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The Growing Role of Technology in Healthcare: A Systematic Literature Review and Analytical Assessment of Evidence, Equity and Governance

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Abstract

Background: *Health systems face ageing populations, rising chronic disease, workforce shortages and escalating costs. Meanwhile, electronic health records (EHRs), telemedicine, artificial intelligence (AI), wearables and connected devices are being adopted at unprecedented speed. The evidence on what these technologies deliver, for whom, and at what risk remains fragmented.*

Objective: *To synthesise and critically appraise evidence on the clinical, operational, economic, equity and governance consequences of technology in healthcare.*

Methods: *A protocol-driven systematic literature review (SLR), guided by PRISMA 2020 reporting principles, covered peer-reviewed primary studies, systematic reviews, meta-analyses and authoritative policy documents. Findings were extracted into structured tables and synthesised through narrative and thematic analysis. An analytical research stage followed. It applied an ordinal Translational Readiness and Equity Exposure appraisal, a multi-stakeholder analysis and the derivation of analytical propositions.*

Results: *Evidence is most mature for EHR-enabled safety gains and for telemedicine in selected chronic conditions. Hospital adoption of at least a basic EHR rose from 9.4% to 83.8% in the United States between 2008 and 2015. Telehealth use stabilised at roughly 38 times its pre-pandemic level. Deep-learning diagnostic systems achieved pooled sensitivity of 87.0% against 86.4% for clinicians, but only a small minority of comparative studies were prospective. Documentation burden, algorithmic bias, weak external validation and the digital divide emerged as the principal threats to value.*

Conclusions: *Technology creates value only when evidence, equity and embedding in workflows advance together. We propose an Evidence–Equity–Embedding (3E) framework and a set of actor-specific recommendations for clinicians, managers, regulators and researchers.*

Keywords: *digital health; telemedicine; artificial intelligence; electronic health records; wearable devices; health equity; systematic literature review; health governance*

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1. Introduction

Few sectors are being transformed as visibly, or as consequentially, as healthcare. Two decades ago, electronic health records (EHRs), video consultation, deep-learning diagnostic tools, consumer wearables and networked medical devices were experimental curiosities. Today they shape how clinicians document, diagnose, monitor and communicate. Topol has argued that the convergence of human expertise and artificial intelligence (AI) could deliver "high-performance medicine" [1]. The World Health Organization's global strategy on digital health positions digital technologies as integral to health-system strengthening and to progress towards universal health coverage [2]. The urgency is difficult to overstate. Populations are ageing, non-communicable disease is expanding and health workforces are stretched. This is especially acute in transitional economies such as India, where infectious, chronic and lifestyle-related conditions coexist [3,4].

The COVID-19 pandemic acted as an unplanned natural experiment in digital adoption. Within weeks, health systems that had piloted telehealth for years moved much of their ambulatory care online. Regulatory relaxation, altered reimbursement and infection-control imperatives all drove the shift [5,6]. Yet the pandemic accelerated a longer trajectory that policy incentives had already set in motion. In the United States, the proportion of hospitals with at least a basic EHR rose from 9.4% in 2008 to 83.8% in 2015, a change attributed substantially to the HITECH Act [7].

Alongside these infrastructural shifts, AI has moved from research laboratories into clinical workflows. The role of AI in diagnostic medicine has attracted growing scholarly attention [8], as has the question of how patient engagement should be redesigned when algorithms mediate the clinical encounter [9]. Enthusiasm, however, has frequently outpaced evidence. Headline claims of "human-level" performance often rest on retrospective datasets, small comparator groups and limited external validation.

Technology is also not socially neutral. A widely cited analysis showed that a commercial algorithm used to allocate care-management resources systematically underestimated the needs of Black patients, because it used healthcare cost as a proxy for health need [10]. More broadly, informatics interventions can widen inequalities even when designed with good intentions [11]. Research on telemedicine access across socioeconomic groups [12] and socio-legal analyses of health disparities in Punjab [13] show how these dynamics operate where structural inequity is entrenched.

Governance is evolving in parallel. The WHO has issued guidance on the ethics and governance of AI for health [14]. Policy-legal scholarship emphasises the enabling role of health legislation in strengthening national health systems [15].

Despite this volume of work, three gaps persist. First, the literature is siloed by technology. EHR research, telemedicine research and AI research rarely speak to one another, so cross-domain comparison of evidence strength is uncommon. Second, headline performance statistics are seldom read alongside critical appraisal of study design, so readers cannot judge how much weight a number deserves. Third, equity, legal and organisational dimensions are

frequently treated as afterthoughts rather than as determinants of whether a technology creates value.

This paper addresses these gaps through a combined design: a systematic literature review followed by an analytical research stage. It pursues four research questions:

- **RQ1.** What is the strength and direction of evidence on the clinical, operational and economic effects of major healthcare technologies?
- **RQ2.** What technical, ethical, legal and equity risks accompany their adoption?
- **RQ3.** How do the perspectives of different stakeholders alter the interpretation of the same evidence?
- **RQ4.** What implementation and governance conditions convert technological capability into durable health benefit?

The contributions are fourfold. The paper provides a structured extraction of quantitative evidence with explicit appraisal notes. It offers an ordinal readiness–equity appraisal of nine technology domains. It proposes the 3E framework. And it sets out actor-specific recommendations.

2. Conceptual Background

2.1 Defining the domain

Terminology in this field is contested. "Digital health", "eHealth", "connected health" and "health information technology" overlap and are used inconsistently. Meskó and colleagues characterise digital health not merely as a toolset but as a cultural transformation of traditional healthcare. On their account it redistributes information, agency and responsibility between clinicians and patients [16]. Kvedar and colleagues frame connected health as a model in which technology-enabled monitoring, communication and analytics extend care beyond the clinic walls [17]. In this paper, "technology in healthcare" denotes digital, data-driven tools that capture, transmit, analyse or act upon health-related information for prevention, diagnosis, treatment, management or health-system administration.

