

# eHealth en ai: wordt het Dr Robot of gaat innovatie ons ontzorgen?

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**92**  
Projects

**250+**  
Publications

**6**  
Board members

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Senior researchers

**32**  
(Inter-) national PhD candidates

**6**  
eHealth implementation experts

**8**  
General practitioners & medical specialists



Management office



Learning Experience Designer

# What is eHealth?



“The use of information- and communication technologies, especially internet technology, to support or promote health and healthcare”

# What is eHealth?



**PatientCoach**  
samen werken aan je gezondheid

Patient Eem 00  
Geb: 12-01-1991

Home Informatie Mijn Apps Contact Debeer Help

**Mijn Apps**

- Astma Controle
- Longfunctie
- Mijn Doelen
- Mijn Info

**Mijn Astma Controle**

Datum	Laatste meting	Verste meting
20-10-2011	65	1
09-11-2011	38.5 %	72.5 %

Datum laatste advies: 09-11-2011  
Laatste wijziging medicatie: 09-11-2011

**Astma Controle Vraaglijst (ACQ)**

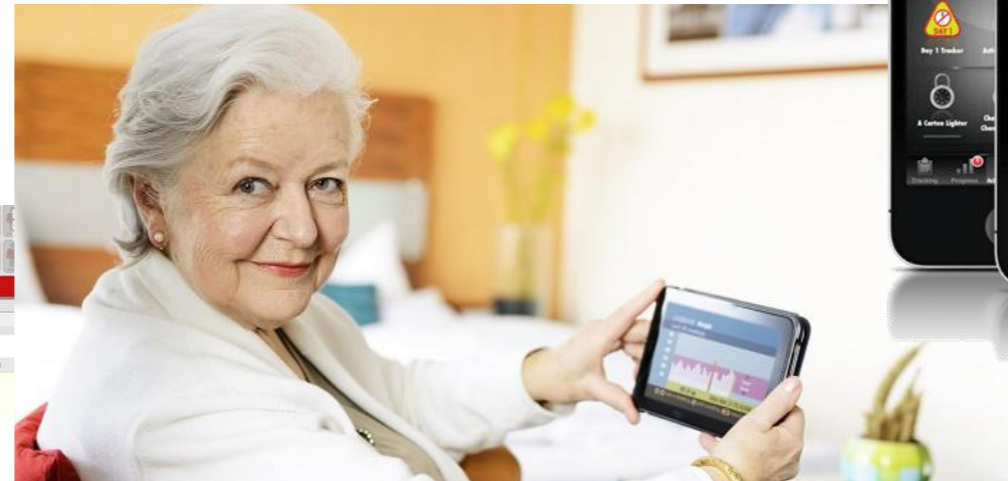
Maand	ACQ score
Jun	0.5
Jul	1.0
Aug	1.5
Sept	1.0
Ok	1.0
Nov	1.0
Dec	1.0

**Medicatie Stap**

Maand	Medicatie stap
Jun	2.5
Jul	2.5
Aug	2.5
Sept	3.5
Ok	2.5
Nov	2.5
Dec	2.5

**Mijn Medicatie Stappenplan**

Stap	Dagdos	Artikelsnaam	Selecteer
0	2x rodig	SALBUTAMOL	Selecteer



# Why eHealth?

- Accessible
- Tailoring (personalised medicine)
- Anonymity
- Large scale and low cost

## Consumer-oriented medical apps proliferate

COMMENTAAR

### Effectiviteit leefstijl-apps nog niet aangetoond

Niels H. Chavannes

**+** GERELATEERD ARTIKEL Ned Tijdschr Geneeskd. 2016;160:D329

OPINIE

In dit nummer staan de resultaten van een systematische review waarin Dallinga en collega's zochten naar een antwoord op de maatschappelijk relevante vraag of mobiele apps aantoonbaar leiden tot een actievere en gezonde leefstijl.<sup>1</sup> Beleidsmakers in de gezondheidszorg verwachten veel van e-health, en soms moet het wetenschappelijke bewijs het afleggen tegen de mening van zelfverklaarde 'futuristen'. Niet zelden wordt e-health gepropageerd als panacee voor het tekort aan bemensing in de zorg, gegeven de verwachte toename van het aantal chronisch zieken.<sup>2</sup>

Uit een eerdere analyse van 108 systematische reviews over de impact van e-health-technologieën blijkt echter dat veel klinische claims niet zijn onderbouwd met hard bewijs.<sup>3</sup> Het is daarom zinvol om op transparante wijze te beschouwen welk bewijs er inmiddels beschikbaar is voor de effectiviteit van leefstijl-apps op het gebied van bewegen en gezonde voeding.

#### KWALITEIT VAN GEÏNCLUDEERDE STUDIES

Met dit doel zochten Dallinga et al. in PubMed, Embase, CINAHL en de Cochrane Library naar artikelen over het effect van gebruik van apps en activiteitsmeters op een gezonde leefstijl. Na selectie van 51 artikelen uit 1141 'hits' analyseerden ze 17 doorgaans kleinschalige én

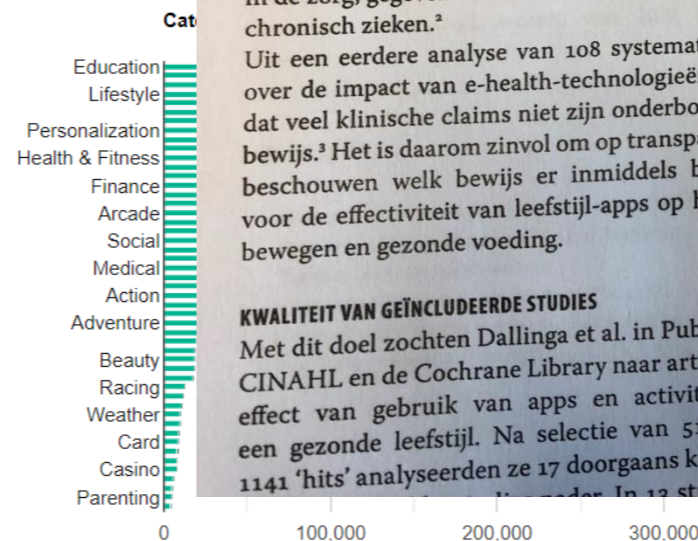
voeding en gewicht wisselend is, waarbij er een trend zou zijn voor verbetering van het voedingspatroon.<sup>1</sup> Deze conclusies zijn voorbarig te noemen wanneer we op eenvoudige wijze differentiëren naar de kwaliteit van studies versus de hierboven veronderstelde effectiviteit.

