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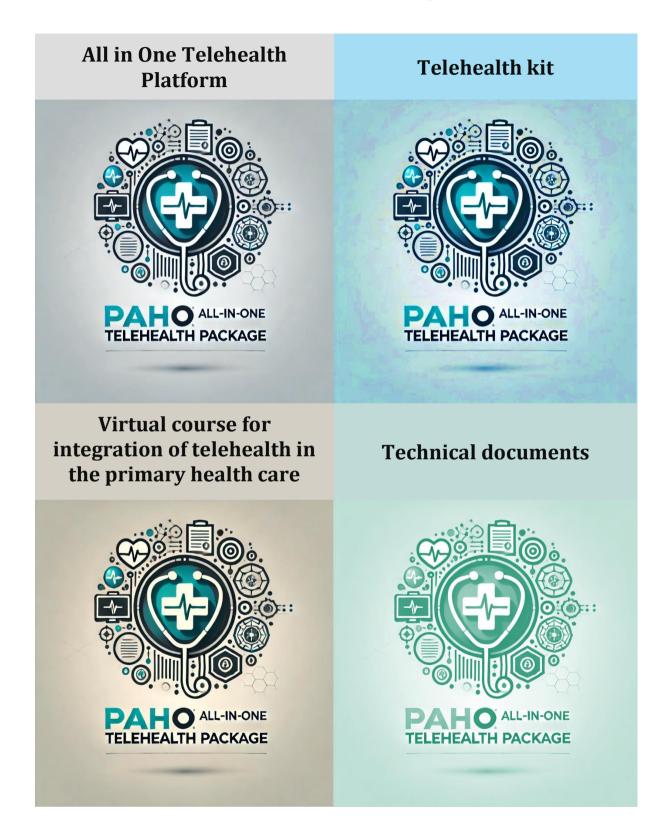
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### PAHO All in One Telehealth Package – Structure

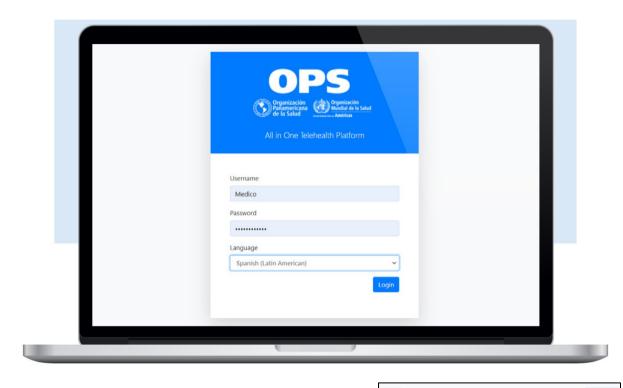


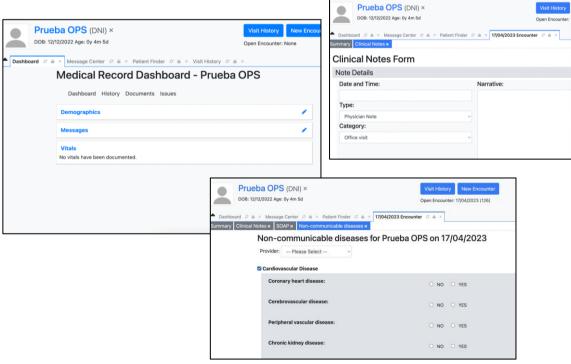
# **Section 1 - The platform**



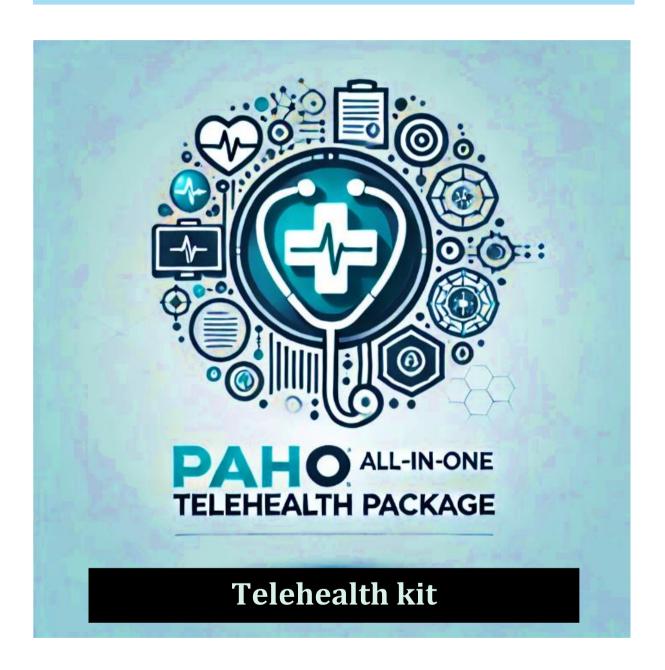
### Section 1 - PAHO All in One Telehealth Platform

