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## Preface

These proceedings represent the work of contributors to the 14th European Conference on Management Leadership and Governance (ECMLG 2018), hosted this year by HU University of Applied Sciences, Utrecht, the Netherlands on 18-19 October 2018. The Conference Chair is Prof. Dr. Pascal Ravesteijn and the Programme Chair is Dr. Ing. Benny M.E. de Waal.

ECMLG is now a well-established event on the academic research calendar and in its 14th year the key aim remains the opportunity for participants to share ideas and meet the people who hold them. The scope of papers will ensure an interesting two days. The subjects covered illustrate the wide range of topics that fall into this important and ever-growing area of research.

The opening keynote presentation is given by Brian Johnson who is Chief Architect at ASL BISL Foundation and Brian will discuss "BISL next as a Generic Conceptual model for Digital Transformation". The second day of the conference will start with an address by Lineke Sneller from Nyenrode Business University, talking about "Agile in Control: A Square Circle or White Snow?"

With an initial submission of 120 abstracts, after the double blind, peer review process there are 98 Academic research papers, 6 PhD research papers, 2 Masters Research papers and 1 Non-academic papers published in these Conference Proceedings. These papers represent research from Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, China, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, the UAE the UK, Uzbekistan, and Venezuela.

We hope you enjoy the conference.

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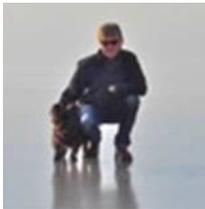


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### Keynote Speakers



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# Health Care Information Technologies Innovation

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**Abstract:** The concept of innovation in medicine is associated with something new that will have a positive effect in an area where it will be introduced. Innovation is also about something that will work better, than whatever. Healthcare is one of the important areas and it is open to new experts, for contemporary information technologies and innovative start-ups. In such a socially significant sphere as healthcare industry, innovation activity has become vital especially in such areas as automation of physician working place, creation of unified electronic medical record, distribution of intelligent decision support systems for medical solutions, application and wide dissemination of new medical technologies, telemedicine development. The intersection of medicine and ICT has led to the emergence of a new sector of economy - Health IT. The main goal of this research is to identify the most attractive directions for ICT innovations in healthcare industry. This paper deals with the issues of international researches in the field of Health IT innovation. The types of ICT innovations in health care system are quite different and comprise several categories. The authors will consider in detail the next from them: Electronic Health Records, Clinical Decision Support Systems, Telemedicine, and Internet of Things. It is empirical and theoretical research in equal measure. The research is based on literature review, analysis of large volumes of information, and findings of investigations in this field. The theoretical contribution and practical value of the work is based on consideration and analysis of the distinction between implementation of IT innovation in Italian, Russian, and American health care system according to Triple-Helix Model. Research methodology is methods and procedures of system and comparative analysis, deduction by analogy and modelling. The paper also contains the comprehensive review and comparison the types of ICT innovations in healthcare sector, and it focuses on the main characteristics of Clinical Decision Support Systems.

**Keywords:** Innovations in Healthcare, Health IT, Clinical Decision Support Systems, Triple-Helix Model

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Healthcare is one of the important areas and it is open to new experts, for contemporary information technologies and innovative start-ups. In such a socially significant sphere as medicine, innovation activity has become vital, because its results are used to obtain a qualitatively new idea of treatment and process management in healthcare. Nowadays researches notice that priorities began to change in such directions as automation of physician working place, creation of unified electronic medical record, a distribution of intelligent decision support systems for medical solutions, an application and wide dissemination of new medical technologies, telemedicine development. These are all the examples of the innovative changes in the healthcare system. Information and communication technologies (ICT) remain a key driver of innovation in healthcare industry. The intersection of these two industries has led to the emergence of a new sector of the economy - Health IT. Health IT can be described as the use of a suite of products and services designed to improve and coordinate patient care, address growing health costs and confront the long-term burden of disease using technology.

The next statements are considered as the basic hypotheses: in Russia, as over the world, Information and communication technologies are the main driver of healthcare industry innovative development. The types of ICT innovations in health care system are quite different and comprise several categories. The authors will consider in detail the most significant from them: Electronic Health Records, Clinical Decision Support Systems, Telemedicine, and Internet of Things. Clinical Decision Support Systems become especially important among other types of innovations and leading representatives in Russian market. They can be considered as the highest level of electronic health records (EHR) and medical expert systems, facilitating the enhancement of Evidence-Based Medicine.

