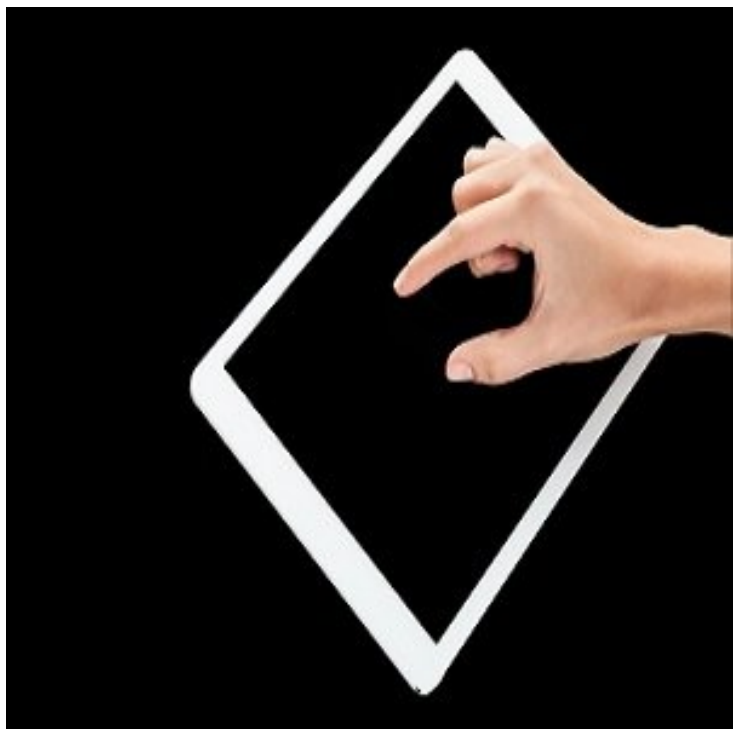


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Singapore: Uniting healthcare recently inaugurated Australia's first digital hospital in Queensland. The \$96 mn hospital is located at Hervey Bay and will computerize and integrate all its operations, equipments and services.

Dr Monica Trujillo, director medical services, said, "The hospital is completely paperless and machines will feed data into patients' records directly when they underwent a test. Ordering of food and medication all will be managed electronically."

"As a doctor, I can log in from anywhere at any time to see what that patient is doing in real time," Dr Trujillo added. "You don't have to chase the chart any more. That's a huge benefit."

She further added that the entire hospital had Wi-Fi access and patients could bring their own devices to avail the benefit. "Records also could flow through to their personally controlled e-health record - should they join the PCEHR system," mentioned Dr Trujillo.

"The new technology will bring in relief to patients as they will be comforted by the fact that their physician will have access to health alerts, medications, vital signs, test results and patient history, for example, in real time on mobile devices," commented experts.