The **PAHO All in One Telehealth Platform** was developed based on international standards for interoperability. It is offered to countries as a digital public good developed with open-source technologies that can be adapted according to needs and models of care. It also has an architecture that allows incorporation and connection with pre-existing modules or those developed by third parties.





# Section 2 - The kit



### Section 2 - Telehealth kit





The Telehealth Kit is a comprehensive and versatile solution designed to enhance healthcare delivery in a variety of settings. This kit includes a selection of high-quality medical devices, tailored for both portable and ultra-portable applications, ensuring flexibility and adaptability to different environments.



### TeleKIT | Basic

All-In-One Vitals Telehealth Monitor Electrocardiogram Digital Stethoscope Manual Digital Camera Ultrasound Stadiometer Scale (Medical grade)

### **TeleKIT | Maternity module**

Fetal monitor

Spirometer

### TeleKIT | X Ray module

### Portable X Ray Machine

- **Portable:** Recommended for permanently assigned care spaces with sufficient infrastructure (mainly electrical service) in hospital facilities or primary care centers.
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### **II-In-One Vitals Telehealth Monitor**

### Non Invasive Blood Pressure

Measuring method: Oscillometric

Technique

Measuring range: 0mmHg~300mmHg Maximal standard deviation: ≤ 8mmHg Inflation time: <20s (typical adult cuff) Overpressure protection limit: 300mmHg

Measuring range:

SYS: 30mmHg~270mmHg DIA: 20mmHg~235mmHg MAP: 10mmHg~220mmHg

### **Temperature**

Measuring range: 32 °C ~43 °C Measuring accuracy: ±0.2 °C Response time: ≦ 5s

Probe: Infrared ear probe

### SpO2

Technique: Dual-wavelength LED SpO2 measuring range: 0%~100% SpO2 measuring accuracy: ±3% (range

from 70%~100%)

PR measuring range: 30bpm~250bpm PR measuring accuracy ±2bpm Sensor type: Adult, Pediatric

### **Blood Glucose**

Measuring range: 20 - 600 mg/100ml (1.1-

33.3mmol /L) Measuring time: 6s

Sample volume: ≥ 0.7 microlitre Measuring method: Electrochemical

biosensor method

### **ECG**

Measuring range: 30bpm~240bpm Measuring accuracy: ±2bpm or ±2% Display scale: 5.0mm/mV±10%

Common-model rejection ratio: ≥60dB

Option: ECG leadwire

### **SECURITY**

FDA-cleared and HIPAA-compliant

### INTEGRATION / INTEROPERABILITY

- Patient identification through HL7 patient data query messages or ADT services. If not possible, it should ensure a secure method for patient record association
- Biosignal and vitals transfer using HL7 messages

EVALUATED AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONTROL AND ASSURANCE OF THE OPS QUALITY (IMT/QR)

YES

MANUFACTURER: SHENZHEN CREATIVE INDUSTRY CO., LTD MODEL: PC-900 VITAL SIGNS

**MONITOR** 

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: CHINA

### **BOUGHT**

YES

Creative Medical Spot-check Monitor PC-303

### Electrocardiogram

### **Physical Specifications**

Dimensions 420mm×330mm×120mm Weight 5kg (Excluding recorder paper and

Display 8 inch, 800×600 multicolor LCD screen (touch screen as optional)

### **Power Supply**

Mains Supply:

Operating Voltage = 100V-240V Operating Frequency = 50Hz/60Hz Input Current = 0.9-0.4A

### **Internal Li-ion Battery Pack:**

Rated voltage = 14.8V

Rated capacity = 2500/5000mAh (1.5/2.5 hours continuous printing, 300/450 ECG reports)

Necessary Charge time: 3/6 hours

### Recording

Recorder: Thermal dot-matrix recorder

Printing Density:

8 dots per mm / 200 dots per inch

(amplitude axes)