The main goal of this research is to identify the most attractive directions for ICT innovations in Russian healthcare industry. The study put forward the following research questions, answers to which are meant to aid in achieving the research purpose:

- How can IT innovation leading representatives in Russian market affect healthcare industry?
- What is the distinction between implementation of IT innovation in Russian, Italian and American health care system according to Triple-Helix Model?

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The paper is structured as follows: Introduction; Theoretical and methodological fundamentals of ICT innovations in healthcare industry and Literature review; Types of ICT innovations in the healthcare sector; Innovative medical information systems: essentials of Russian market; Measuring ICT innovations in healthcare system; Conclusion, and References.

## **2. Theoretical and Methodological Fundamentals of ICT Innovations in Healthcare Industry and Brief Literature Review**

To identify the main characteristics of the innovation activity in healthcare industry, first of all, the term «innovation development process» should be defined. The most common definition was given by Rogers: «The innovation-development process consists of all of the decisions, activities, and their impacts that occur from recognition of a need or problem, through research, development, and commercialization of an innovation, through diffusion and adoption of the innovation by users, to its consequences» (Rogers, 1983). In this process, serendipity plays an important role. Nevertheless, in the field of medicine, serendipity is not enough; it should be underpinned by clinical trials. Such experiments are designed to determine the effects of an innovation in terms of its safety and efficacy. In addition, they help to make a positive or negative decision about further diffusion of the innovation. Cooper describes innovation process as «a formal blueprint, roadmap, template or thought process for driving a new product project from the idea stage through to market launch and beyond» (Cooper, 1994). However, both definitions have one common point. Due to the fact that healthcare is a branch of social sphere, the economic effect, i.e. commercialization, becomes less obvious. Therefore, creating an innovative product or service, a researcher is primarily focused on medical and social efficiency.

There are three main approaches to introduction of innovations in organizations, providing services to the public in general and medical services in particular: passive (let it happen), supporting (help it happen) and active (make it happen) (Greenhalgh, Robert, MacFarlane, Bate&Kyriakidou, 2004.). Passive process of innovation diffusion is characterized by the fact that new technology appears in the organization by accident and then it adapts to its introduction. Innovation penetration is not particularly stimulated. Supporting process of new technologies implementation assumes that an organization realized the need for innovation. Therefore, new technologies are subject to discussion, their implementation is carried out by making the appropriate decision (formal or informal) and supported by holding the special events. Active process of innovation dissemination is based on a systematic and planned analysis of new technologies, the ordered management procedures, built into the overall management of the organization. Most health organizations follow passive or supporting process of innovation introduction and, therefore, the intensity of the spread of new technologies in health care facilities is lower than in other sectors of the economy. New technologies in medicine are the major reason of rising health care costs, that is why outcome analysis / cost-effectiveness studies for a new medical technology are often crucial to the development of the innovation (Medical Innovation in the Changing Healthcare Marketplace: Conference Summary, 2002). At the same time, it is a fairly common fact

that some organizations show reluctance to conduct cost-effectiveness studies of new technology being introduced before it will hold cost assessment.

According to Omachonu and Einspruch (2010, p.10) healthcare organizations perform such activities as treatment, diagnosis, prevention, education, research and outreach. In serving these purposes, they must effectively manage quality, costs, safety, efficiency and outcomes. The basis for healthcare innovation are the needs of patients and the healthcare practitioners and providers who deliver care. Quite often, healthcare organizations arrive at innovation by relying on new or existing information technology. Successful innovation process focuses on three areas the most: how the patient is seen, how the patient is heard, and how the patient's needs are met.

Innovation in health care presents two kinds of financial challenges: funding the innovation development process and figuring out who will pay how much for the product or service it provides. While venture capitalists supporting IT start-ups may be able to get their money back in two to three years, investors in a biotech firms have to wait ten years even to find out whether a product will be approved for use (Herzlinger, 2006.). Besides that, it is difficult for venture capitalists to assess the extent to which the public policy will change, which creates a major uncertainty for them. To foster innovation public policies must be consistent in order to have a salutary effect on prices, the investments required, and the timeframe from idea to marketplace.

