

## Introduction

Expertise in health and biomedical informatics abound locally and has continued to proliferate as Health Information Technology has continued to get more recognition as the catalyst that will drive edifying transformations through increased uptake and implementations through eHealth and mHealth technologies.

To harness and foster effective development and adoption of informatics in Kenya, the Kenya Health Informatics was formed.

## The Problem

Inadequate, incorrect or lack of appropriate application and implementation of HIT can have detrimental consequences on the quality of healthcare of a population. HIT is relatively globally immature and even more so in sub-Saharan Africa. Recognition and resource allocation for rapid adoption of HIT has steadily been increasing while the practice of health and biomedical informatics has not developed in equal measure.

HIT has permeated and continues to gain rapid adoption at various levels of the health sector from direct healthcare service provision, health research to health policy formulation. While HIT has been praised as the revolution that will transform healthcare and support promotion of its accessibility, availability and equity, an important factor in ensuring that these noble goals are achieved is availability of a competent workforce of health and biomedical informatics professions, working in a conducive and regulated environment.

## Objectives

To share the roles that KeHIA is playing in advancement, adoption and application of telemedicine in Kenya.

To explore opportunities for collaboration and partnerships with other local, regional and international professional associations

## Results

Successful establishment of KeHIA, a professional association comprising of a diverse mix of skills and expertise in health and biomedical informatics largely comprising of Kenyans based locally and internationally.

## Challenges and Lessons Learned

Mass excitement to attrition curve  
Lack of adequate resources to implement strategic plan  
Competing priorities by majority of KeHIA members

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## Biomedical Informatics in Perspective