2.2 A taxonomy of technology domains

The review distinguishes three principal domains and a group of emerging infrastructures. Mobile and wearable technologies are treated as a fourth principal domain.

Health information technology (HIT) comprises EHRs, computerised provider order entry and clinical decision support. It forms the informational backbone of contemporary hospitals and has been associated with gains in quality, safety and efficiency [18]. Telemedicine spans synchronous video, asynchronous store-and-forward and remote monitoring. It has evolved from an instrument for rural access into a mainstream delivery channel [19]. AI, notably machine learning and deep learning, enables pattern recognition in images, signals and structured data at scale [20].

The emerging infrastructures are big data analytics, the Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain and robotics. Big data analytics integrates heterogeneous clinical, genomic, operational and behavioural data streams for prediction and management [21]. IoT connects sensors and devices across hospital and home environments [22]. Distributed-ledger technologies have been proposed for secure data exchange, consent management and provenance [23]. Robotic and AI-assisted surgery brings both promise and peril to operating-room decision-making [24]. Finally, mobile health (mHealth) and wearable devices bring continuous, patient-generated data into clinical view [25]. Robotics is acknowledged for completeness, but the empirical synthesis concentrates on domains with richer comparative evidence.

2.3 A socio-technical lens

Technology in healthcare cannot be evaluated as an artefact alone. Bates and Gawande showed that information technology can prevent errors when embedded in well-designed workflows [26]. Wachter's account of the "digital doctor" documents how poorly integrated systems generate new hazards, alert fatigue and professional disaffection [27]. These contrasting insights motivate a socio-technical premise. The value of a health technology is a joint product of three things: its technical performance, the workflows and incentives into which it is embedded, and the equity of access to its benefits. This premise structures the coding scheme of the review and the analytical framework developed in Section 7.

3. Related Research and Prior Reviews

3.1 Health information technology

The most extensive review evidence concerns HIT. An early systematic review by Chaudhry and colleagues concluded that HIT improved quality chiefly by increasing adherence to guideline-based care, enhancing surveillance and monitoring, and reducing medication errors. It also noted that much evidence came from a small number of leading institutions with locally developed systems, which limits generalisability [28]. A later review by Buntin and colleagues reported that the large majority of recent studies reached positive conclusions, with effects varying by context and implementation quality [18]. Kruse and Beane's systematic review, drawing on a more recent generation of studies, reiterated positive effects on medical outcomes [29]. A systematic review of digital transformation in hospital management extends this line of inquiry from clinical to managerial outcomes [30].

3.2 Telemedicine

Bashshur and colleagues reviewed the empirical foundations of telemedicine in primary care. Their work generally supports outcomes comparable to usual care across many conditions and delivery modes, while cautioning about heterogeneity in study quality [31]. The Cochrane review of interactive telemedicine by Flodgren and colleagues found moderate-quality evidence of benefit in specific chronic conditions, notably heart failure and diabetes, with more limited evidence elsewhere [32]. On the patient-experience side, a systematic review by Kruse and colleagues found that satisfaction with telehealth is predominantly positive [33].

3.3 Artificial intelligence

The review literature on AI is more polarised. A systematic review and meta-analysis by Liu and colleagues compared deep-learning performance with that of health-care professionals in medical-imaging diagnosis. It reported broadly equivalent pooled accuracy, and it stressed methodological shortcomings that constrain interpretation [34]. Nagendran and colleagues scrutinised the design, reporting standards and claims of deep-learning studies. They found few randomised trials, few prospective studies, frequent high risk of bias and pervasive optimistic framing [35].

3.4 Mobile health and wearables

A systematic review by Free and colleagues found modest and condition-specific benefits from mobile-technology interventions for behaviour change and disease management, with evidence of limited quality [36]. A later systematic review of systematic reviews by Marcolino and colleagues reached a comparably cautious conclusion. Positive effects were reported in a range of chronic conditions, but the underlying evidence was heterogeneous [37]. Piwek and colleagues examined the promises and barriers of consumer health wearables, including measurement validity, engagement, privacy and regulatory ambiguity [38].

3.5 Equity

A scoping review by Yao and colleagues examined inequities in healthcare services caused by the adoption of digital health technologies. It documented that access to and use of digital tools vary systematically with characteristics such as age, income, education and geography [39].

3.6 Emerging infrastructures and applied machine learning

A scoping review of blockchain in healthcare and health sciences identified a literature dominated by conceptual and early-stage work rather than by evaluated deployments [40]. A systematic review of the concurrence of big data analytics and healthcare mapped applications and challenges [41]. Applied machine-learning scholarship illustrates the widening scope of data-driven methods. Examples include AI-driven prediction of antimicrobial resistance patterns in support of antibiotic stewardship [42] and machine-learning approaches to smart facility management in healthcare environments [43].

3.7 Synthesis of the prior literature

Table 1 summarises the principal prior reviews. Three regularities stand out. First, review conclusions are consistently more cautious than promotional discourse. Second, review evidence is concentrated on efficacy and satisfaction rather than on long-term outcomes, cost-effectiveness and equity. Third, few reviews adopt a cross-domain perspective, which is the gap this paper addresses.