Concerning Russian experience, the authors identify the main drivers and barriers to innovation development process in the healthcare industry. In a more strict manner, the following factors were highlighted:

- Development of new economic relations, aimed at creating a market in health care;
- Substantial and increasing private investment in medical R&D;
- Establishment of sound systems of mutually beneficial relationships between health care organizations, enterprises and citizens;
- Formation of a business climate conducive to investment appeal for private partners.

And what about the barriers, they are:

- Product distribution (unlike consumer products, healthcare products are distributed through a more complex supply chain that involves multiple parties, including medical device manufacturers and distributors, physicians and nurses who provide the product to the end user, and the patient, who generally has no input on product or pricing considerations);
- Healthcare culture (by nature and for good reason, the healthcare industry is incredibly risk averse);
- Complex value analysis model;
- Misconception about what constitutes innovation.

Information and communication technologies are contributing enormously to the improvements we can see in health industry (Wang Y, Kung, Wang W & Cegielski, 2018). Lyle Berkowitz, MD, associate chief medical officer of innovation for Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and Chris McCarthy noticed: «healthcare system is not sustainable, and we certainly have to become more innovative. IT is a tool, but it is a really important and powerful tool that will help us spread innovation more efficiently and effectively. We need to think about how we can do things differently and how information technology can enable these changes in the safest, quickest and most cost-effective manner» (Berkowitz&McCarthy, 2013). The development of ICT caused four important worldwide changes that have transformed the business environment. Organizations or societies that do not respond to these changes will not be able to survive and prosper in the new business environment. These changes are listed in Table 1. Various types of innovations involve changes in the application of ICT.

Therefore, the concept of «ICT innovations» originated. Swanson and Ramiller defined it «as the pursuit of IT applications new to an organization» (Swanson&Ramiller, 2004). Lyytinen and Rose claimed that ICT innovation is «the creation and new organizational application of digital computers and communication technologies» (Lyytinen&Rose, 2003). ICT innovations result from exponential improvements in computing speed and data storage functions that have led over time to radically enhanced functionality in processing, storage, transfer, and display of information. In their simplest form, ICT innovations involve only a

technological component changes in hardware and software that are new to an industry, but they are often complemented with organizational innovations including new forms of cognition, meaning, work process, business process, or organizational structure. Specific ICT innovations involve these elements in different proportions and consequently affect the content, scope, and organization of ICT innovation processes within an organization or the industry (Swanson, 1994).

**Table 1:** The changing business environment

New Environment	Changes to Business Environment
Globalisation	Global markets Global workgroups Global delivery systems, Borderless world
Knowledge economy	New product and services Time-based competition Shorter product life cycle
Transformation of Business Enterprises	Flat organisations, Decentralisation Employees' flexibility Location independence, Empowerment Collaborative work and teamwork
Emergence of the Digital Organisations	Extensive use of digital network Digital relationship with customers and suppliers Digital management Rapid sensing and responding to environmental changes

### 3. Research methodology

Scientific methodology of the research is methods and procedures of system and comparative analysis, deduction by analogy and modelling. The research is based on a system point of view by taking into account all aspects of the situation development and focuses on the interactions between different elements of complex systems. System analysis requests the methods of modeling as the main tool of research. The research is using the concept of Triple Helix Model applied to statistical data, drawn from OECD MSTI, Eurostat and Rosstat Databases.

This research investigates the differences between countries in ICT innovations implementation using the concept of Triple Helix Model. There was made qualitative analysis based on statistical data for national science and innovation systems. The concept of the Triple Helix is an analytical construct that systematizes the key features of University-Industry-Government interactions into an 'innovation system' format. It was designed in mid-1990s by Henry Etzkowitz (USA) and Loet Leydesdorff (the Netherlands) as a result of attempts to interpret the shift from a dominating industry-government dyad in the Industrial Society to a growing triadic relationship between university-industry-government in the Knowledge Society. At the same time, this model can be considered as a method for understanding the sources and development paths of innovation. Since the innovation process is becoming more open and nonlinear (Chesbrough, 2011), the emergence of the Triple Helix is the response, aimed simultaneously at promotion of innovative projects and creation of communities, networking among economic agents.

A substantive body of Triple Helix consists of two main complementary perspectives (Etzkowitz & Leydesdorff, 1998; Etzkowitz and Leydesdorff, 2000; Etzkowitz, 2003; Etzkowitz and Ranga, 2013):

- (Neo)institutional perspective, encompasses case studies and comparative historical analyses that explore different configurations arising from the positioning of the university, industry and government institutional spheres relative to each other, with one as a gravitational center;
- (Neo)evolutionary perspective, inspired by the theory of social systems of communication and mathematical theory of communication, which sees the University, Industry and Government as co-evolving subsets of social systems.