Wanneer we in tabel 4 de 3 studies van slechte kwaliteit (3b of 4) zouden excluderen en alleen studies van matige tot goede kwaliteit zouden bekijken, blijkt namelijk dat er van het veronderstelde positieve effect van apps op fysieke activiteit een score van 4 studies met een positief effect en 3 studies met een negatief effect overblijft; voor voedingsapps is de score 3 maal een positief effect versus 2 maal een negatief effect en voor gewichtapps zijn er evenveel studies (n = 5) met een positief als negatief effect.

Deze getallen geven nog geen overtuigende richting aan en suggereren dat wanneer er iets strenger naar de studiekwaliteit wordt gekeken, niet meer kan worden gesproken van een mogelijk positief effect. Alleen voor het effect op beweeggedrag door gebruik van activiteitsmeters lijkt er een positief signaal te zijn (3 vs. 0 studies), maar hiervan is de bewijskracht (GRADE C) te laag om conclusies aan te verbinden.

#### NIET KLAKKELOOS AANBEVELEN

De auteurs van de enige kwalitatief goede studie, die de follow-upduur van 24 maanden had,



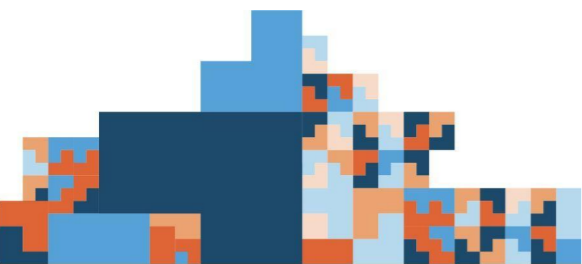
# Our mission

- Many eHealth applications (325.000 health apps), but **little** scientific research (10-15% worthwhile)
- American Heart Association:

*“Apps generally fail to incorporate evidence-based content and lack rigorous testing for efficacy”*

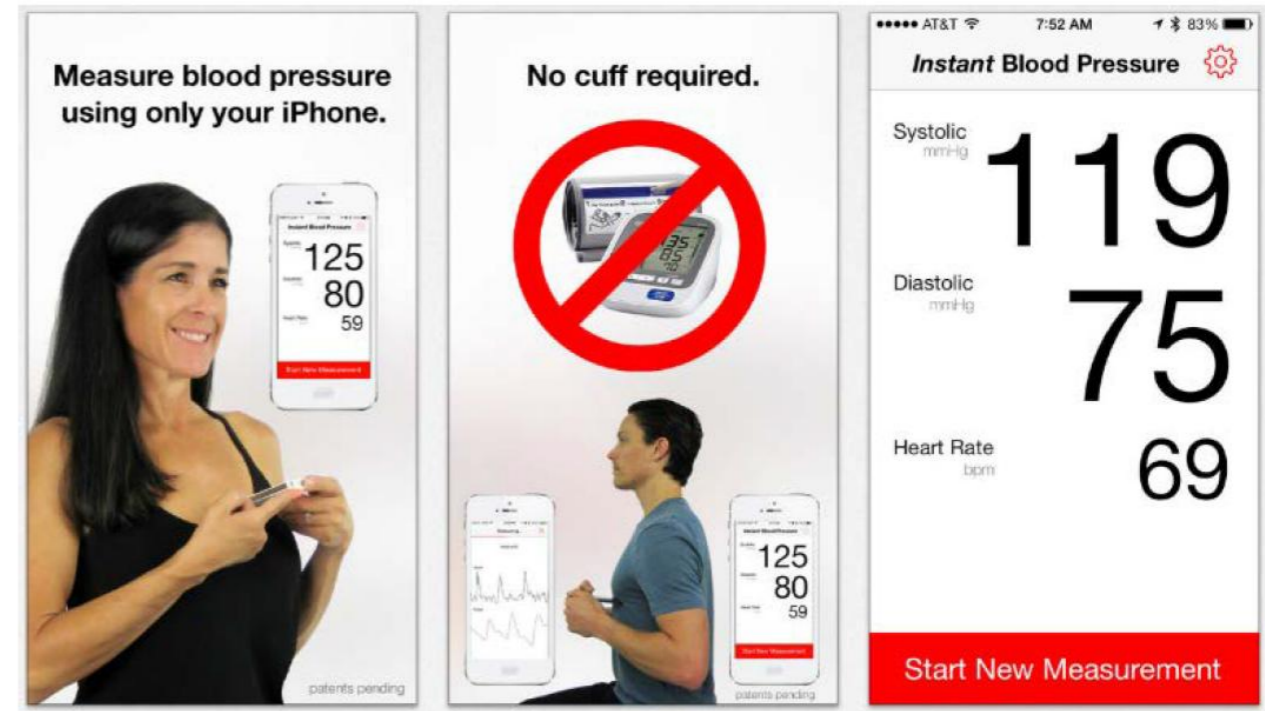


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Heart  
Association®**



# Example: Instant Blood Pressure app

- “Measure your blood pressure using only your smartphone!”
- Top 50 best sold apps in Apples App Store after launch 2014
- Price per download \$ 3,99 → 148.000 downloads
- Almost 80% of true hypertensives (high blood pressure) missed
- In July 2015 removed from App Store without disclosure



