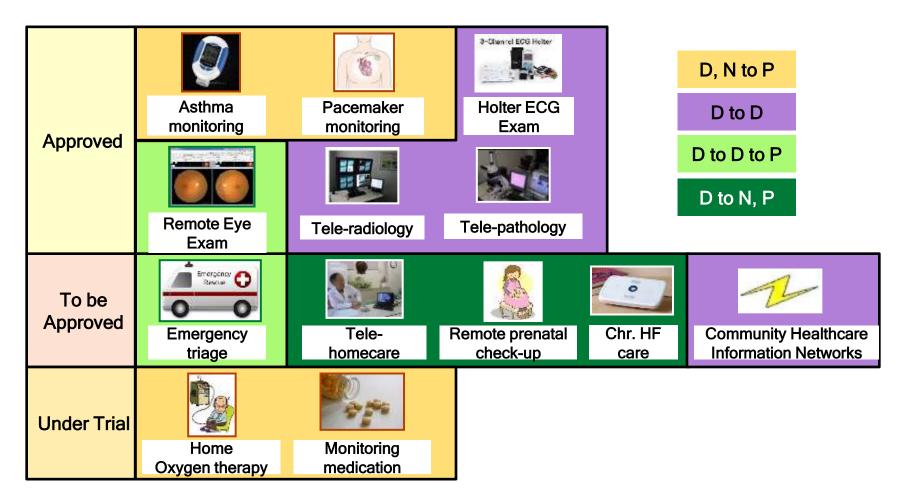


# Current Status of Telemedicine in Japan

- Tele-radiology
- Tele-pathology
- Home medical care
  - Tele-care
  - Remote prenatal check-up
  - Emergency medicine: pre-hospital care, triage
- Monitoring
  - Cardiology: pacemaker, chronic heart failure, hypertension
  - Respiratory medicine: asthma, home oxygen therapy, sleep apnea
  - Monitoring of medication



### **Telemedicine and Reimbursement System**





#### **Benefits of Telemedicine**

#### For physicians

- Enhanced efficiency
- Timely and appropriate medical care
- Early diagnosis and treatment
- Mutual trust with the patients and their families

#### For patients

- Early diagnosis and treatment
- Improvement in patient satisfaction and Quality of Life
- Contribution to clinical safety
- Reduction of commuting burden
- Greater access to healthcare

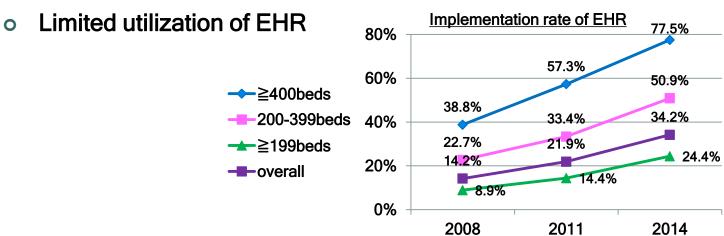
#### For governments

- Reduction of healthcare costs
- Greater access to healthcare
- Promotion of home healthcare



## **Current Issues Surrounding Telemedicine**

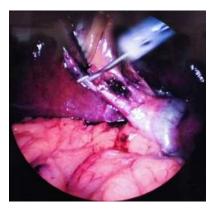
- Ambiguity of Article 20 of the Medical Practitioners' Act
   "No medical practitioner shall provide medical care or issue a medical certificate or prescription without personally performing an examination, · · · · · "
- Uncertainty as to who can implement telemedicine
- Limitations of the current reimbursement system
- Limited clinical and socio-medical research





# **Future Expectation of Telemedicine**

- Telemedicine is suitable for health management
  - Continuous monitoring of a patient's condition
  - Consultation by medical specialists
  - Disease management, guidance and education for patients
- Innovation in healthcare IT
  - Medical application of 8K Super Hi-Vision (SHV)



Intraoperative photo of 8K endoscopy

#### 8K

- 33 x 10<sup>6</sup> pixels
- equate to visual acuity of 4.27 Decimal
- Use in telemedicine
- Use in tele-education