40 dots per mm / 1000 dots per inch (time

axes, @ 25 mm/s) Recorder Paper: Folded thermal paper:

210mm×295mm×100pages

Folded thermal paper:

215mm×280mm×100pages (Optional) Rolled thermal paper: 210mmx30m

(Optional)

Paper Speed: 5mm/s, 6.25mm/s, 10mm/s,

12.5mm/s, 25mm/s, 50mm/s

**External Printer:** 

HP1010/1510, HP M401, HP

1020/1020PLUS/1106,

HP 2010/1050/2000. HP 2015/2035. HP

1525

### **HR Recognition**

HR Range: 30 BPM ~300 BPM

Accuracy: ±1 BPM

### **ECG Unit**

Leads: 12 standard leads

Acquisition Mode: simultaneously 12 leads

A/D Converter: 24 bits Resolution: 2.52uV/LSB Time Constant: ≥3.2s

Frequency Response: 0.01Hz ~ 300Hz (-

Gain: 1.25, 2.5, 5, 10, 20, 10/5 mm/mV,

**AGC** 

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### INTEGRATION / INTEROPERABILITY

- Patient identification through HL7 patient data guery messages or using the DICOM worklist to retrieve the list of patients with scheduled appointments.
- ECG report exportation to a file system using common file transfer protocols or to a PACS using DICOM storage modalities
- ECG data transfer using HL7 or other known standards.

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YES

MANUFACTURER: GUANGDONG BIOLIGHT MEDITECH CO., LTD.

MODEL: E65 DIGITAL 12-CHANNEL ECG

MACHINE

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: CHINA

### **BOUGHT**

YES

Edan

SE-1200 Express Electrocardiograph Input Impedance:  $\geq 100 \text{M}\,\Omega$  (10Hz)
Input Circuit Current:  $\leq 0.01\,\mu$  A
Input Voltage Range:  $\leq \pm 5$  mVpp
Calibration Voltage: 1mV±2%
CMRR:  $\geq 140 \text{dB}$  (AC on)

≥123dB (AC off)

Sampling Frequency 16000 Hz

### **Pacemaker**

Amplitude: ±750µV to ±700 mV Width: 50µs to 2.0 ms

### Filter

AC Filter: 50/60Hz

DFT Filter:

0.01Hz/0.05Hz/0.15Hz/0.25Hz/0.32Hz/0.5H

z/0.67Hz

EMG Filter: Off/25Hz/35Hz/45Hz

LOWPASS Filter:

300Hz/270Hz/150Hz/100Hz/75Hz

### **Data Transmission**

Report Format: PDF, XML, DICOM, FDA-

SCP

Data Transmission: Wi-Fi, Ethernet, RS232 Data Management System: SE-1515 Data Management System, bi-directional

communication

HIS connection: DICOM Worklist/DICOM

Storage/HL7/GDT

### Wi-Fi

Transmitting Frequency: 2400-2497MHz Frequency Band: 2400-2497MHz Modulation Type: DSSS, CCK, OFDM Transmitting Power: 6 - 17dBm Effective Radiated Power: 6 - 17dBm

### Safety

Specifications
Comply with:

IEC 60601-1:2005/A1:2012 EN 60601-1:2006/A1:2013 IEC 60601-1-2:2007

EN 60601-1-2:2007/AC:2010

IEC/EN 60601-2-25

# Anti-electric-shock type: Class I with internal power supply

Anti-electric-shock degree: CF type with

defibrillation-proof
Patient Leakage Current:
NC <10μA (AC) / <10μA (DC)
SFC <50μA (AC) / <50μA (DC)
Patient Auxiliary Current:
NC <10μA (AC) / <10μA (DC)
SFC <50μA (AC) / <50μA (DC)

### **Environment Specifications**

Temperature:

Transport & Storage: -20oC (-4oF) ~ +55oC

(+131oF)

Working: +5oC (+41oF) ~ +40oC (+104oF)

**Relative Humidity:** 

Transport & Storage: 25%~93% Non-

Condensing

Working: 25%~80% Non-Condensing

**Atmospheric Pressure:** 

Transport & Storage: 70kPa ~106kPa

Working: 86kPa ~106kPa

### **Digital Stethoscope**

Digital Stethoscope with removable earpiece, wireless charging pad, USB charging cable

Wireless listening Bluetooth Compatible with IOS and Android products, .WAV and .PDF file formats Rechargeable lithium-ion battery with 10-hour life or higher

If a subscription is required, it must be included.

