Data driven healthcare -Digital diagnostics and new methods for improved patient safety

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Background - The Patient Status Engine

The Patient Status Engine (PSE) is a complete end-to-end patient digitisation and monitoring platform that continuously and wirelessly captures, collects, interprets and securely stores vital sign and other physiological data. It integrates a range of unobtrusive wearable sensors, gateways, network connections and back end IT and provides real-time data for novel predictive and diagnostic algorithms.

Support from the SBRI has enabled the PSE to be extensively improved, upgraded, and re-engineered for cost reduction. Intended use is now extended to paediatrics and patients at home and new wearable devices include a continuous temperature monitor and (shortly) a new pulse oximeter that, when synchronised to the Lifetouch cardiac sensor, will enable continuous ambulatory blood pressure measurement.

Solution requirements

Patient safety is a large, complex and multidimensional problem; there is not one single solution and certainly no magic bullet. A powerful starting point however is to know the status of patients at all times and better still, be able to predict the trajectory of a patient's status at some point in the future. Clinical teams will need to develop new care pathways that are proactive rather than reactive.

For this, key requirements are:

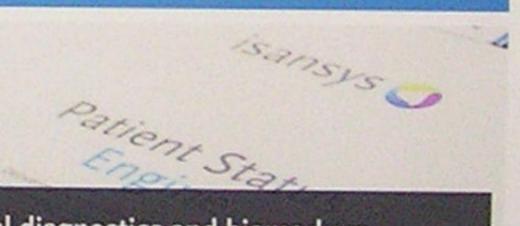
- Monitor patients better more frequently and more accurately
- Record the history of all the observations for all patients
- Calculate early warning scores for all patients on critical care pathways Make it simple, low cost, and automatic
- Faster diagnostics and response to treatment indicators
- Provide this information on fixed and mobile dashboards

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We work with a number of hospitals in the NHS and other leading healthcare professionals and institutes to deliver new patient monitoring technologies and methods to improve patient safety, achieve better patient outcomes and increase efficiencies.

Based on its scalable wireless sensor technology, isansys' 'Vitals as a Service' clinical solution provides continuous real-time information for automated patient surveillance, for early warning scores and track and trigger indicators, and for predicting adverse events.

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Digital diagnostics and biomarkers

The Patient Status Engine platform offers the means to meet these key requirements. The continuous, highly accurate and inherently digital patient data provided by the PSE is enabling clinical teams to develop new data-driven physiological diagnostics and biomarkers to inform new care pathways that are expected to lead to significant improvements in patient safety and better outcomes.

Current examples include:

- Personalised, self-learning early warning score for paediatric patients that recognises the wide spread of "normal" physiology in children, particularly neonates and infants. (Birmingham Children's Hospital)
- A rapid, low cost new physiological biomarker to replace current lab based tests in determining the status of advanced liver disease patients. This will allow a new at-home pathway to reduce hospital admissions (and costs) and improve patient quality of life. (UCL/Royal Free Hospital, London)
- A multi-vital sign physiological early-warning indicator of sepsis in chemotherapy patients at home to allow community based intervention and avoid hospital admissions. (Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham)
- A quantitative, heart rate variability based indicator of recovery (or deterioration) in post-operative cardiac surgery patients. (Care Hospitals, Hyderabad, India)

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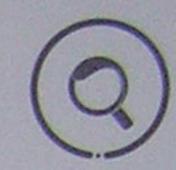


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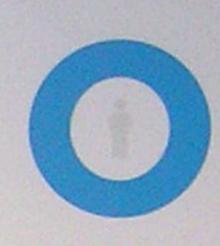




Monitor

Quantify

Discover



10%

figure of harm happening to admitted patients is well known.

Zero harm should be the target.



UK Case records reviews:



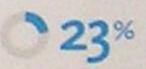




1.2 million reported care incidents.

850,000 reported adverse events.

Hospitals in England and Wales:



avoidable causes.

deaths from potentially

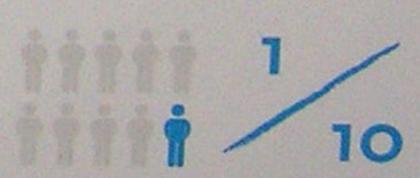
of outpatients experience an adverse drug event.





Adverse events cost the UK:

£2.5 billion in extra hospital days. £1.2 billion paid in clinical negligence.

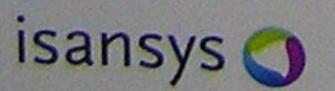


1 in 10 patients may be harmed while in hospital.

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