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Table 1. Summary of principal prior reviews informing the present study

Ref.	Domain	Type of review	Principal message	Noted limitation
[28]	HIT	Systematic review	Improved guideline adherence, surveillance and medication safety	Evidence concentrated in few institutions
[18]	HIT	Literature review	Predominantly positive results	Effects context-dependent
[29]	HIT	Systematic review	Continued positive effects on medical outcomes	Heterogeneous outcomes
[30]	Hospital management	Systematic review	Digital transformation examined in managerial context	Managerial rather than clinical focus
[31]	Telemedicine	Empirical review	Outcomes generally comparable to usual care in primary care	Variable study quality
[32]	Telemedicine	Cochrane review	Benefits in some chronic conditions (e.g., heart failure, diabetes)	Limited evidence for other conditions
[33]	Telemedicine	Systematic review	High patient satisfaction	Satisfaction is not clinical outcome
[34]	AI (imaging)	Systematic review and meta-analysis	Pooled accuracy comparable to professionals	Methodological weaknesses
[35]	AI (imaging)	Systematic review	Few prospective and randomised studies; optimistic claims	High risk of bias
[36]	mHealth	Systematic review	Modest, condition-specific benefit	Low-quality evidence
[37]	mHealth	Review of reviews	Positive effects in chronic disease	Heterogeneous quality
[38]	Wearables	Narrative review	Promises and barriers identified	Validity, privacy, engagement
[39]	Equity	Scoping review	Digital adoption can generate inequities	Descriptive
[40]	Blockchain	Scoping review	Mostly conceptual and early-stage	Few evaluated deployments

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4. Methodology

4.1 Design and reporting logic

The study uses a two-stage design. Stage 1 is a systematic literature review, whose reporting logic follows the PRISMA 2020 statement [44]. The same transparency principles underpin scoping and mapping approaches to research landscapes [45,46]. The procedure follows the structured protocol tradition of Kitchenham and Charters: define questions, specify search and eligibility criteria, appraise, extract and synthesise [47]. Because the evidence is heterogeneous in design and outcome, meta-analysis was not attempted. Instead, the review adopted narrative synthesis [48] supported by thematic coding [49]. Stage 2 is an analytical research stage that interprets the synthesised evidence through structured appraisal, stakeholder analysis and proposition building.

4.2 Search strategy and corpus construction

Search concepts were specified for each technology domain by combining technology terms with outcome terms. Technology terms included "electronic health record", "telemedicine", "deep learning", "wearable" and "digital health". Outcome terms included "safety", "accuracy", "cost", "satisfaction", "burnout" and "equity". Targeted queries were run against PubMed/MEDLINE, Scopus, Web of Science, IEEE Xplore and Google Scholar. Queries were supplemented by backward and forward citation chaining from landmark studies and by hand-searching of policy repositories, including the WHO and national regulators. The temporal window was 2000–2025. Regional and institutional literature was consulted for contextual framing, particularly for the Indian health-system perspective.

4.3 Eligibility criteria

Table 2 specifies inclusion and exclusion criteria in a population–intervention–comparator–outcome–study-design (PICOS) format.

Table 2. Review protocol and eligibility criteria

Element	Inclusion	Exclusion
Population/setting	Patients, clinicians, hospitals, health systems (any income level)	Non-health settings
Intervention	EHR/HIT, telemedicine, AI/ML, mobile and wearable technologies, big data, IoT, blockchain	Purely administrative software without health-service relevance
Comparator	Usual care, clinicians, prior systems, no technology, or descriptive baseline	—
Outcomes	Clinical performance, safety, workload, utilisation, cost, satisfaction, equity, governance	Outcomes unrelated to health-service delivery

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Study design	RCTs, cohorts, validation and time-and-motion studies, systematic/scoping reviews, meta-analyses, policy and legal documents	Opinion pieces without evidentiary or analytical content (used only for framing)
Language/period	English; 2000–2025	Pre-2000 (except foundational citations)

4.4 Quality and risk-of-bias appraisal

Each source was assigned to an evidence tier by design: (i) randomised trials and meta-analyses; (ii) prospective cohorts and time-and-motion studies; (iii) retrospective validations and large observational datasets; (iv) modelling studies and industry analyses; (v) policy and conceptual documents. Sources were additionally flagged for recurrent risks. These were single-centre design, retrospective data, absence of external validation, proprietary or non-inspectable algorithms, self-selected samples and outcome measures that substitute proxies for patient-relevant endpoints. The flags were used to weight interpretation rather than to exclude sources.

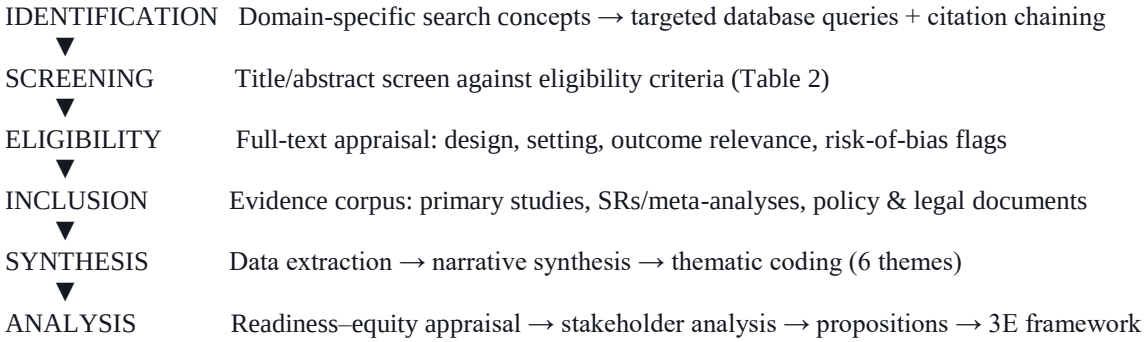
4.5 Data extraction and synthesis

Data extracted from each empirical source were technology domain, design, setting and scale, principal quantitative result, and appraisal notes. Numerical values are reproduced as reported in the source. Thematic coding used an iterative process of familiarisation, initial coding, theme development and review [49]. It produced six cross-cutting themes: adoption and scale; clinical performance; safety and workload; economic value; equity and access; and governance.

4.6 Analytical research procedure

The analytical stage had three components. First, a Translational Readiness and Equity Exposure appraisal scored each domain on ordinal scales, described in Section 6.1. Second, a multi-perspective analysis examined the same evidence from the standpoints of patients, clinicians, managers, regulators, economists and Global South health systems. Third, analytical propositions were derived by identifying regularities across domains and perspectives.

Figure 1. Review and analysis workflow



4.7 Transparency statement

This review prioritised depth of appraisal over exhaustive retrieval. It applied purposive, protocol-driven selection of the strongest available evidence within each domain and did not screen all records returned by a single reproducible database query. It is therefore best described as a structured, protocol-driven systematic review rather than an exhaustive multi-database review. Counts of records identified and screened are not reported.