### Audio

4 audio filters: diaphragm, bellmode, midrange and extended

Ambient noise reduction with 60x audio amplification

Super-bass driver delivers high-quality audio

Compatible with high-quality traditional headphones

### **SECURITY**

• FDA-cleared and HIPAA-compliant

### INTEGRATION / INTEROPERABILITY

- Patient identification through HL7 patient data query messages. If not possible, it should ensure a secure method for patient record association
- Media exportation using HL7 or other known standards.

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NO

### **BOUGHT**

NO

### **Manual Digital Camera**

Scope: eye fundus, dermascope, otoscope and general exam. 40/25 Degree Field of View

Macular Pigment Density (MPOD) 3D Map

Lightweight, Handheld

Quick Data Transfer. Must transfer the images to a laptop, PC, or mobile device. Wi-Fi and/or Bluetooth compatible. Micro SD card and AV output.

3.5" Full Color LCD or higher Photo and Video Capture

### **SECURITY**

FDA-cleared and HIPAA-compliant

### INTEGRATION / INTEROPERABILITY

- Patient identification through a known standard. If not possible, it should ensure a secure method for patient record association
- Image transfer using DICOM storage modalities or other common file transfer protocols

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Outstanding Illumination
Dual Screen Mode
2M Pixels HD Resolution or higher,
brightness and focus control

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NO

### **BOUGHT**

NO

### **Ultrasound**

M6 Main Unit

15-inch LCD monitor

B/M/Color/Color M/Power/Directional Power Doppler Flow Imaging

Pulse Wave Doppler (includes High Pulse Repetition Frequency)

PSHTM (Phase Shift Harmonic Imaging) iBeamTM (Spatial Compounding Imaging) iClearTM (Speckle Suppression Imaging) HR Flow

iTouchTM (Auto Image Optimization) iZoomTM (Full Screen View) Abdomen/General Software Package

iScanhelper

1TB Hard Disk & iStationTM Patient

Information Management
S-Video Output and USB 2.0 Ports
AC Adapter and Lithium-ion Battery Pack
Traveling Case

### Software

110-004393-00 Auto IMT Package (Automatic measurement for Intima-Media Thickness, Vascular Package should be configured at the same time)

110-004400-00 Free Xros MTM (Anatomical M-mode)

110-004401-00 Free Xros CMTM (Curved Anatomical M-Mode, TDI should be configured at the same time )

110-004402-00 TDI (Tissue Doppler Imaging, includes TVI, TEI, TVD and TVM) 110-004403-00 TDI Quantification Analysis Software (TDI should be configured at the same time)

110-004408-00 iNeedleTM (Needle Visualization Enhancement, available on L14-6Ns, L14-6s, 7L4s)

DICOM Options 110-004379-00 DICOM Basic 110-004380-00 DICOM Worklist

Application

Shared Service Package (includes Abdomen/General, Obstetrics, Gynecology,

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- Media exportation using HL7 or other known standards.
- DICOM 3.0
- Importing the work list through the Worklist Information Model mode
- Export of ultrasound images (US modality) and obstetrics-gynecology, echocardiography and vascular ultrasound reports through the Performed Procedure Step (MPPS) modality and Storage Commitment push model.
- It also allows the export of results on DVD,
   CD and USB and the printing of images.
- List of modalities
  - Verification AE (as SCU and SCP)
  - Storage AE (as SCU and SCP)
  - Storage Commitment AE (SCU)
  - Print AE (as SCU)
  - Worklist AE (as SCU)
  - MPPS AE (as SCU)
  - Query/Retrieve AE (as SCU)

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YES

MANUFACTURER: EDAN MODEL: ACCLARIX AX3 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: CHINA

### **BOUGHT**

YES Mindray Cardiac, Small

Parts, Urology, Vascular, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine and Nerve packages)

Transducers

PR1E-30-90867 Convex array transducer,

PP3A-30-90859 Phased array transducer, 2P2s

M6

### Stadiometer

### **ADULT**

Measuring range: 8 – 81" / 20 – 205 cm

- Graduation: 1/8" / 1 mm
- Dimensions, stadiometer (WxHxD): 13.3 x 83.9 x 23.2" / 337 x 2,130 x 590 mm
- Dimensions, for transport (WxHxD): 13.3 x 7 x 24.6" / 337 x 177 x 624 mm
- Device weight: 5.3 lbs / 2.4 kg
- Optional: carrying case seca 412 PEDIATRIC