To make a comparison between countries researches have use the (neo) institutional perspective, which distinguishes three main configurations (Etzkowitz and Ranga, 2013):

- Static configuration, where government plays the lead role, driving academia and industry, but also limiting their capacity to initiate and develop innovative transformations;
- Laissez-faire configuration, characterized by a limited state intervention in the economy, with industry as the driving force and the other two spheres acting as supporting structures and having limited roles in innovation: university acting mainly as a provider of skilled human capital, and government mainly as a regulator of social and economic mechanisms;
- Balanced configuration, specific to the transition to a Knowledge Society, where university and other knowledge institutions act in partnership with industry and government and even take the lead in joint initiatives.

#### **4. Types of ICT innovations in healthcare sector**

New digital information, nanotechnology, semiconductor products, and genetic engineering are revolutionizing health care, making old assumptions invalid and creating unanticipated prospects for innovation and improvement of existing processes. That means the types of ICT innovations in health care system are quite different and comprise several categories. The authors consider in detail the most significant from them.

##### *4.1.1 Electronic Health Records*

Implementing electronic health records (EHRs) in healthcare sector was an inevitable challenge, because they are a way to capture and utilize real-time data to provide high-quality patient care, ensuring efficiency and effective use of time and resources. In a more strict sense, although the terms EHR, EMR (electronic medical record) and PHR (personal health record) are often used as synonyms, they have some principal differences.

The EHR is a longitudinal electronic record of patient health information generated by one or more encounters in any health care delivery setting (Available from Internet: [www.himss.org/ASP/topics\\_ehr.asp](http://www.himss.org/ASP/topics_ehr.asp)). The EMR is, defined as the legal patient record in hospitals and ambulatory environments, and which can serve as a data source for the EHR (Habib, 2010). The PHR is an electronic application used by patients to maintain and manage their health information in a private, secure, and confidential environment.

What are the advantages of implementing Electronic Health Records? EHRs help providers better to manage care for patients by (Available from the official Website of the Office of the National Coordination for Health Information Technology (ONC): <https://www.healthit.gov/faq/what-are-advantages-electronic-health-records>):

1. Providing accurate, up-to-date, and complete information about patients at the point of care;
2. Enabling quick access to patient records for more coordinated, efficient care;
3. Securely sharing electronic information with patients and other clinicians;
4. Helping providers more effectively diagnose patients, reduce medical errors, and provide safer care;
5. Improving patient and provider interaction and communication, as well as health care convenience.
6. Enabling safer, more reliable prescribing;
7. Helping promote legible, complete documentation and accurate, streamlined coding and billing;
8. Enhancing privacy and security of patient data.
9. Helping providers improve productivity and work-life balance.
10. Enabling providers to improve efficiency and meet their business goals.
11. Reducing costs through decreased paperwork, improved safety, reduced duplication of testing, and improved health.

Using EHRs can help an organization build a sustainable medical practice. While EHRs do require investments for technology and training, a fully functional EHR system can lead to long-term savings in a variety of areas and better business. Studies have shown EHRs to generate a positive return on investment (Grieger, Cohen, Krusch, 2007). Another significant ICT innovation in healthcare industry is clinical decision support systems (CDSSs).

#### 4.1.2 Clinical Decision Support Systems

Clinical Decision Support Systems are «active knowledge systems which use two or more items of patient data to generate case-specific advice» (Van der Lei&Talmon, 1997). It should be noted that the role of CDSS becomes especially important in Russia nowadays. Incorporating EHR and CDSS together into the process of medicine has the potential to change the way medicine has been taught and practiced (Berner, 2007). It can be said that CDSS is the highest level of EHR. Since «clinical decision support systems are computer systems designed to impact clinician decision making about individual patients at the point in time that these decisions are made» (Berner, 2007), it is clear it would be beneficial to have a fully integrated CDSS and EHR.

There are two main types of CDSS: knowledge-based systems, that include compiled clinical knowledge and non-knowledge-based, that employ machine learning and other statistical pattern recognition approaches.

