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Promoting eHealth Record Sharing in Hong Kong

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Although eHealth Record (eHR) sharing is not a new concept, different countries have adopted different approaches to develop and promote their own systems. In 2009, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region launched its stage one eHR programme to develop a territory-wide Electronic Health Record Sharing System.

The major targets of the Stage one programme are to :

(1) set up the eHR sharing platform to connect the participating public and private healthcare institutions;

(2) make eMR/ePR systems and other health information systems available in the market to facilitate private healthcare providers connecting to the sharing platform; and

(3) prepare the legal framework for the eHR Sharing System to protect data privacy and security prior to commissioning the system.

In this presentation, the vision and challenges to develop the new infrastructure will be shared; and the policy considerations involved and the implementation strategies in Hong Kong context will be discussed. There will also be an update on the progress of the project.