Alcance de medición:

10-99 cm, 10-99 cm / 4-39"

- División: 5 mm, 5 mm / 1/4"
- Dimensiones (AxAxP):
- 1,250 x 140 x 300 mm /
- 49.2 x 5.5 x 11.8"
- Dimensiones, enrollada (AxAxP): 120 x 140 x 300 mm /
- 4.7 x 5.5 x 11.8"
- Peso: 575 g / 1.3 lbs
- Con elementos para quardarlo en la pared

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NO

### **BOUGHT**

NO

### Scale (Medical grade)

Capacity

200 kg

Div (g):

100 g

Battery

Dimensions (AxAxP):

433 x 47 x 373 mm

Peso neto:

2.9 ka

Functions:

automatic disconnection, Tip on (automatic connection function by touch), switching kg/lbs/sts, Auto-HOLD

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NO

**BOUGHT** 

NO

### **Spirometer**

Measures: Peak Flow and FEV1 USB and/or Bluetooth connection FVC, VC&IVC, MVV, PRE and POST BD & Bronchial Challenge tests Real-time Flow/Volume loop and Volume/Time Curve with PRE/POST comparison

Embedded temperature sensor for BTPS conversion

Automatic Spirometry interpretation with alert messages

Calibration free: uses a factorycalibrated disposable mouthpiece/turbine Cross contamination free: prevents exposure to patient inspired or expired air

ATS compliant and supports NHANES III standard

Multi-language interface Suitable for all ages

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### INTEGRATION / INTEROPERABILITY

- Patient identification through HL7 patient data query messages. If not possible, it should ensure a secure method for patient record association
- Spirometer report exportation to a file system using common file transfer protocols or to a PACS using DICOM storage modalities
- Spirometer data transfer using HL7 or other known standards.

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NO

### **BOUGHT**

NO

### **Fetal monitor**

Separate maternal pulse measurement Continuous monitoring during transport in healthcare facilities

Integrated monitoring of maternal pulse rate and blood pressure (optional)
External monitoring of multiple fetal heart rates, uterine activity, and fetal movement

Extensive set of internal fetal parameters, such as direct fetal heart rate and intrauterine pressure

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YES

MANUFACTURER: EDAN INSTRUMENTS INC

MODEL: F6 EXPRESS SUPPLIER: CHINA NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL FOREIGN TRADE CORPORATION COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: CHINA

### **BOUGHT**

NO

### **Portable X Ray Machine**

- **Portable:** Recommended for permanently assigned care spaces with sufficient infrastructure (mainly electrical service) in hospital facilities or primary care centers.
- Ultra portable: Recommended for field health teams, hospital facilities or primary
  care centers without permanently assigned physical space. It is also recommended
  for those centers that, although they have assigned physical space, do not have the
  necessary infrastructure (especially electrical installation and security).

Output power 4 kW

X-ray tube (Focus) 0.6 / 1.6 mm mAs (Adjustable) 1 to 190 mAs Tube voltage (Adjustable) 40 to 110

Nominal power 100 kV, 40 mA, 0.1 s, 4 kW mA (Adjustable) 36 to 60 mA

Power supply 220 V  $\pm$  22V ; 50 to 60 Hz  $\pm$  1Hz

Anode heat capacity (X-ray tube) 76 kHU

Machine frame size Highest: 1060 x 790 x 2210 mm

Lowest :  $1060 \times 790 \times 1240 \text{ mm}$ Size  $290 \times 260 \times 230 \text{ mm}$ 

Weight up to 20 kg

Flat panel digital detector (optional) of 17 x 17 inch

Simulation and digital double loop control Preset anatomy memory choices High quality X-ray (minimizes excess radiation)

Failure alert for self-protection

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YES
 MANUFACTURER: SHENZHEN
 MINDRAY BIO-MEDICAL
 ELECTRONICS CO., LTD MODEL:
 MOBIEYE 700 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:
 CHINA

BOUGHT NO

# **Section 3 – The training**



### Section 3 - Virtual courses and simulation platform

This document outlines four specialized online courses designed to support Health workers in enhancing their skills for the effective adoption of telehealth programs. These courses provide comprehensive training and guidance to ensure that health providers are equipped to improve health access and service delivery, enabling the successful implementation of telehealth solutions across various healthcare settings.