Most CDSSs consist of three parts: the knowledge base, the inference or reasoning engine, and a mechanism to communicate with the user. CDSSs, that do not use a knowledge base, use a form of artificial intelligence called machine learning, which allow computers to learn from experiences and/or recognize patterns in the clinical data. Two types of non-knowledge-based systems are artificial neural networks and genetic algorithms. By delivery modes, the CDSS market is divided into web-based, on-premises and cloud computing systems. Nowadays web-based segment occupies the largest share of the global CDSS market. However, the market for cloud-based solutions is expected to have the highest growth rate in the near future.

The key products of clinical decision support systems' market are IBM Watson Platform for Health (USA) and Philips Healthcare (Netherlands). The authors also would like to mention Socmedica CDSS as the most competitive sample of such systems from Russian and Biopharma Navigator - from Italian domestic markets. The pivot Table 2 to represents the main similarities and differences of these systems.

**Table 2:** Pivot table of Clinical Decision Support Systems

No	Characteristics	Socmedica CDSS	IBM Watson Health	Philips Healthcare	Biopharma Navigator
1	Targeted audience	pat, doc, clinic	pat, doc, clinic	pat, doc, clinic	Global pharmaceutical and bio-tech innovative companies
2	Personification of patients	yes	yes	yes	no
3	Forecasting	yes	yes	yes	no
4	Diagnostics	yes	yes	yes	no
5	Decision support	yes	yes	yes	yes
6	Clinical specialties	all	Oncology, Genomics, Drug discovery	Anesthesia, Cardiology, Critical care, Mother&Child care, Oncology, Radiology, Sleep Apnea care	Pharmaceutics, Biotechnology, Drug discovery and development
7	Input data	any	any	sympt, lab, x-ray, epid	Global clinical trial registries, MEDLINE db, adverse events reporting data, approved drug products
8	Self-learning	yes	yes	no	no

Analyzing the data of the Table 2, the first thing the researches can pay attention to is that the systems are developed for different clinical specialties. Accordingly, they have different formats of input data and targeted audience. The second thing - Italian system has the greatest number of characteristic features. The reason for this is quite clear. Biopharma Navigator is a particular case of company's patented Cogito technology. This technology was designed to serve not only Life Sciences industry, but also Banking & Insurance, Media & Publishing, Government and Oil & Gas sectors. In other words, Biopharma Navigator is an expert system, developed for companies to achieve their strategic goals rather than to apply in clinical practice. That is why the system does not have such characteristics, as forecasting, diagnostics and self-learning.

On the contrary, Russian system has the most generalized set of characteristics. This is due to the fact, that company-developer of the product pursued the goal to outperform its potential competitors - IBM Watson Health and Philips Healthcare. Along with question-answering communication method with the system, included into IBM Watson model, Socmedica uses a principal of background monitoring of patient clinical material. System developers are based on the assumption that most physicians do not realize that they commit errors therefore, they will not make any requests to the system. Other physicians are too busy to make requests in timely manner. So Socmedica approach minimizes human factor that leads to errors. It is worth noting that Russian and Italian systems based on the similar model for knowledge representation. Both systems use ontologies for constructing a semantic network.

Generally, existing expert systems represent a local solution to a narrow range of questions. Meanwhile both IBM Watson Health and Philips Healthcare are intended to solve a wide range of issues. The principal difference with Watson Platform for Health is that Philips Healthcare presents a system of interrelated elements that collects data from multiple sources. In contrast with IBM solution, which focuses on radically new approach for processing patient medical data, Philips directed its activity on developing medical diagnostic imaging and patient monitoring systems - the embedded support tools for clinical decision making. This is what determines the differences in input data and self-learning characteristics of two systems.

#### *4.1.3 Telemedicine*

Telemedicine is the use of information and communication technologies to provide and support healthcare services at distant locations. Telemedicine can give a new model for interaction with the patients or other important entities such as hospitals, pharmacies, physicians and governmental agencies (Burney, 2010). It can be divided into three main categories: store-and-forward, remote monitoring and interactive services (Ramos, 2010). According to the «Global Telemedicine Market - Industry Analysis, Size, Share, Growth, Trends, and Forecast to 2021» report, announced by «Research and Markets» company, the global telemedicine market is dominated by North America and Europe. North America accounted for lion's share of the total telemedicine market because of high demand for technologically advanced products. Europe is the second leading market for telemedicine and is likely to maintain its position throughout the forecasting period. In the coming years, the telemedicine market is expected to witness the highest growth in the Asia-Pacific region, with emphasis on India, China, and Japan.