# Preconditions for scaling eHealth



Co-creation



Validation / Evaluation



Education



Ethics / eLaw



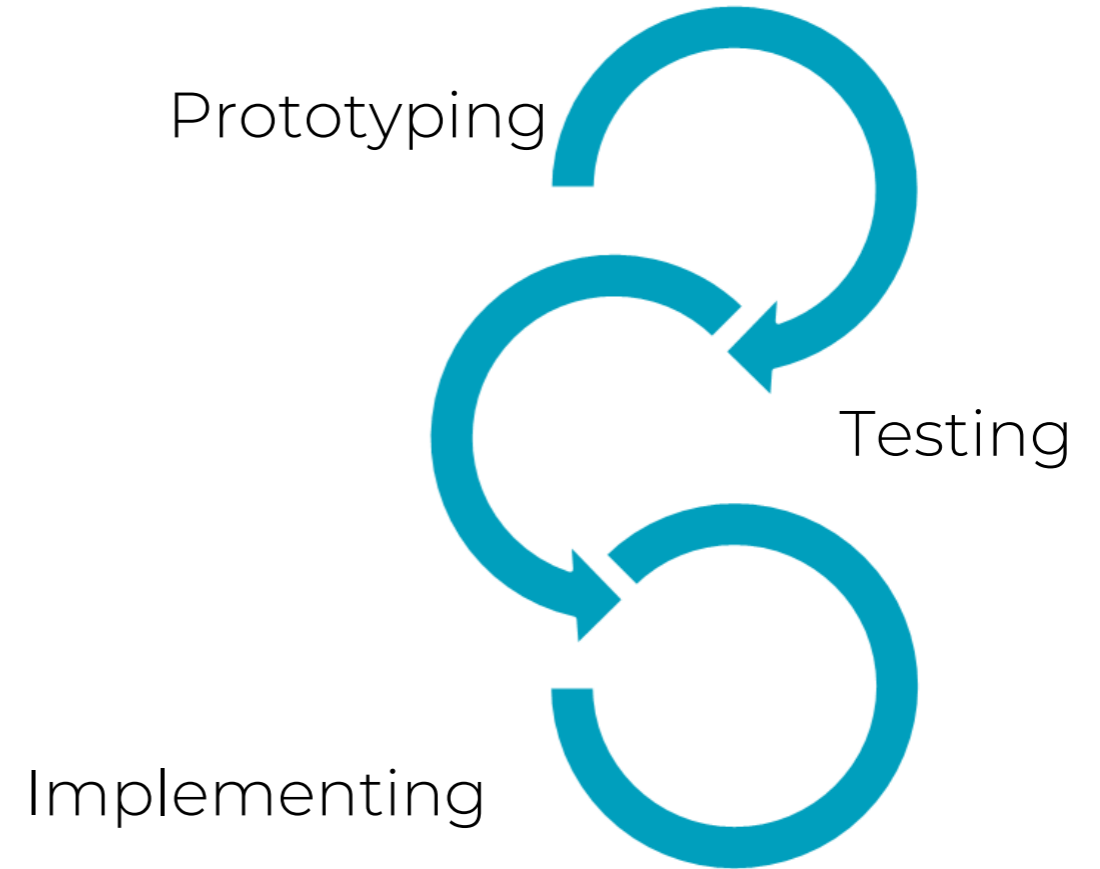
Implementation



Scale up / Finance

# Co-creating eHealth applications

- Participatory design
  - Researchers
  - Healthcare professional
  - Software developers
  - Patients
  - Patients with low health literacy
- Feedback is gathered at all stages



