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

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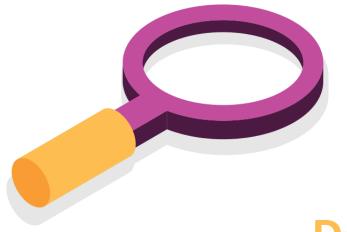




A patient undergoing surgery in a hospital located in MIMC needs to have a consultation before and after surgery with a French surgeon working in France

How to develop international telemedicine between MIMC and other countries ?





Doctor - Patient

Teleconsultation

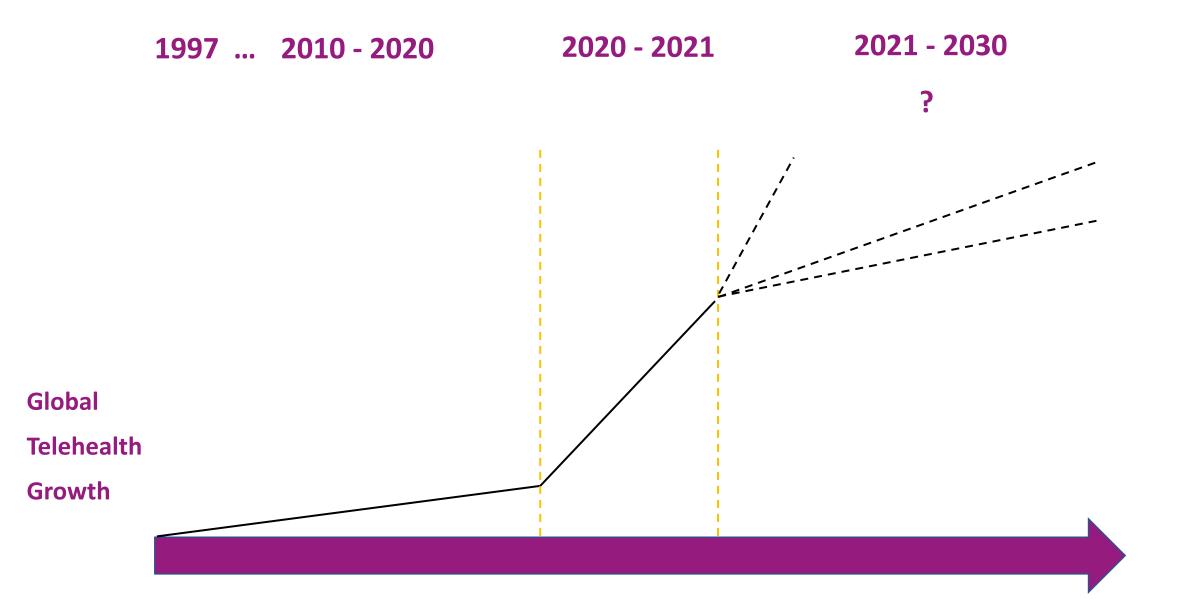
Remote monitoring

Telesurgery

Tele-expertise Telediagnosis

Doctor - Doctor

Tele-assistance

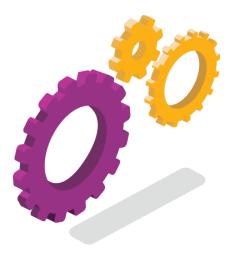


Situation 1 Situation 2

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 | |

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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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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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