5. Results of the Systematic Literature Review

5.1 Characteristics of the evidence corpus

The corpus comprised three strata: primary empirical studies (randomised trials, cohorts, validation and time-and-motion studies); secondary evidence (systematic, scoping and umbrella reviews and meta-analyses); and policy, legal and industry documents. Fourteen quantitative evidence sources were extracted in detail (Table 3). Seven of the fourteen concerned AI, which reflects the research intensity of that field. Two each concerned EHRs, telemedicine and wearables, and one concerned economic modelling. Only one of the fourteen was a randomised trial. Two were systematic reviews or meta-analyses. The remainder were observational, retrospective-validation, claims-based or modelling studies. This distribution already signals the central theme of the review: the volume of evidence is large, but the proportion that is prospective and outcome-anchored is small.

5.2 Health information technology and electronic health records

Adoption. Adoption is the best-documented outcome. Basic EHR use in US hospitals rose from 9.4% in 2008 to 83.8% in 2015, and the analysis attributes much of this gain to federal incentives [7]. Adoption at this scale is a precondition for every other digital innovation, since AI, remote monitoring and analytics all depend on structured, interoperable data.

Benefits. Review evidence supports benefits in guideline adherence, surveillance and medication safety [28]. It also supports positive overall conclusions across a broad literature [18] and continued positive effects on medical outcomes in later syntheses [29]. These findings are consistent with the earlier argument that information technology reduces errors when embedded in redesigned workflows [26].

Workload and burnout. The benefits are counterbalanced by documentation burden. In a time-and-motion study of ambulatory practice across four specialties, physicians spent 27.0% of the office day in direct clinical face time and 49.2% on EHR and desk work [50]. Greater clerical burden and less favourable characteristics of the electronic environment were associated with higher physician burnout and lower professional satisfaction [51]. EHR audit-log data likewise indicate that physicians split their working time approximately evenly between patient-facing activity and desktop medicine [52]. A systems-level analysis of burnout and bureaucracy among healthcare professionals frames this problem as organisational rather than purely individual [53]. That work is undated and unpublished, and it is used here for conceptual framing only.

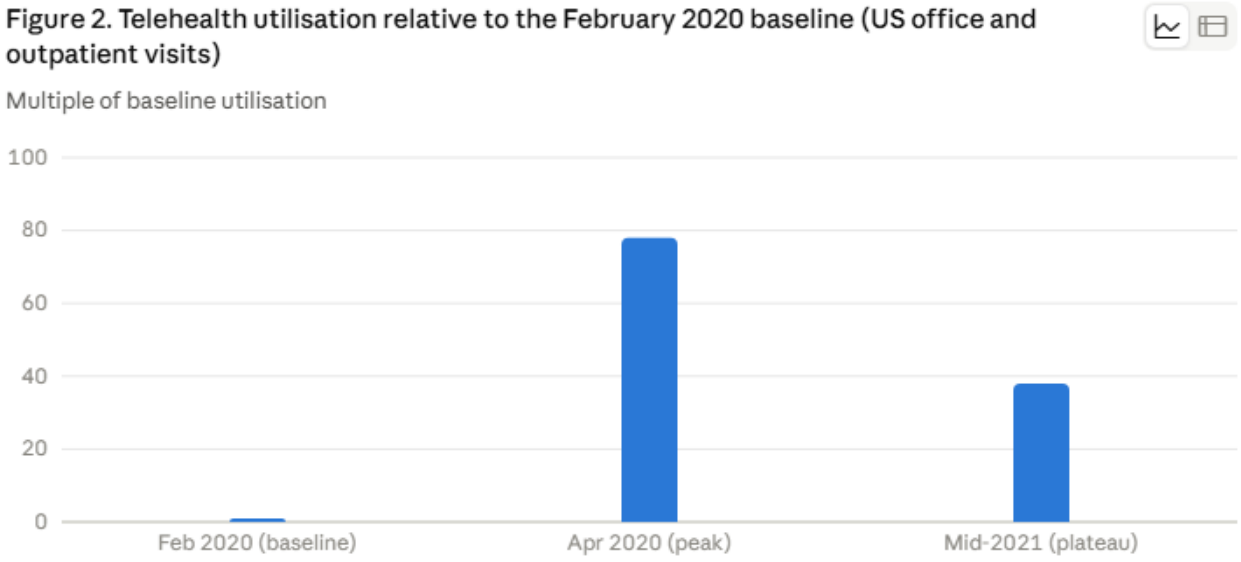
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Interpretation. The EHR literature thus exhibits a productivity paradox. Population-level and safety benefits accrue, but the marginal cost of documentation is borne disproportionately by clinicians. The evidence supports a design conclusion. The next phase of HIT value depends less on digitisation itself than on reducing the cognitive and clerical cost of using digitised systems.

5.3 Telemedicine

Scale. The pandemic produced adoption on a scale without precedent. At a single large academic health system, virtual urgent-care visits grew by 683% and non-urgent video visits by 4,345% between 2 March and 14 April 2020, in daily averages, while in-person visits fell by more than 80% [54]. Claims-based national analysis found that telehealth utilisation for office visits and outpatient care in April 2020 was 78 times its February 2020 level, subsequently stabilising at approximately 38 times the pre-pandemic level. Uptake was highest in psychiatry, where telehealth accounted for roughly half of visits, and telehealth reached up to about 17% of outpatient and office evaluation-and-management claims [55]. Figure 2 displays this trajectory.

Figure 2. Telehealth utilisation relative to the February 2020 baseline (US office and outpatient visits)



Multiple of baseline utilization

Category	Telehealth use (multiple of Feb 2020 level)
Feb 2020 (baseline)	1
Apr 2020 (peak)	78
Mid-2021 (plateau)	38

Source of data: Bestsennyy and colleagues [55]. Values are multiples of the February 2020 level.