Virtual course for the integration of telehealth at the first level of care with the application of simulation models





https://campus.paho.org/en/course/integration-telehealth-PHC

### Introduction to Interoperability and the FHIR Standard Course

# Introducción a la Interoperabilidad y al estándar FHIR

# Curso Introducción a la Interoperabilidad y al estándar FHIR

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No existe en la actualidad una sola aplicación que pueda resolver todas las necesidades relacionadas con el intercambio de la información, por lo cual es necesario que los distintos sistemas interoperen, evitando la redundancia de tareas, disminuyendo los errores y aumentando la eficiencia.

### https://campus.paho.org/es/curso/interoperabilidad-fhir

### Gestión del cambio para servicios de telesalud



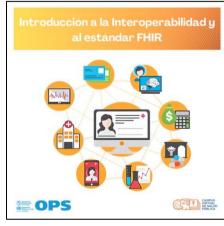
### Gestión del cambio para servicios de telesalud

La región de las Américas se encuentra transitando un proceso de rápida adopción de los modelos de servicios de la telesalud, motivado por la necesidad de brindar y ampliar prestaciones en el contexto del COVID-19, así como por las oportunidades derivadas de la inversión realizada por los Estados y los aportes de la cooperación internacional, entre ellos de OPS. En este nuevo escenario tecnológico y sanitario dentro de los sistemas de salud, es crítico avanzar en la creación y fortalecimiento de capacidades de los equipos de salud que deben diseñar, planificar, ejecutar y evaluar los procesos de atención que utilizan tecnologías de la información y la comunicación (TIC).

Estas acciones, requieren conocimientos y habilidades de gestión del cambio que les permitan liderar los procesos de transformación digital para alinearlos con los objetivos sanitarios y principios acordados por los países en el marco de la OPS. La gestión del cambio implica la capacidad de comprender e intervenir adecuadamente en los procesos colectivos que transitan los individuos, facilitando el diálogo y la acción efectiva que oriente la transformación digital hacia las necesidades y prioridades acordadas, anticipando, previniendo y abordando las dificultades, así como celebrando los logros

### https://campus.paho.org/es/curso/gestion-cambio-telesalud

### Introducción a los Sistemas de Información para la Salud



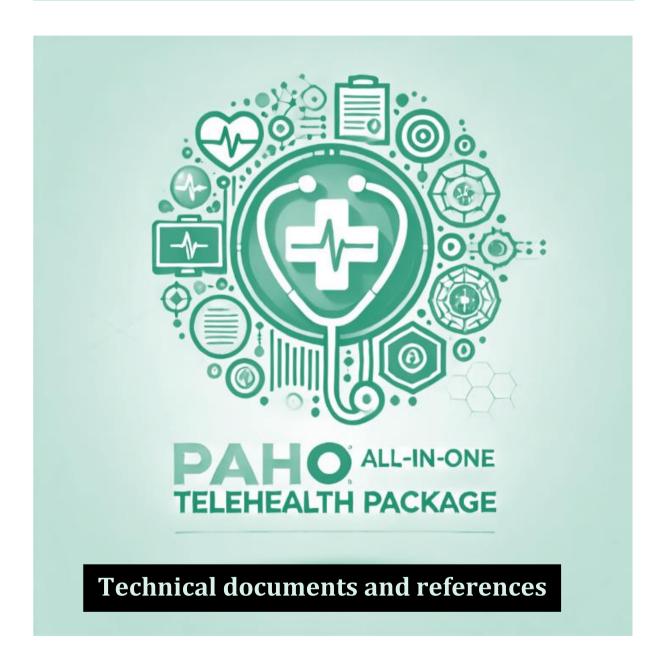
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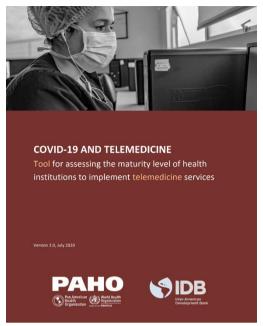
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https://campus.paho.org/es/curso/sistemas-informacion-salud

