



E-medicine, A Way Forward to Bridge the Gaps in African National Health Systems?

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Executive Summary

African national health systems suffer from a lack of doctors and infrastructure. While those hurdles continue to hold back the modernisation of health care in many African countries, the improvement of communication infrastructures pave the way to the expansion of e-medicine. Breaking the distance between the patient and the doctor, and between doctors, those tools can quickly and dramatically improve the living of rural and urban populations. It can also help to train new doctors remotely. But it is not a panacea, and it will only work if integrated in the whole of African national health systems, and in a wider plan to develop medical infrastructures that will always be indispensable.