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Effectiveness and experience. Beyond utilisation, the comparative evidence is cautiously favourable. It supports outcomes comparable to usual care in primary care [31] and benefits in selected chronic conditions [32]. Patient satisfaction is predominantly high [33]. Clinicians early in the pandemic argued that telemedicine reduces exposure, conserves protective equipment and creates surge capacity [56]. The distinction between satisfaction and clinical outcome remains important. High satisfaction is necessary for sustained use but does not demonstrate clinical benefit.

Equity. Telemedicine is not equally accessible. The pandemic exposed a digital divide in broadband, devices and digital literacy that determined who could benefit from virtual care [57]. Analyses of access and outcomes in telemedicine across socioeconomic groups reinforce the concern that virtual care can reproduce, or amplify, existing gradients [12]. The scoping evidence on digitally induced inequities points the same way [39].

Interpretation. Telemedicine is the domain in which scale, evidence and patient acceptance are best aligned. Its central unresolved problem is distributional. The same technology that widens access for some can narrow it for others.

5.4 Artificial intelligence

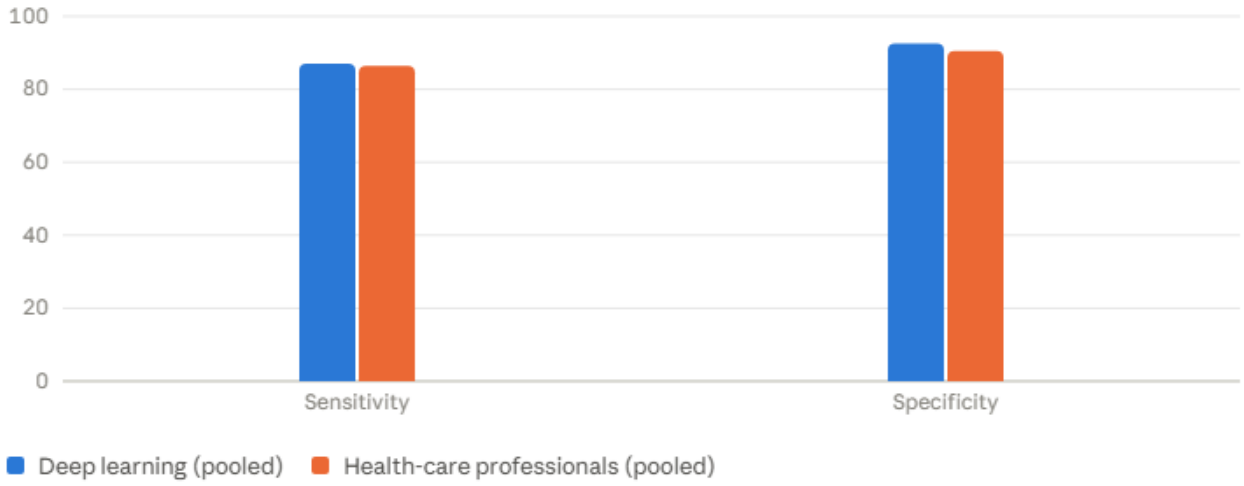
Diagnostic performance. Landmark studies underpin the optimism about diagnostic AI. A deep convolutional neural network trained on 129,450 clinical images spanning 2,032 diseases performed on par with 21 board-certified dermatologists in classifying skin lesions [58]. A deep-learning algorithm for diabetic retinopathy achieved sensitivity of 97.5% and specificity of 93.4% on one validation set (EyePACS-1), and 96.1% and 93.9% on another (Messidor-2), at a high-sensitivity operating point [59]. In breast-cancer screening, an AI system reduced false positives by 5.7% in a US dataset and 1.2% in a UK dataset, and false negatives by 9.4% and 2.7% respectively, in absolute terms [60].

Pooled evidence. The meta-analysis of comparisons between deep learning and health-care professionals found pooled sensitivity of 87.0% for deep-learning models against 86.4% for professionals. Pooled specificity was 92.5% against 90.5% [34]. Figure 3 displays these estimates. Confidence intervals were wide and overlapping, so the appropriate inference is approximate equivalence rather than superiority.

Figure 3. Pooled diagnostic accuracy: deep learning vs health-care professionals (medical imaging)
Pooled estimate (%)

Category	Deep learning (pooled)	Health-care professionals (pooled)
Sensitivity	87	86.4
Specificity	92.5	90.5

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Source of data: Liu and colleagues [34]. Overlapping confidence intervals in the source support approximate equivalence.

Quality of the evidence. The strength of these headline figures must be tempered by the design evidence. Nagendran and colleagues identified ten randomised-trial records, of which only two were published and eight were ongoing, and 81 non-randomised studies. Only nine of the 81 were prospective and only six were tested in real-world clinical settings. Overall risk of bias was high in 58 of the 81 (72%), and 61 of the 81 stated in their abstract that AI performance was at least comparable to that of clinicians. Access to datasets and code was unavailable in 95% and 93% of studies respectively [35]. The gap between the strength of claims and the strength of evidence is thus itself an empirical finding.

Real-world failure modes. External validation of a widely implemented proprietary sepsis prediction model showed an area under the curve of 0.63, well below developer-reported performance. The model failed to identify 67% of patients with sepsis while generating alerts for 18% of all hospitalised patients [61]. This is a paradigm case of alert burden without commensurate discriminative benefit. Bias is a second failure mode. An algorithm that used cost as a proxy for need would, if corrected, have raised the proportion of Black patients receiving additional care from 17.7% to 46.5% [10]. Frameworks for ensuring fairness in machine learning stress that fairness must be built into problem formulation, data selection and deployment monitoring, not appended afterwards [62].

Interpretation. AI is the domain in which the ratio of promissory discourse to prospective evidence is highest. The most defensible reading of the literature is that diagnostic AI is promising as decision support, especially in image-rich specialties. It is not yet established as a replacement for clinicians, and its patient-facing consequences for engagement and trust remain under-studied [8,9].