#### *4.1.4 Internet of Things*

Global Standards Initiative defined the Internet of Things (IoT) as global infrastructure for the information society, enabling advanced services by interconnecting (physical and virtual) things based on existing and evolving interoperable information and communication technologies. In simpler words, this concept entails the use of electronic devices that capture or monitor data and are connected to a private or public cloud, enabling them automatically to trigger certain events. Internet-connected devices can be introduced to patients in various forms. Whether data comes from fetal monitors, electrocardiograms, temperature monitors or blood glucose levels, tracking health information is vital for some patients. Many of these measures require follow-up interaction with a healthcare professional. This creates a potential for smarter devices to deliver data that are more valuable and reduce the need for direct patient-physician interaction.

### **5. Medical information systems: essential of Russian market**

In Russia there are about 670 solutions in the field of medical information systems (MIS), provided by 240 Russian companies. Estimation of the quantity of MIS, installed annually is about 3 650 installations. Therefore, the volume of the Russian market of MIS is about 11.5 bln rubles per year, taking into account the price of one installation of about 3,0 mln rubles and annual technical support cost of about 5% of the price. At the same time, only 25% of installed MIS contain modules of decision-making support.

Only 40% of Russian developers offer modules of decision-making support for MIS. The majority of solutions focus only on information support regarding treatment standards, interpretation and visualization of laboratory data. Examples of the key players working in this direction are the following companies:

1. LLC «Complex medical information systems» (K-MIS), LLC «Post Modern Technology» (Medialog): automatic interpretation and visualization of laboratory parameters, enquiry support of treatment standards.
2. «SP.ARM» company: information and enquiry system.

3. PO «Vidar»: specialization on storing images of instrumental diagnostics and their analysis.
4. LLC «Torins» (Hospital): automatic analysis and visualization of deviations of laboratory parameters from normal.
5. LLC «Siams»: automated analysis of images for laboratory diagnostics.

According to the estimations the number of clinics and hospitals, in which medical information systems were installed, at the end of 2013 amounted 8 760. Growth rates reached 8-9% per year.

Trying to find a solution, most comparable with the best foreign practices in the field of clinical decision support, the authors also considered residents of the «Skolkovo Innovation Foundation». The main goal of Skolkovo Foundation is to create a sustainable ecosystem of entrepreneurship and innovation, generating a startup culture and encouraging venture capitalism (Available from Internet: <http://sk.ru/foundation/about/>).

The Foundation is split into five research clusters: IT, Energy, Nuclear, Biomedicine, and Space. One of the IT cluster residents is «*Socmedica*» company, which purpose is creation of an expert system for the diagnosis and decision making support in clinical practice. In addition, its decision seems to be the most comprehensive representative of Russian CDSSs. However, nowadays the project is still on the first stage of development. At the current moment just working prototype of *decision support system for drug therapy* is ready. Investments are needed for creation the first version of the key product of the company - *decision support system for clinical practice*.

The amount of investment required – \$3.5 mln, of which \$1.5 mln the company plans to get by attracting investors. In the process of key products development other separate products will be created and introduced to the market:

- System of risk prediction for clinical complications;
- Expert system for diagnostics «Electronic physician»;
- Expert system of personal medical support «Personal doctor».

At the current stage, the company is active negotiating with prospective purchasers. Several contracts have been signed; the first sell is expected within 4 months. It is expected that in 14 months after the required investments the company will become self-financed. Two years after the beginning of financing, net profit should be about \$0.2 mln. The company predicts possibility of withdrawal of an investor in the beginning of the 3rd year by selling its share to a strategic investor. As such strategic investors, the company regards large companies, leaders of EHR market.

## **6. Implication of Triple Helix Model in Russian Health IT industry**

In the concept of Triple Helix, the authors notice the enhanced role of the university, which becomes a basis for innovation and practical R&D, as well as actual entrepreneurial projects. The researches see the transition from a teaching university or a research university to an entrepreneurial university. The university creates institutions that govern the process of commercialization of innovation (technology transfer offices), stimulate the creation of new businesses (business incubators) and cooperation with existing companies (science parks). For example, the academic spin-off is one of the forms of such technology transfer.

In this research, the authors focus attention on Health Information Technology sector of economy. Health IT infrastructure varies widely in different countries, as indeed do the organization and funding of health services.

