Editorial on the 8th Issue of eJHI – the electronic Journal of Health Informatics

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1.Introduction

This is the 8th issue of eJHI - the electronic Journal of Health Informatics. It is also the first issue to *only* include 'normal' papers, i.e. papers that were unsolicited and not part of a Special Issue.

While eJHI is the official journal of the Health Informatics Society Australia (http://www.hisa.org.au) and the Australasian College of Health Informatics (http://www.achi.org.au), we are very pleased that eJHI can be regarded as truly international. In this issue alone, we have papers from authors from Australia, New Zealand, United States of America, Ghana, United Kingdom, Taiwan and Canada. Other authors who have recently submitted papers are for example from The Philippines, Iran, Sweden, Japan, Malaysia, Norway, Greece, India, Indonesia, Germany and Rwanda.

All eJHI papers are peer-reviewed by independent experts with an average acceptance rate after one or more review rounds of around 50 percent.

We will continue to publish special issues on topics of interest in Health Informatics, which are edited by guest editors. Potential guest-editors are welcome to contact us with their ideas. We already have special issues with topics like "Smart Healthcare Systems" or "E-Health Strategies including Knowledge Acquisition and Management of Professional Nursing Practice in Acute Health Services" coming up in the next months.

At the same time we encourage authors to submit unsolicited original papers related to Health Informatics and information technology in healthcare to eJHI. We aim to provide health care workers with a readily accessible, electronic vehicle for sharing information about research, knowledge, experiences, perceptions and wisdom with colleagues involved in all facets of health informatics and health information technology.

This issue includes the following papers:

- Jeffrey Soar, Judith Symonds: Human Interface Considerations for Ambient Assisted Living Systems

- Robert A Henderson, Ricardo Pietrobon, Karen C Nielsen, Stephen M Klein: Miscoding Rates for Professional Anesthesia Billing: Trial Results - Software Solution

- Emmanuel Kusi Achampong, Kingsley K. A. Pereko: Computer Skills and the Training of Medical Students in a Ghanaian Medical School

- Michael Geoffrey Hill: Patient Usage of Computers to Manage Information Relevant to Diabetes Care

- Candice Elizabeth MacDougall, Carolyn McGregor, Jennifer Percival: The Fusion of Clinical Guidelines with Technology: Trends & Challenges

- John Francis Hamblin, Phillip Taderera Bwititi, Helen T Moriarty: Pathology Results in the Electronic Health Record

- Jengchung Chen, Yangil Park, Gavin Putzer: An Examination of the Components that Increase Acceptance of Smartphones among Healthcare Professionals

EJHI's Special Issue on Systemic Interoperability, published earlier this year and guest-edited by Ed Hammond has caused some interesting discussions on how to achieve interoperability. We hope that this issue will do the same!

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