



Societal dimensions of eHealth

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Effective use of *information and communications technologies* is seen as important actor improve competitiveness and *productivity* of society as well as *well-being* of citizens. The modern healthcare systems around the world are facing growing challenges such as *aging population* and rise of the chronic diseases. There are multiple global and national initiatives to promote different *digital health* strategies as a solution to these challenges. However, there are some prerequisites for applying eHealth services: these include adequate hardware and *software*, functioning networks and *competent* professionals and users that are willing to adopt and use these services. Prior the implementation of eHealth services there should be evidence that these services are *cost-effective* and conform the *ethical* requirements in order to ensure that these solutions are sustainable. At their best, eHealth services can increase the *equality* of people and provide more extensive *supply* of services.