To be sure, no country has all the answers for a perfect health care system. However, all nations can learn from the leaders. Russian economy is high-tech research oriented, in particular, in the sphere of ICT innovations development. However, the chances for successful implementation of an innovative project directly depend on the ability of researchers to establish strategic relations with industry and end-users. One of the key reasons for the high importance of the network of contacts with other companies is the lack of state support for spin-offs in Russia. The amount of capital required to implement high-tech projects is many times higher than state subsidies. In addition, program to support medium high-tech enterprises is missing.

The crisis of 2009 provoked a change of policy about the academic spin-off, the Federal Law №217 was adopted to support the creation of spin-off Russian universities and research organizations. However, according to the norms of Russian fiscal legislation, higher education organization had to transfer entire revenue from licensing to the federal budget. Thus, the incentives for registration and maintenance of patents, the creation of innovative infrastructure, establishment and maintenance of contacts with companies do not exist at the proper level.

Nevertheless, there is also a positive trend: the Association of Russian Entrepreneurial Universities has been established. This is definitely a step forward to put Triple Helix model into action. Now the Association includes five universities, among which Moscow State University (Economics Department), Saint-Petersburg State University of IT, Mechanics and Optics (SSUIMO). Their mission is to promote cooperation between university and industry, and to enhance Russian competitive advantage in high-tech activities.

To summarize all of the above, for successful implementation the Triple Helix model, firstly, innovation initiative should come from university, industry and government in relatively equal measure, and secondly, the traditional role of university as an educational institution should be reconsidered to an entrepreneurial university that encompasses all the previous elements but takes them to a new level and has slightly different goals.

Most effectively, these ideas were realized in the USA. In both countries, Italy and Russia, researches see drawbacks in the cooperation between academia and business. Meanwhile Russia's potential for the development of Health IT sector of the economy is estimated higher than that of Italy. Firstly, due to the fact that Italy's economy is not IT-oriented, that is why Italian government collaborates with foreign companies. Secondly, in Italy the domestic business enterprises' contribution to the public R&D expenditures is the lowest in comparison with Russia and USA.

At the same time, Russia is having trouble in financing R&D by government and higher education, and for this reason in order to realize innovative projects Russian entrepreneurs attract foreign investments. Data, supporting these findings, are given in the Table 3.

**Table 3:** Science base, Knowledge flows and commercialisation Indicators for Italy, Russia and United States

	Public R&D expenditures (per GDP), 2013	Industry-financed public R&D expenditures (per GDP), 2013
Italy	67.993	19.673
Russia	52.607	126.221
USA	102.183	45.206

Source: (<http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/>)

## **7. In conclusion**

The key findings of the research is that CDSSs become especially important among other types of innovations. They can be considered as the highest level of electronic health records (EHR) and medical expert systems, facilitating the enhancement of Evidence-Based Medicine. The introduction of CDSS in a medical facility will involve the changes in its business processes management, which will help clinicians to concentrate on things they ought to do, spending less time on the mechanics, the bureaucracy, the paperwork, etc. The paper describes and evaluates three key CDSSs - IBM Watson Health (USA), Philips Healthcare (Netherlands), and determines the best representatives of such systems in Russian markets. The paper considers the main characteristics of described systems to make the comparative analysis between them.

The objectives of this research also were to reveal factors, which cause differences in ICT innovations implementation in Russian, Italian and American Health IT. Russian domestic innovative IT-product in healthcare system - «Socmedica» decision support system for clinical practice was chosen as perspective, because Clinical Decision Support Systems were identified as one of the most attractive directions for ICT innovations in Russian healthcare industry.

This research investigates the differences between countries in ICT innovations implementation using the concept of Triple Helix Model. There was made qualitative analysis based on statistical data for national science and innovation systems.

According to the concept of the Triple Helix, the best environments for innovation are created at the intersections of university, industry and government institutional spheres. Additionally, the traditional role of university as an educational institution should be reconsidered to an entrepreneurial university, creating favorable conditions for the joint development of science and business.

Most effectively, these ideas were realized in the USA. In both countries, Italy and Russia, the authors see drawbacks in the cooperation between academia and business. Meanwhile Russia's potential for the development of Health IT sector of the economy is estimated higher than that of Italy. Firstly, due to the fact that Italy's economy is not IT-oriented, that is why Italian government collaborates with foreign companies. Secondly, in Italy the domestic business enterprises' contribution to the public R&D expenditures is the lowest in comparison with Russia and USA.

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