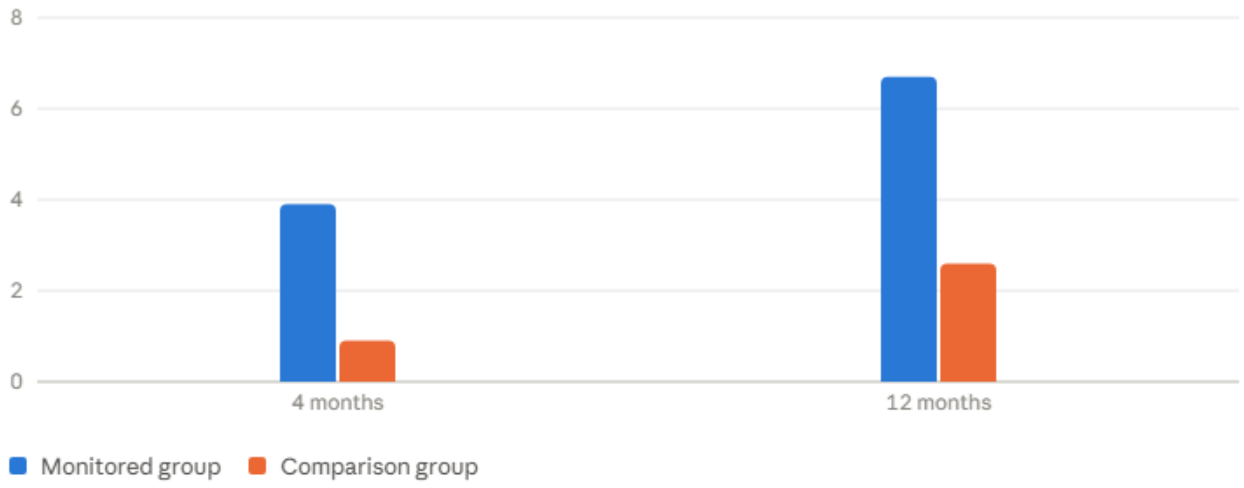
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5.5 Mobile health and wearables

Screening at scale. In a large app-based study of a smartwatch algorithm, 419,297 participants enrolled, and 0.52% received an irregular-pulse notification. Among notified participants who returned an ECG patch, 34% had atrial fibrillation (AF), and the positive predictive value of a notification against concurrent ECG-patch findings was 0.84 [63]. The study demonstrated feasibility at scale. Its self-selected population and lack of a comparator limit inference about clinical benefit.

Randomised evidence. In the mSToPS randomised clinical trial, home-based wearable ECG patch monitoring increased detection of undiagnosed AF. At four months, 3.9% of the monitored group had a new AF diagnosis against 0.9% of the comparison group. Cumulative diagnoses at twelve months were 6.7% against 2.6% [64]. Figure 4 shows this contrast. The trial demonstrates that continuous monitoring finds more AF, but it does not by itself demonstrate that finding more AF prevents strokes.

Figure 4. New atrial fibrillation diagnoses with wearable ECG patch monitoring (mSToPS)
New AF diagnoses (%)



Category	Monitored group	Comparison group
4 months	3.9	0.9
12 months	6.7	2.6

Source of data: Steinhubl and colleagues [64]. The four-month comparison is between immediate and delayed monitoring; the twelve-month comparison is between monitored participants and matched controls.

Behaviour change and apps. Reviews of mobile-technology interventions report modest, condition-specific benefit and limited evidence quality [36,37]. Consumer wearables raise persistent questions about measurement validity, sustained engagement, privacy and regulatory

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status [38]. In mental health, a key concern is transparency and trust. Many smartphone applications lack evidence of effectiveness and clear disclosure of data practices [65].

Interpretation. Wearables are the domain in which the detection–benefit gap is most visible. Detection is technically demonstrated. Whether detection changes patient-relevant outcomes remains to be shown.

5.6 Emerging infrastructures, economics and regulation

Big data, IoT and blockchain. Big data analytics promises integration of heterogeneous data for prediction and management [21], though the concurrence of analytics and healthcare is still characterised as much by challenges as by demonstrated impact [41]. IoT architectures enable connected monitoring, but security and privacy remain first-order concerns [22]. Blockchain has been proposed for distributed-ledger-based consent and data exchange [23]. Scoping evidence shows a literature dominated by conceptual and prototype work [40]. Applied machine-learning work in antimicrobial-resistance prediction [42] and facility management [43] illustrates how data-driven methods are spreading from diagnosis to stewardship and operations.

Economics. Modelling by Sahni and colleagues estimated that wider adoption of AI could reduce US healthcare spending by 5–10%, equivalent to roughly US$200–360 billion annually [66]. This is a modelled projection dependent on assumptions about adoption, productivity and displacement, and it should be read as an upper-bound scenario rather than an observed saving. The consumer-side analysis of telehealth suggested a large addressable share of outpatient spending [55], though realising it requires sustained adoption and redesign of care pathways.

Regulation. Regulatory approval of AI-based medical devices has grown rapidly. Database analyses document the expanding roster of FDA-cleared AI technologies and the concentration of approvals in radiology [67]. Comparative analyses of approvals in the United States and Europe between 2015 and 2020 point to differences in transparency and evidentiary requirements [68]. Approval does not equate to evidence of clinical benefit. This connects directly to the design deficits identified in Section 5.4.

