# International and cross-border telemedicine: how to make it happen?

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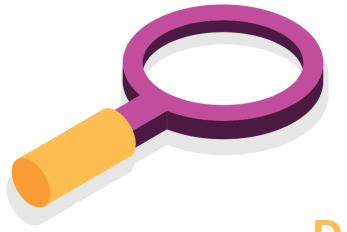




A patient undergoing surgery in a hospital located in MIMC needs to have a consultation before and after surgery with a French surgeon working in France

# How to develop international telemedicine between MIMC and other countries ?





# **Doctor - Patient**

**Teleconsultation** 

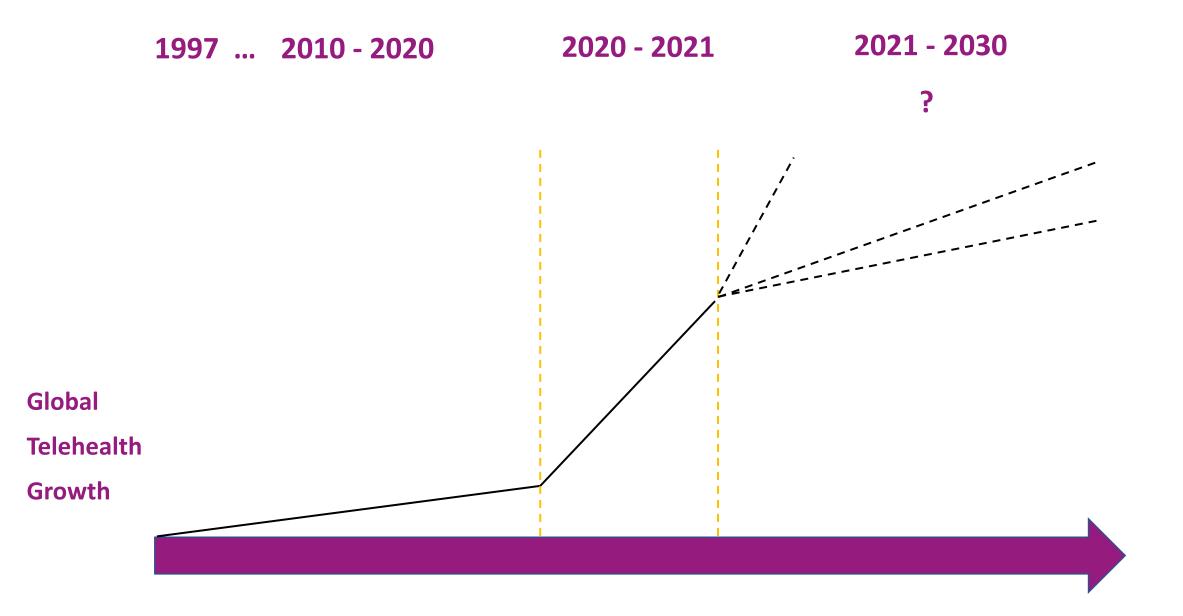
#### **Remote monitoring**

**Telesurgery** 

Tele-expertise Telediagnosis

**Doctor - Doctor** 

**Tele-assistance** 

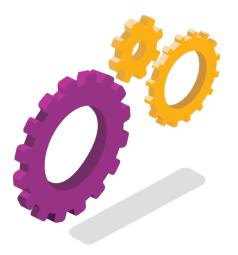


#### Situation 1 Situation 2

### Patient in Russia Doctor in Russia

Doctor in other country

# Patient in other country



#### **To check**





- Does the location of the doctor legally matter?
- Does the location of the patient legally matter?
- Can a foreign licensed doctor practice with local patients?
- Can a local licensed doctor practice with foreign patients?

**No regulations** 

**Open practice** 

**High risks** 

**Limited barriers** 

**Limited regulations** 

## **Rights and duties unclear**

## **Lower risks**

**High barriers** 

**Developed regulations** 

## **Rights and duties clear**

# **Limited risks**

### **Limited barriers**

#### **Option 1 Completely authorized without prerequisite**

#### **Option 2 Authorized only if special conditions met**

**Option 3 Completely forbidden** 

#### **Example : France**

	French living in France	French not living in France	Not French not living in France
Patient	X		
Doctor		X	

OK

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#### A French licensed radiologist is performing teleradiology from Australia for French patients with data stored in France or EU

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Patient			X
Doctor	X	X	

May be OK depending on doctor insurance

**NOT OK** 

**Need board** 

registration



#### **Example : Armenia**

Armenian living in Armenia		Not Armenian not living in Armenia
Patient	X	
Doctor		X

Russian radiologist performs teleradiology reports from Russia with Armenian patients hospitalised in Armenia: currently done but lack of regulations so unclear legal situation



#### **Example : Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

Saudi living in Saudi Arabia		Not Saudi not living in Saudi Arabia
Patient	X	
Doctor		X

Foreign radiologist performs teleradiology reports from foreign country with Saudi patients hospitalised in KSA: forbidden if not licensed in KSA and data not located in KSA









#### APPENDICES

#### APPENDIX 1: REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

No.	Scenario	DHA	Comply with other
		Licensed	regulatory authority
			requirements
1.	A Physician within DHA Jurisdiction providing telehealth	~	Not Applicable
	services to a patient in Dubai.		
2.	A Physician within DHA Jurisdiction providing telehealth	~	✓
	services to a patient outside the Emirate of Dubai.		
3.	A Physician outside DHA Jurisdiction providing telehealth	~	~
	services to a patient in Dubai.		
4.	A Physician outside DHA Jurisdiction providing telehealth	×	~
	services to a patient outside Dubai.		
5.	A Physician-to-Physician using telehealth within DHA	~	Not Applicable
	Jurisdiction in the same medical field.		
6.	A Physician (A) using telehealth within DHA Jurisdiction to	(A) ✓	(B) ✓
	consult with an expert physician (B) outside DHA Jurisdiction in		
	the same medical field.		



- **1. MIMC** has a special status with international healthcare providers
- 2. Telemedicine will be used within MIMC with other countries
- 3. Framework may be required to promote and ease international telemedicine
- 4. Easy international telemedicine could support MIMC activities

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