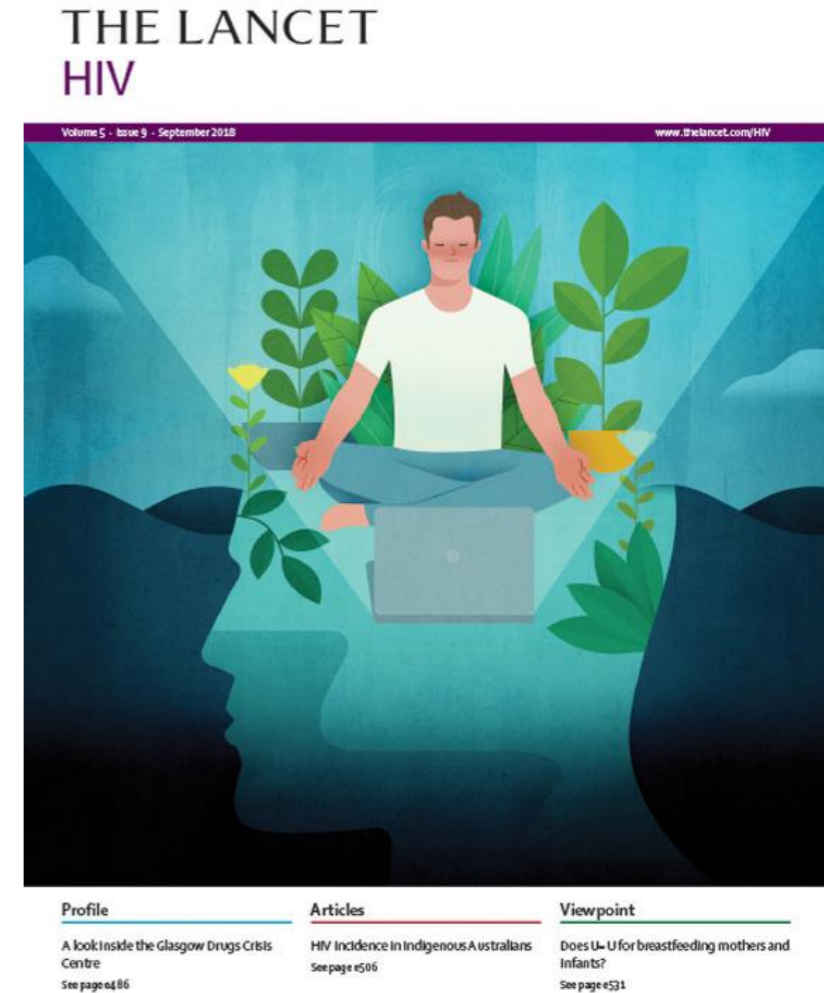
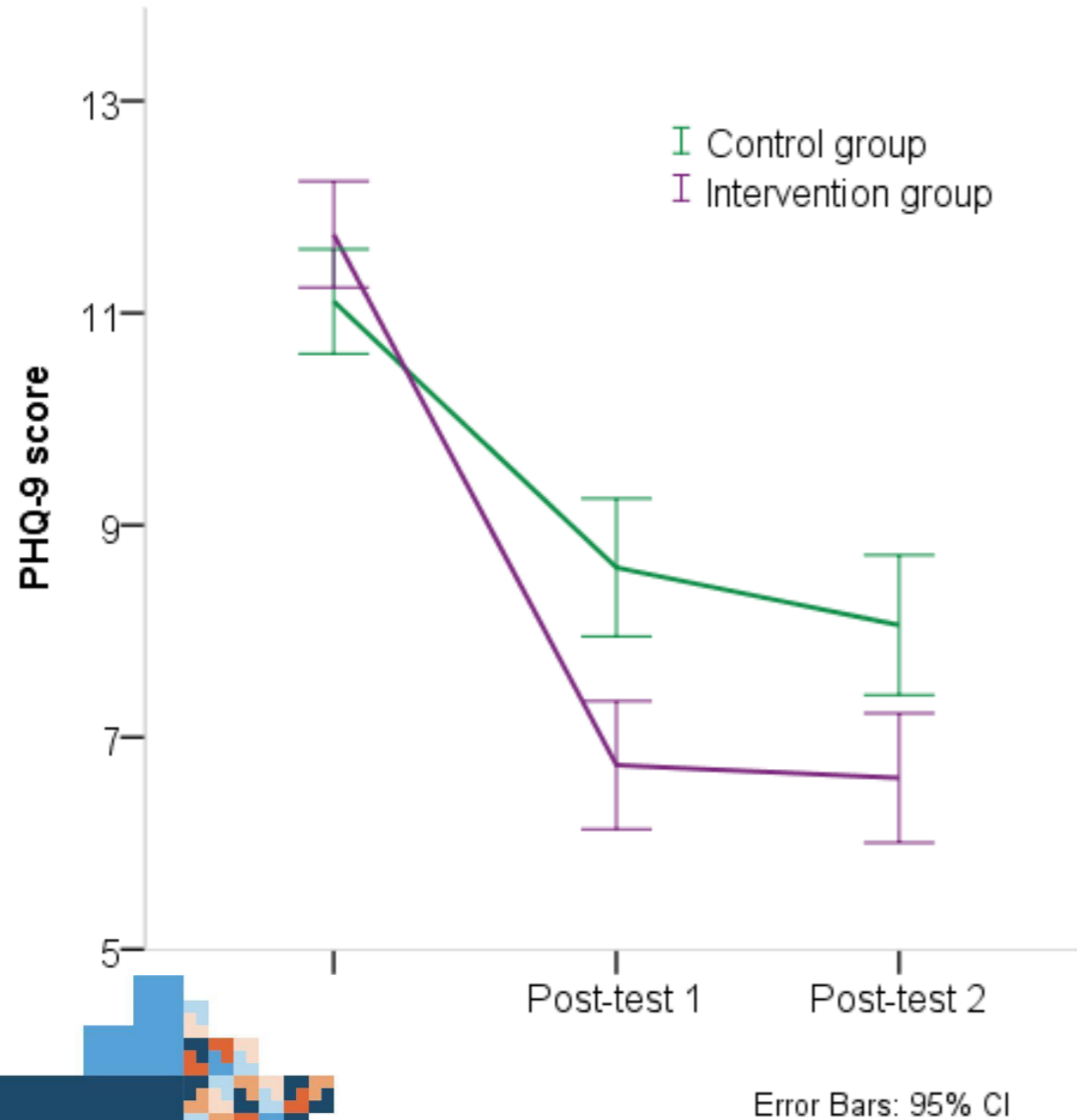
# Hospital Hero app

Hospital Hero is developed to help children who are visiting the hospital for a blood test or other examination to experience less stress/anxiety

- Children/parents & healthcare professionals participate in development process
- Prototype tested with children
- Implementation in several children's hospitals



# Results on depression: clinically relevant



# Smart-inhaler study: ACCEPTANCE

## CO-CREATIE

IN KAART BRENGEN  
BEEHOFTES PATIËNT

## VOORUITGANG VOOR PATIËNTEN MET PATIËNTEN

BEGRIJPEN

ONTWERPEN

IMPLEMENTEREN

ONTWIKKELEN

TESTEN  
&  
EVALUEREN

Verbetering van een slimme astma inhalator - de gebruiker als mede ontwikkelaar

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Dit project is een samenwerking tussen



Open Access

Asthma

BMJ Open  
Respiratory  
Research

Effectiveness, usability and acceptability of a smart inhaler programme in patients with asthma: protocol of the multicentre, pragmatic, open-label, cluster randomised controlled ACCEPTANCE trial

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# Citizen science: CovidRadar app

## Aim?

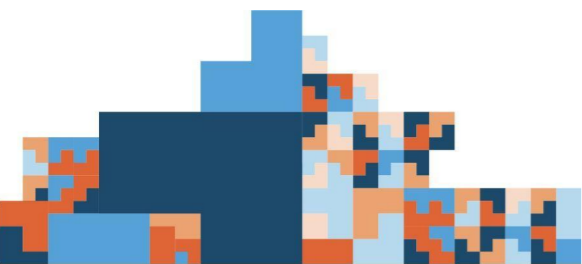
Surveillance app in Covid19 symptoms and risk behaviour trends, per NL postal code region

## How?


From start april 2020 >250.000 users, weekly 50.000 questionnaires, total >6,2 million after pandemic

## Rapid Results:

- Cough, dyspnea and loss of taste/smell most common symptoms
- Number of hours spent outside decreased with two or more symptoms



- Before/after launch comparison, ITS analysis
- Number of consultations GP
  - 230 GPs
  - 911.177 inhabitants NL
  - 18,1 million consultations

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Waar bent u naar op zoek?