5.7 Consolidated extraction of quantitative evidence

Table 3. Extraction of principal quantitative evidence, with appraisal notes

Ref.	Domain	Design/scale	Key quantitative result	Appraisal note
[7]	EHR	National hospital adoption analysis (US)	Basic EHR adoption 9.4% (2008) → 83.8% (2015)	Measures adoption, not outcomes; policy-driven
[50]	EHR	Time-and-motion, 4 specialties	27.0% direct clinical face time vs 49.2% EHR/desk work	Direct observation; US ambulatory setting

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[54]	Telemedicine	Single academic health system	Virtual urgent care +683%; non-urgent video +4,345%; in-person visits down >80%	Descriptive, single centre, pandemic surge
[55]	Telemedicine	Claims-based industry analysis	78× (Apr 2020 vs Feb 2020); plateau at ~38× pre-pandemic	Utilisation not outcomes; industry source
[63]	Wearable	Large app-based single-arm study (n = 419,297)	0.52% notified; PPV 0.84 for notification vs concurrent ECG patch	Self-selected users; no comparator
[64]	Wearable	Randomised clinical trial	AF detection 3.9% vs 0.9% (4 months); 6.7% vs 2.6% (12 months)	Detection gain; clinical-outcome benefit not shown
[58]	AI (dermatology)	Test-set comparison vs 21 dermatologists; 129,450 images	Performance on par with dermatologists	Not a prospective clinical deployment
[59]	AI (ophthalmology)	Retrospective validation, two datasets	Sens/spec 97.5%/93.4% and 96.1%/93.9% (high-sensitivity setting)	Retrospective; operating-point dependent
[60]	AI (breast screening)	Retrospective evaluation, UK and US	Absolute false-positive ↓ 5.7% (US), 1.2% (UK); false-negative ↓ 9.4% (US), 2.7% (UK)	Retrospective; generalisability uncertain
[34]	AI (imaging)	Systematic review and meta-analysis	Pooled sens 87.0% vs 86.4%; spec 92.5% vs 90.5%	Methodological limitations across studies
[35]	AI (imaging)	Systematic review of 81 non-randomised studies + 10 RCT records	9 prospective; 6 real-world; 58/81 high risk of bias; 61/81 claim parity or superiority	Highlights evidence–claim gap
[61]	AI (prediction)	External validation, hospitalised patients	AUC 0.63; 67% of sepsis cases not identified; alerts for 18% of patients	Proprietary model; real-world failure
[10]	AI (risk algorithm)	Analysis of care-management algorithm	Corrected allocation: 17.7% → 46.5% of Black patients receiving extra care	Demonstrates label-choice bias

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[66]	Economics	Modelling study	5–10% (US$200–360 billion) potential annual US savings	Assumption-dependent scenario

6. Analytical Research

The SLR establishes what the evidence says. The analytical stage asks what it means when the evidence is compared across domains and read from different vantage points.

6.1 Translational Readiness and Equity Exposure appraisal

Method. Each domain was scored on four ordinal dimensions using a three-point scale (1 = low, 2 = moderate, 3 = high). *Evidence maturity* (E) reflects the presence of randomised or prospective evidence and independent replication. *Demonstrated benefit* (B) reflects the consistency of patient-relevant or system-relevant benefit. *Governance maturity* (G) reflects the existence of regulatory, professional and data-protection frameworks. Their sum forms a *Readiness Index* (3–9). *Equity exposure* (X) reflects the degree to which benefits depend on resources, connectivity, literacy or representative data (1 = low exposure, 3 = high). Scores are interpretive judgements grounded in Section 5. They are ordinal and non-validated, and they should be treated as a structured heuristic, not as measurements.

Table 4. Translational Readiness Index and Equity Exposure by technology domain

Domain	**E**	**B**	**G**	**Readiness Index (E+B+G)**	**Equity exposure (X)**	**Principal rationale**
EHR/HIT	3	2	3	**8**	2	Mature evidence and regulation [7,18,28]; workload costs [50,51]
Telemedicine	3	2	2	**7**	3	Consistent evidence [31,32,33]; access divide [12,57]
AI: diagnostic imaging	2	2	2	**6**	2	Strong retrospective performance [34,58–60]; few prospective studies [35]
Wearables/remote monitoring	2	2	1	**5**	3	Detection demonstrated [63,64]; outcome benefit unproven
mHealth applications	2	2	1	**5**	2	Modest benefits [36,37]; transparency gaps [65]
Big data analytics	1	2	2	**5**	2	Promise and challenge [21,41]
AI: risk prediction/decision support	1	1	1	**3**	3	External-validation failure [61]; bias [10]

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Internet of Things	1	1	1	**3**	2	Security and privacy concerns [22]
Blockchain	1	1	1	**3**	1	Largely conceptual [23,40]

Reading the matrix. Three patterns emerge. First, readiness declines steeply from infrastructural technologies (EHR, telemedicine) to algorithmic and distributed technologies. Second, equity exposure is highest exactly where technologies are most consumer-facing (telemedicine, wearables) or most data-dependent (risk prediction). Third, no domain combines high readiness with low equity exposure. This is the structural fact behind Proposition 3 below.

6.2 Multi-perspective analysis

6.2.1 Equity and social justice perspective. Algorithmic systems can encode and scale inequality. Sociological analysis of algorithmic bias and social stratification argues that AI can reproduce structural disadvantage in digital societies [69]. Scholarship on smart-city technologies stresses spatial justice, the idea that technological infrastructure is unevenly distributed and can widen social divides [70]. Both resonate with the healthcare evidence on informatics-driven inequity [11,39], on unequal telemedicine access [12,57] and on biased risk scores [10]. From this perspective, the relevant question is not whether technology improves average outcomes but who gains, who loses and who is invisible to the system.

6.2.2 Privacy, legal and ethical perspective. Medical big data raises privacy problems that existing legal architecture handles unevenly. Price and Cohen show that a great deal of health-relevant data lies outside traditional health-privacy protections, and that re-identification risks are real [71]. Mittelstadt and Floridi map the ethical terrain of biomedical big data, including consent, ownership, epistemic reliability and algorithmic accountability [72]. Vayena and colleagues identify ethical challenges specific to machine learning in medicine, including opacity, bias and the alteration of the clinician–patient relationship [73].