# **Section 4 – The technical documents**



### Section 4 – Technical documents and references

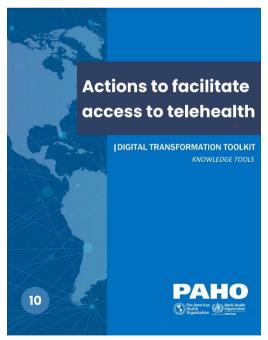


### Telehealth readiness assessment tool

# Tool for assessing the maturity level of health institutions to implement telemedicine services

This tool has been specifically designed to assist health institutions in evaluating their maturity level for offering telemedicine services. It not only helps institutions understand their current readiness but also aids in identifying potential gaps or areas requiring additional focus and expert technical support. Its design is grounded in models that have been successfully implemented by various health institutions with different levels of

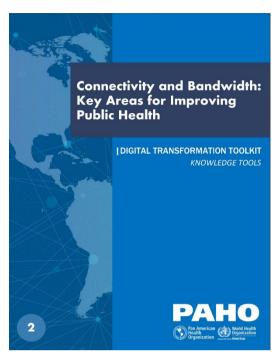
complexity across multiple countries. The development of this tool was a collaborative effort, involving institutions and experts specialized in telemedicine and the use of information technology (IT) in public health from the Region of the Americas. <a href="https://www3.paho.org/ish/index.php/en/telemedicine">https://www3.paho.org/ish/index.php/en/telemedicine</a>



### Actions to facilitate access to telehealth

This knowledge capsule is based on the implementation of COVID-19 AND TELEMEDICINE: A tool for assessing the maturity level of health institutions to implement telemedicine services and has been developed to support that tool.

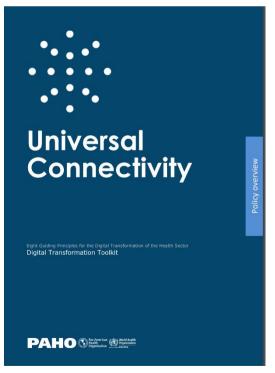
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# Connectivity and Bandwidth: Key Areas for Improving Public Health

For efficient and effective implementation of technology in the public health agenda, connectivity and bandwidth are critical for success both globally and in the Region of the Americas. Digital connectivity for all can enrich health service delivery, improve the quality of service and patient safety, and increase the efficiency and coordination of care. The publication discusses various questions, such as what digital connectivity means and whether the Region is ready for the age of digital interdependence. It also shows how the issues relate to the Information Systems for Health Initiative, and to the Eight Principles for Digital

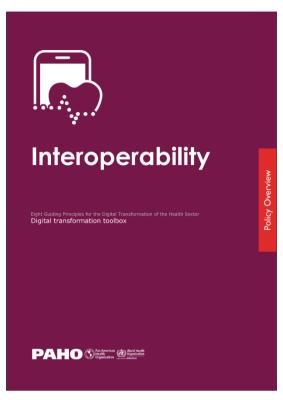
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### **Universal Connectivity. Policy overview**

One of the eight guiding principles of the digital transformation of the health sector promoted by the Pan American Health Organization is connectivity. This policy overview presents key concepts, recommended lines of action and indicators for monitoring with the aim of advancing universal connectivity.

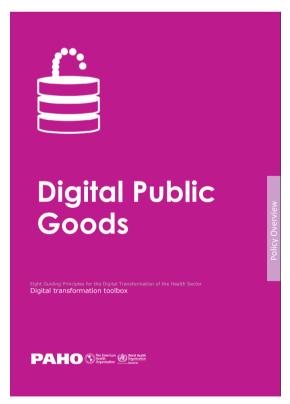
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### Interoperability

Interoperability enables Telehealth and other applications to access, exchange, integrate, and use data in a collaborative and coordinated manner through common interfaces and standards, inside or outside the same institutional, regional, national, and even transnational scope, to provide fast and seamless portability of information optimize health outcomes. To achieve this, it is essential for governments to intervene by creating digital agendas that can generate a consensus on the strategy for building and scaling up health information systems, to facilitate establishing communication bridges across organizational, regional, and national borders.

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### **Digital Public Goods**

Digital public goods (DPGs) constitute one of the eight guiding principles for the digital transformation of the health sector promoted by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). This policy brief presents key concepts, recommended lines of action, and monitoring indicators, with the objective of advancing DPGs. On the road to achieving universal access to health care, digital transformation plays a key role. DPGs, which include open software and applications, open interoperability standards, and open and shared high-quality data, represent an opportunity for low- and middle-income countries with fewer resources to access adaptive and innovative technologies.

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