

The case for remotely monitored objective measures in oncology*

	Data Science	Sensor/Hardware/ Infrastructure Community	Clinical community
Database generation, size, and expansion	<p>Statistical analyses algorithms that identify data trends, which may sometime not be obvious by on-site evaluation</p> <p>Algorithms that combine data collected remotely with data collected in hospitals such as medically relevant information extracted from unstructured data such clinical notes</p>	Unobtrusive/non-invasive data acquisitions	Minimal efforts on part of clinical community to include and combine structured data such as longitudinal health history (patient health credentials, such as age/sex, prior health complications, prescriptions etc.), hospital visit details, prescribed treatments/tests, and data generated by different clinicians/lab support personnel
Routine review of data quality	<p>Total number of patients monitored, their health outcomes, mortality rates, relapse/readmission rates</p> <p>Evaluate data quality, missing/incomplete data, and data outliers</p> <p>Source data verification</p>	Device strategies to rectify data issues that arise due to sensors/hardware	Infer odd behaviors: for instance, opioid over-prescriptions that could become a problem in future
Real-time data analytics	<p>Ability to accomplish summative evaluation of health conditions</p> <p>Statistical analyses and algorithms that identify data trends, which may sometime not be obvious by on-site evaluation</p> <p>Accurate predictive models and unbiased evaluation of model accuracy that help decrease readmission/relapse rates</p>	Seamless upgrade of technology/sensors with an ability to include additional sensors as per real-time analytics requirements	<p>Event based programming paradigm that allows clinical inference-based triggers</p> <p>Long term longitudinal studies (large number of participants and long period of time)</p>
Automatic alerts generation and communication system	<p>Real-time communications of monitoring results</p> <p><u>Defining risk indicators that set off triggers and alert/trigger algorithms to support real-time monitoring:</u> The advanced symptom generation system that generates alerts based upon a combination of health outputs and their threshold values</p> <p>A communication system that can facilitate communications in clinicians-to-clinicians, clinicians-to-health providers, and clinicians-to-patient, and patient-to-clinicians</p>	Device system that supports real-time communications	Data triage strategies for clinical inference-based triggers that facilitate interventions such as provider- and/or protocol-directed interventions
Standardization needs	<p>Interoperability of data</p> <p>Inter- and intra- vendor standardization</p> <p>Centralized monitoring center: Evaluate system robustness in "real-time" and address/rectify device related issues/failures</p>	<p><u>Device and data platforms standardization:</u> Standardized data acquisition/user interfaces/monitors/sensors that generate consistent data such as electronic health records (EHR)</p> <p>Strategies to develop/advance technologies based upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) data integration ii) next-generation technologies/sensors iii) integrate new infrastructures, participants, and participatory centers/hospitals 	Clinical practice guidelines (CPGs) are followed: standardized clinical care protocols that integrate standardized/approved practices with up-to-date knowledge
Implementation needs	<p>Privacy and data security: Data is protected and privacy disclosure model is in place. Informed consent delivery</p> <p>End-to-end encryption</p> <p>Be able to evaluate protocol deviations and establishing compliance</p> <p>Monitoring clinicians and healthcare providers to protect human subjects</p> <p>No cherry picking of results, both successful and failed results/studies should be reported</p> <p>Criteria that will define frequency, timing, and inputs of data collections</p> <p>Implementation strategies with a goal to decrease relapse and re-hospitalization</p> <p>Be able to evaluate protocol deviations and establishing compliance</p>	<p>Proprietary platforms are hard to compare, issues with data interoperability, overall usability/clinical validity of the devices, and unification of data</p> <p>Lack of transparency and standardization among different commercial vendors might be an issue</p> <p>Regulatory aspects for sensor/technology/device implementation</p>	<p>Training of healthcare professionals, who implement these devices and evaluate the clinical efficacy/validation of devices</p> <p>Need awareness and training to incorporate remote monitoring in existing traditional workflows</p> <p>Need of clinically verified autonomous health system that can generate feedback-based interventions</p>
Complexity of system	The data system complexity shouldn't hinder device usage	The sensor/hardware complexity shouldn't be obtrusive while supporting real-time data acquisition with minimal lag time	The system complexity should be at minimal to facilitate adoption by clinicians
Cost of system	A ubiquitous predictive healthcare model will be costly	Incentivize adoption of non-traditional methods such as remote monitoring	Medical liability insurances for remote monitoring need to be applied throughout the hospital care and public policies that advance remote monitoring

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