A B C D →


## Zwangerschap

Synoniemen

- Noteer de eerste dag van uw laatste menstruatie. Tel de weken vanaf die datum om uit te rekenen hoe lang u zwanger bent.
- Neem liefst vóór negen weken zwangerschap contact op met de verloskundige of huisarts.
- Vermijd rauwe (ongepasteuriseerde) melk en zachte kazen die van rauwe melk gemaakt zijn.
- Zorg dat vlees en vis goed doorbakken is. En slik iedere dag 0,4 mg foliumzuur.
- Gebruik geen alcohol of drugs als u zwanger bent en stop met roken.


### Wat is uw situatie?

<a href="#">Ik ben zwanger</a>	>
<a href="#">Ik wil gezond eten tijdens mijn zwangerschap</a>	>
<a href="#">Ik krijg een bloedonderzoek tijdens mijn zwangerschap</a>	>
<a href="#">Ik heb klachten tijdens mijn zwangerschap</a>	>
<a href="#">Ik heb last van bloedarmoede tijdens mijn zwangerschap</a>	>
<a href="#">Ik heb bloedverlies en/of buikpijn in de eerste 3 maanden van mijn zwangerschap</a>	>
<a href="#">Ik wil thuis bevallen</a>	>
<a href="#">Ik ga bevallen</a>	>
<a href="#">Ik heb diabetes en ik ben zwanger</a>	>

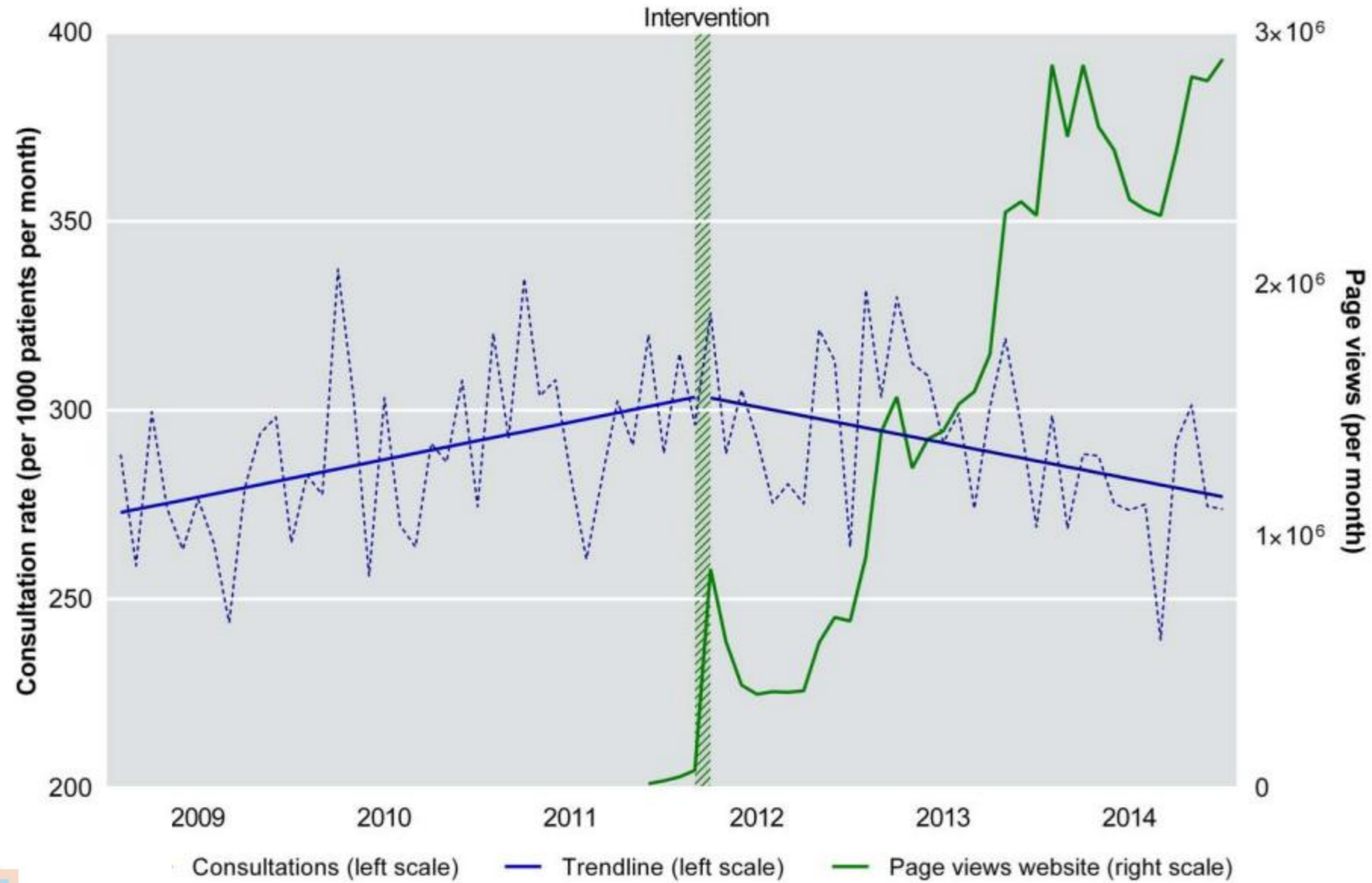


### Meer onderwerpen

- [Onderzoek van mijn ongeboren kind](#)
- [Stoppen met roken](#)
- [Alcohol](#)
- [Onbedoeld zwanger](#)
- [Bevalling](#)
- [Kuitkrampen 's nachts](#)
- [Zwangerschapsdiabetes](#)
- [Miskraam](#)
- [Buitenbaarmoederlijke zwangerschap](#)

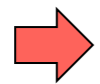
Thuisarts.nl is ontwikkeld door  ook namens úw huisarts

# GP@Home



## BMJ Open Effect of an evidence-based website on healthcare usage: an interrupted time-series study

Wouter A Spoelman,<sup>1</sup> Tobias N Bonten,<sup>1</sup> Margot W M de Waal,<sup>1</sup> Ton Drenthen,<sup>2</sup> Ivo J M Smeele,<sup>2</sup> Markus M J Nielen,<sup>3</sup> Niels H Chavannes<sup>1</sup>



“The decrease in consultation rate was *also* present in the oldest subgroup. This *refutes* concerns about accessibility of older patients to online content, and supports earlier positive findings of eHealth in this age group.”

