



WG18 – Primary Health Care Informatics

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presented in Colombo, Sri Lanka for:**

- **IMIA Board Meeting, October 8, 2018,**
- **IMIA General Assembly Meeting, October 9, 2018**

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Brief Background

The aim of the group is to promote and develop primary care informatics as a specialism within health informatics.

Achievement - Events and projects conducted and publications completed

Liyanage H, Liaw ST, Konstantara E, Mold F, Schreiber R, Kuziemy C, Terry AL, de Lusignan S. **Benefit-risk of Patients' Online Access to their Medical Records: Consensus Exercise of an International Expert Group.** Yearbook Med Informatics. 2018 Apr 22. doi: 10.1055/s-0038-1641202.

Participation - Engagement and participation in IMIA and health informatics events and activities

Informal meeting at MedInfo 2017 in Hangzhou, China:

A number of members of the Working Group met with its chair Prof Teng Liaw at MedInfo 2017 in Hangzhou, China. The principal area of discussion was informatics to support collaborations within IMIA as well as with external agencies such as the WHO Collaborating Centre on eHealth.

Outreach - Recruitment and engagement of new members and target communities, publicity and representation at major events and/or on social media

- a. We discussed the Journal of Innovation in Health Informatics to include more papers from the Australasian region.
 - An informal editorial group was established within the Australasian College of Health Informatics.
- b. Establishing the core authorship group to plan, conduct and disseminate studies on key issues and challenges in primary care informatics.
 - A core group of the PCIWG – Simon de Lusignan, Craig Kuziemy, Siaw-Teng Liaw, Harshana Liyanage, Richard Schreiber, Amanda Terry – has been actively doing this in the past few years. This will be formalized. We have invited other members to enhance the international representativeness of the group.

Collaboration - Working with other IMIA WG/SIGs or external organizations or institutions

Discussions with Chair of IMIA Evaluation group about plans to extending activities of the evaluation and primary care informatics working groups in lower-middle income countries.

- Professors Andrew Georgiou (Evaluation WG) and Teng Liaw discussed strategies for the IMIA Evaluation and Primary Care Informatics Working Groups to work with the WHO Collaborating Centre on eHealth (AUS-135) to further extend our reach to Low and Middle Income Countries (LMIC). Professor Liaw heads this WHO Collaborating Centre, which is based in UNSW Sydney.

- The WHO Collaborating Centre on eHealth program of work with the WHO is to review the effectiveness of implementation and evaluation toolkits in eHealth programs, beginning with the WHO-International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Toolkit for national eHealth Strategy development. This review will guide the development of implementation guides to inform and support LMIC to develop, implement, evaluate and sustain eHealth programs.
- Interest is being sought from members of the PCIWG, Evaluation WG and other IMIA WG to participate.