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Power smart hospitals by fostering a culture of innovation

Innovation refers to the process of creating new ideas, products, or services that bring about significant improvements or advancements. It involves the application of creative thinking, research, and experimentation to address challenges and discover new opportunities. When it comes to building smart hospitals of the future, innovation plays a crucial role in transforming traditional healthcare facilities into technologically advanced and patient-centric environments.

To effectively use innovation to build smart hospitals, the following steps can be followed:

Identify challenges and opportunities

Understand the current challenges and shortcomings in healthcare delivery. Identify areas where technology and innovation can make a positive impact. This could include improving patient experiences, enhancing operational efficiency, optimising resource utilisation, or addressing specific healthcare needs.

Foster a culture of innovation

Creating a culture that promotes and rewards innovation is essential. Encourage employees at all levels to contribute ideas and provide a supportive environment for experimentation. Emphasise the value of collaboration and cross-disciplinary teams to foster creativity and diverse perspectives.

Research and collaboration

Stay informed about the latest advancements and emerging technologies in healthcare. Foster collaborations with technology providers, research institutions, startups, and other stakeholders to leverage their expertise and insights. Collaboration facilitates access to cutting-edge solutions and accelerates the development and implementation of innovative ideas.

Patient-centric approach

Place the patient at the center of the design and implementation process. Understand their needs, preferences, and pain points to develop solutions that truly address their concerns. Engage patients and their families in co-designing the smart hospital environment, ensuring that it aligns with their expectations and enhances their overall experience.

Technology integration

Utilise technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), data analytics, and automation to build smart hospitals. IoT devices and sensors can monitor patient vitals, track inventory, and manage equipment. AI algorithms can assist in diagnostics, treatment planning, and personalised care. Data analytics can provide valuable insights for decision-making and improving processes.

Seamless communication and connectivity

Implement robust communication and connectivity infrastructure within the hospital premises. This includes integrating electronic health records (EHR), telemedicine capabilities, and mobile apps for patients and healthcare providers. Ensure secure and interoperable systems that facilitate seamless information exchange across different departments and healthcare settings.

Data security and privacy

With increased digitisation and interconnectedness, prioritise data security and patient privacy. Implement stringent cybersecurity measures to protect sensitive patient information from cyber threats. Develop protocols and policies for data access, storage, and sharing that comply with relevant regulations and standards.

Continuous improvement and evaluation

Building smart hospitals is an ongoing process. Continuously evaluate the effectiveness of implemented technologies and workflows. Seek feedback from patients, staff, and stakeholders to identify areas for improvement and refine the smart hospital model. Embrace a culture of continuous learning and iterate based on real-world experiences and outcomes.

By leveraging innovation, smart hospitals of the future can provide patient-centered care, streamline operations, improve clinical outcomes, and enhance overall healthcare experiences. It is essential to embrace a holistic approach that encompasses technology, culture, collaboration, and continuous improvement to build sustainable and transformative smart healthcare facilities.

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