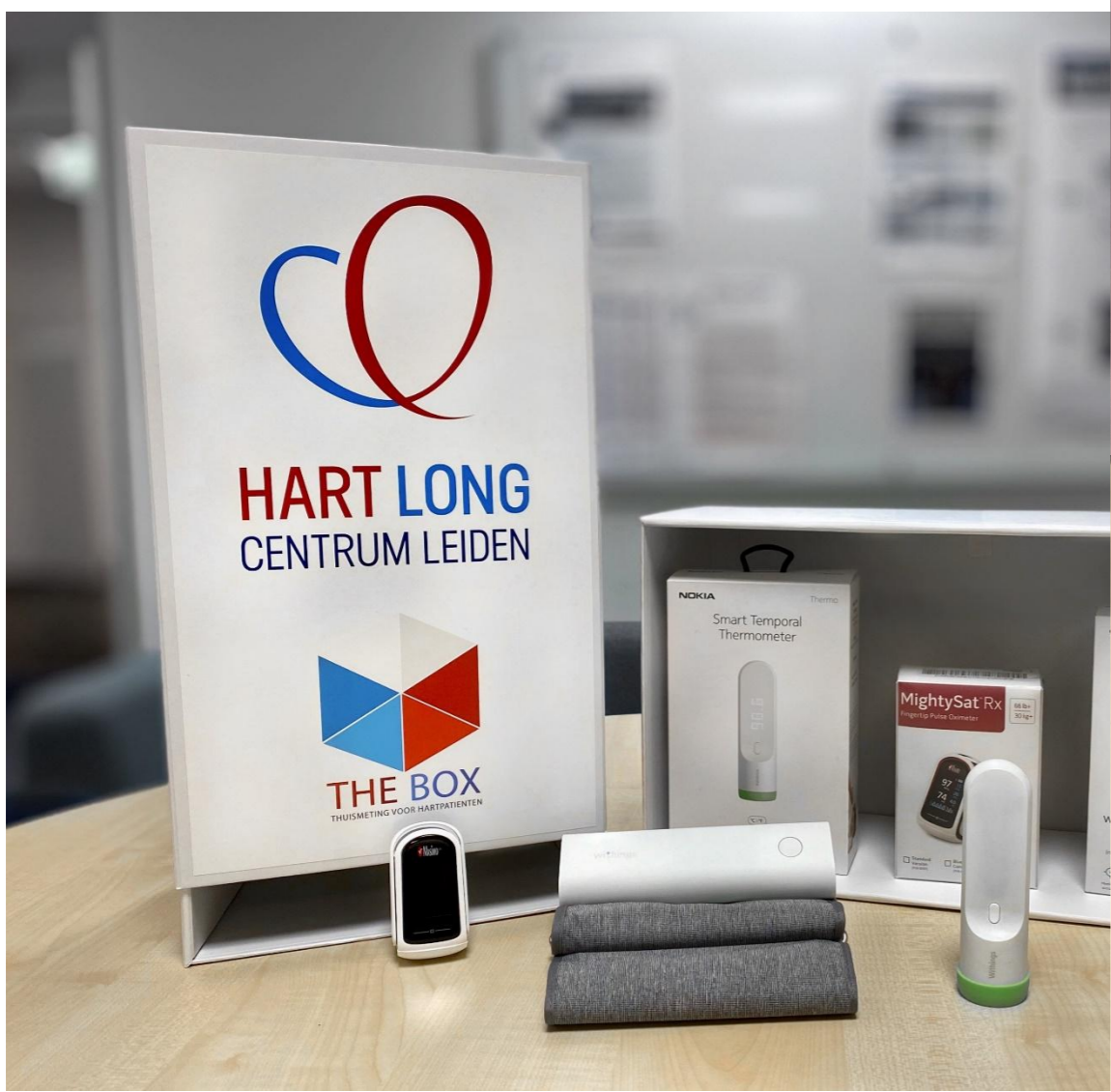
# Project LUMC, Z&Z en KPN: The Box

- Patients after myocardial infarction
- Box: bluetooth EKG, blood pressure meter, scale, activity tracker
- Safe video conferencing with doctor
- Improving technology with KPN Health
- Implementation in other hospitals

*=> many healthcare pathways, many Boxes!*



# COVID Box:



JOURNAL OF MEDICAL INTERNET RESEARCH

Silven et al

## Viewpoint

### Telemonitoring for Patients With COVID-19: Recommendations for Design and Implementation

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EUROPEAN RESPIRATORY *journal*

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### Home-monitoring reduced short stay admissions in suspected COVID-19 patients: COVID-box project

Ebru Dirikgil, Rick Roos, Geert H. Groeneveld, Christian Heringhaus, Anna V. Silven, Annelieke H.J. Petrus, Maria Villalobos-Quesada, Roula Tsonaka, Paul J.M. van der Boog, Ton J. Rabelink, Willem Jan W. Bos, Niels H. Chavannes, Douwe E. Atsma, Y.K.

