My Diabetes University Application for Teens

ABSTRACT

Recently Healthcare Information Management and Quality in general and quality of Personal Health Records (PHRs) in particular have become a major focus of attention to both policy makers and the public. Spiraling expenses experienced by patients with chronic diseases have become an unbearable burden and threaten to bankrupt the entire healthcare system. Finding alternatives in the 21st century means to addressing these issues without sacrificing the care of patients. Using the internet to improve quality of patients' lives is a top priority of our team. We have recently focus on developing the online application called MyDiabetesUniversity (MDU) for teenagers with type 1 diabetes to improve their autonomy and disease self-management. We specifically focus on easing transitions from their homes to college, as well as when leaving specialized care at Children's to join a general medical environment. MDU application is currently based on the freely available Microsoft HealthVault framework for PHRs.

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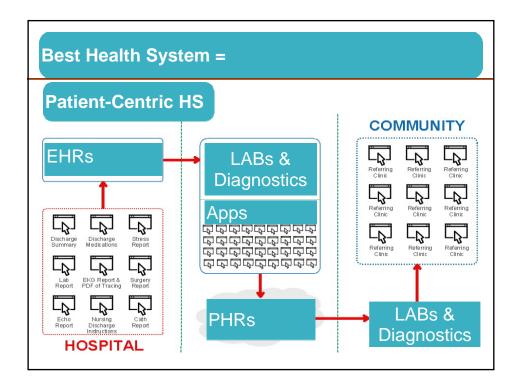




21st vs. 20th Century Science and Medicine

"Life sciences will be for the 21st Century what physical sciences were for the 20th"

Elias Zerhouni, 2009



My Diabetes University (MDU) Application

- Goal: autonomy and health self-management for patients with type 1 diabetes
- Specifics: ease lifestyle transitions for teens
- Application designed with teens (vs. for teens)
 via focus groups

MDU: Summary

- Functional Elements:
- Diabetes relevant data and statistics (e.g. Glucose readings, tests [HbA1c readings], meals, etc.)
- Discussion forum and Reminders for patients & providers
- Educational surveys and links
- Social networking
- Flexible personalization at will