# Cardiovascular Risk in Primary Care

## Results

94% (189/200) of eligible patients were enrolled, of which 81% (153/189) completed the assessments after 6 months. In total, 121 technical queries sent to the technical portal of which 71% could be solved immediately. Patients rated the program as acceptable (SUS = 65.86 and CSQ-8 = 24.58). Interviews with healthcare professionals confirmed this. At 6-month follow-up, patients showed significant reductions in systolic blood pressure (baseline mean 140 mmHg, SD 18 mmHg; follow-up mean 131 mmHg, SD 14 mmHg;  $p < 0.001$ ) and diastolic blood pressure (baseline mean 86 mmHg, SD 10 mmHg; follow-up mean 81 mmHg, SD 9 mmHg;  $p < 0.001$ ). A 49% relative risk reduction in uncontrolled systolic blood pressure ( $>135$  mmHg) was found at 6-months.

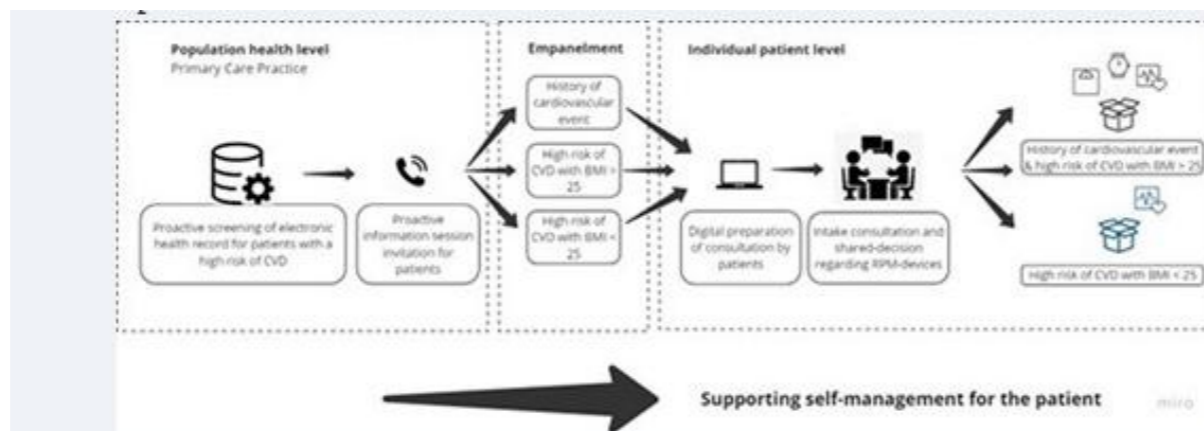
## JOURNAL ARTICLE

### Feasibility and preliminary effectiveness of a population health management approach to improve cardiovascular risk management in primary care: a mixed-method implementation study <sup>FREE</sup>

M Rakers, N E Van Hattem, E Hiddink, P G Van Peet, R C Vos, N H Chavannes, D E Atsma, T N Bonten, H J A Van Os [Author Notes](#)

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The Connect@Heart program





National eHealth  
Living Lab



We are WeLL  
and we are building  
healthcare of the future

# Aim of WeLL

WeLL is forging a global collaborative community of healthcare professionals, the business community, and public organisations to share knowledge and experience.



# Institutions with which we are connected





# International grants



- NeLL has experience with many different larger (inter)national grant applications
- Both in a coordinating role and as a smaller party in consortia
- Horizon, EFRO, Interreg, ITEA, EIT, Nationaal groeifonds, and more.
- Notable examples:
  - IMPALA
  - Lable2Enable
  - FRESHAIR4LIFE
  - BreathSense
  - Kansen voor West III NeLL Fieldlab
  - Interreg NSR



# IMPALA project: smart technology as a weapon against child mortality in Africa

- A smart monitoring system for children in hospitals with limited resources.
- Aims to recognize small changes in children's vital signs => *fast intervention*
- User-friendly and highly sensitive pressure sensor that is placed under the mattress



## International education programs

- International course Research and eHealth “*The Innovative Role of Nurses*”
- *Medicine across borders*; medicine students from NL and Kyrgyzstan conducting joint international implementation research to improve (digital) care for patients in remote areas.



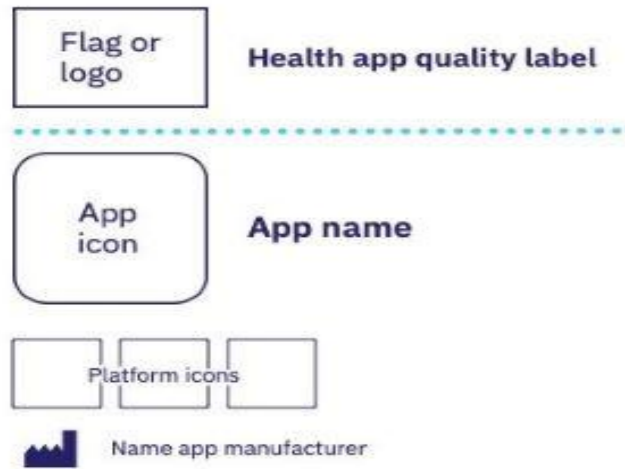
# Development of a European standard for health apps

Attention for effective and trustworthy apps



International  
Organization for  
Standardization

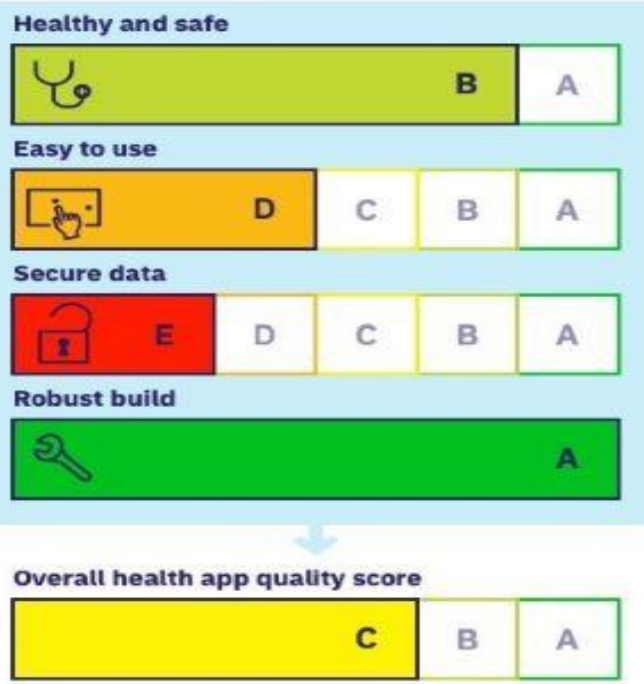




**Benefit of the app**

With this app [intended users] can [intended use] / With this app [x in 10] [intended users] [health effect] [if use]

Check [here] when app requires approval from a health professional before use



# ISO 82304-2 - health and wellness apps

## quality and reliability



- Cooperation with several European countries
- Accepted and adopted by world standardization body ISO => *global standard*
- Single core framework = room for additional country-specific requirements

*Aim: to create a single unambiguous assessment framework for health apps*

# Who can benefit from ISO 82304-2

**App manufacturers** who seek to deliver quality apps

**Patients, citizens, and carers** who seek to use health apps

**Health and care systems and authorities** who seek to review/reimburse apps

**Health care providers and professional societies** who seek to recommend apps

**Health App assessment organisations** who seek to use a trusted, globally recognised assessment framework



**App stores and libraries** who seek to help their customers make informed decisions on health apps

**QUESTION** Is an artificial intelligence (AI)-led Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) noninferior to a human-led DPP in meeting weight loss, hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> (HbA<sub>1c</sub>) reduction, and physical activity recommendations among adults with prediabetes and overweight or obesity?

**CONCLUSION** Among adults with prediabetes and overweight or obesity, referral to a fully automated AI-led DPP was noninferior to referral to a human-led DPP in achieving a composite outcome based on weight reduction, HbA<sub>1c</sub>, and physical activity.

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## POPULATION

260 Women  
108 Men



Adults 18 years or older with prediabetes and overweight or obesity  
Median age: 58 years

## LOCATIONS

2 Clinical sites in Maryland and Pennsylvania



## INTERVENTION



368 Participants randomized

183

### AI-led DPP group

Referred to a lifestyle intervention delivered via a mobile app and Bluetooth-enabled digital scale



185

### Human-led DPP group

Referred to a lifestyle intervention delivered remotely via trained lifestyle coaches

## PRIMARY OUTCOME

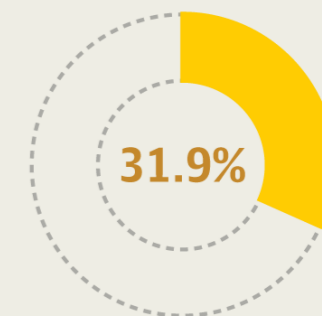
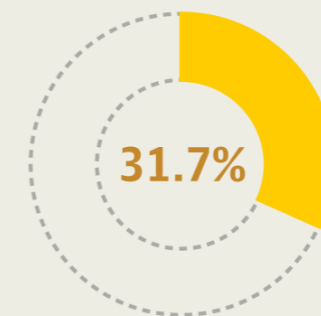
Composite outcome of HbA<sub>1c</sub> <6.5% throughout the study and ≥5% weight loss, ≥4% weight loss plus ≥150 minutes of physical activity per week, or absolute reduction in HbA<sub>1c</sub> ≥0.2 percentage points

## FINDINGS

Participants achieving the composite primary outcome

**AI-led DPP group**  
58 of 183 participants

**Human-led DPP group**  
59 of 185 participants



AI-led DPP was noninferior (noninferiority margin, 15%) to a human-led DPP:  
**Risk difference, -0.2%** (1-sided 95% CI, -8.2%)

# Needs and perspectives of COPD patients regarding digital care



- 8 focusgroups, n=59, average age 69 years, 46% male
  - Netherlands, Germany, UK, Flanders
- Barriers very diverse (next slide)
  - Therefore personalised solutions needed
- More research necessary to explore *cultural* differences
  - Increased cross border health care use
  - Cross border exchange of effective AI and eHealth innovations

# Barriers are diverse

## *Citations from patients*

*At home I had  
already  
forgotten the  
explanation*

*I have nobody  
who can help  
me*

*The letters on  
the website are  
too small*

*Medical files do  
not give an  
explanation of  
difficult words*

*What is a QR  
code/back-up  
app?*

*If I use a video  
consultation, I  
will never see  
my doctor  
again*

*I wanted to take  
part in a digital  
coffeetable  
from Lungfund,  
but I do not  
have a webcam*

*I can't click the  
right thing  
(smartphone)*

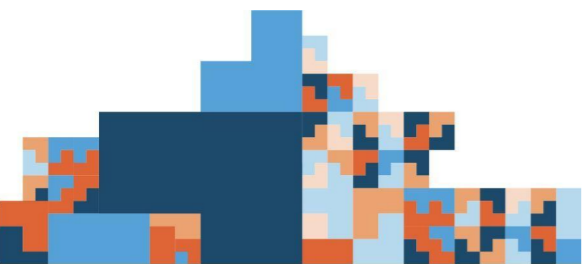
*The app  
crashes. You  
see? I can't do it*



Dr. Esther Metting, University Medical Center Groningen, the  
Netherlands

# Hurdles for implementation of eHealth

Hurdle	Possible solution
Safety of patient data	Parallel development environment for testing with temporary safe connection to existing ICT system
Less contact between patient and doctor	Blended care: eHealth as <i>addition</i> to personal contact. Degree upon which can be determined based on needs and possibilities of patient
Reimbursement	Healthcare insurers and regulatory bodies should be engaged early on in eHealth development, to enable multiyear financing in case of proven value
Does eHealth improve healthcare?	Scientific research to provide the evidence basis for eHealth



Thank You



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