Legal frameworks address these concerns differently. The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation treats health data as a special category subject to heightened protection [74]. In the United States, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act regulates covered entities and their business associates, which leaves gaps for data generated outside those relationships [75]. India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 establishes a consent-centred framework for digital personal data processing and creates obligations for data fiduciaries [76]. India's Telemedicine Practice Guidelines, issued in 2020, provide a regulatory basis for teleconsultation by registered medical practitioners, including consent norms and tiered prescribing provisions [77]. A further concern, in some jurisdictions, is that health data infrastructures become instruments of surveillance. Analysis of techno-authoritarianism and digital surveillance in the Global South highlights this risk to sovereignty and civil liberties [78]. In combination with the WHO's governance guidance [14] and the policy-legal perspective on health legislation [15], the picture is one of rapid but uneven legal maturation.

6.2.3 Clinical safety and evidence-governance perspective. Char and colleagues warn that implementing machine learning in healthcare raises ethical challenges that extend beyond model accuracy, including how errors and biases propagate through clinical decisions [79].

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Wiens and colleagues offer a lifecycle "do no harm" roadmap, from problem selection through deployment and monitoring [80]. Kelly and colleagues identify technical, human-factor and regulatory obstacles to clinical impact [81]. Read alongside the design deficits documented by Nagendran and colleagues [35] and the sepsis-model failure [61], this literature converges on a single governance principle. Evidence of accuracy is not evidence of benefit, and post-deployment surveillance is as important as pre-deployment validation.

6.2.4 Managerial and organisational perspective. Technology succeeds or fails inside organisations. Analyses of healthcare leadership and management highlight the role of leadership styles in hospital administration [82]. Work on crisis leadership examines organisational learning from pandemic failures [83], and this is directly relevant to the rapid, sometimes improvised, digital pivots of 2020. Patient-safety scholarship, including strategies for reducing hospital-acquired infections, provides a complementary lens for judging whether digital surveillance and analytics translate into safer care [84]. Together with the systematic review of digital transformation in hospital management [30] and the burnout–bureaucracy analysis [53], this perspective suggests that leadership, workflow redesign and workforce wellbeing mediate technology's returns.

6.2.5 Patient, economic and Global South perspectives. From the patient's perspective, satisfaction with telehealth is high [33]. Patient engagement in AI-driven systems requires redesign so that people understand, and can contest, algorithmic contributions to their care [9]. From the economic perspective, the projected savings are large but assumption-dependent [55,66]. From the perspective of health systems such as India's, which combine a large and shifting disease burden [3,4] with marked disparities within states [13], digital tools promise to extend specialist capacity. Their equity dividends, however, depend on connectivity, language, literacy, and enforceable consent and data-protection regimes [12,76,77].

Table 5. Stakeholder perspectives on technology in healthcare

Stakeholder	Principal expectations	Principal concerns	Evidence anchors
Patients	Access, convenience, personalised care	Privacy, comprehension of algorithms, digital exclusion	[9,12,33,57]
Clinicians	Decision support, efficiency, safety	Documentation burden, alert fatigue, burnout, liability	[27,50,51,52,53,61]
Hospital managers/leaders	Efficiency, quality, resilience	Implementation cost, change management, workforce strain	[30,43,82,83,84]
Regulators/ policymakers	Safe innovation, public trust	Approval without outcome evidence, data governance gaps	[14,15,67,68,74,75,76,77]
Payers/economists	Cost containment, productivity	Assumption-dependent savings; unproven downstream outcomes	[55,66]
Developers/industry	Scale, adoption	Validation burden, transparency and bias scrutiny	[10,35,61,62]
Global South health systems	Extended specialist reach, leapfrogging	Infrastructure gaps, surveillance risk, inequitable access	[3,4,12,13,76,77,78]

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6.3 Analytical propositions

Cross-domain and cross-perspective regularities support six propositions. They are offered as testable analytical claims, not as established findings.

- **Proposition 1 (Scale precedes evidence).** In healthcare technology, deployment scale systematically outpaces outcome evidence. Adoption metrics [7,54,55] are abundant, while prospective outcome data are scarce [35,64].
- **Proposition 2 (Accuracy is not benefit).** Diagnostic or detection performance is a necessary but insufficient condition for clinical value. Detection gains [64], retrospective parity [34] and regulatory clearance [67,68] each leave the patient-outcome question open.
- **Proposition 3 (No high-readiness, low-exposure domain).** Domains with the greatest readiness are also those whose benefits depend on connectivity and literacy. Equity must therefore be engineered as a design requirement, not assumed as a by-product (Table 4).
- **Proposition 4 (Burden displacement).** Technologies that reduce system-level errors can displace effort onto clinicians as documentation and alert burden [50,51,52,61].
- **Proposition 5 (Governance lag).** Law and regulation trail technological capability, and the gap is widest for algorithmic systems and consumer-generated data [71,75,76].
- **Proposition 6 (Organisational mediation).** Realised value depends on leadership, workflow redesign and learning systems that convert technical capability into practice [30,82,83].

7. Discussion

7.1 Integrating the findings

The findings answer RQ1 with a graded verdict. The most mature evidence, for EHR-enabled safety and telemedicine in selected chronic conditions, is reasonably favourable [18,28,32]. The evidence for AI is promising but methodologically thin [34,35]. Detection technologies such as wearables have proved capability without proving outcome benefit [63,64]. Emerging infrastructures such as blockchain and IoT remain largely at the proof-of-concept stage [23,40]. For RQ2, the risks cluster in four families. Technical risks include poor external validity and alert burden [61]. Ethical and legal risks include privacy, consent and bias [10,71,72,73]. Workforce risks include burnout [51]. Equity risks include the digital divide and biased data [12,39,57]. For RQ3, stakeholders read the same data differently. A 38-fold rise in telehealth use signals success to a payer, convenience to a patient and a potential access gap to an equity-minded regulator. For RQ4, the results point to organisational and governance conditions, not to technical capability alone [80–83].

7.2 Relationship to prior literature

The findings corroborate earlier reviews that reported positive HIT effects with context dependence [18,28,29], supportive but heterogeneous telemedicine evidence [31,32] and cautious mHealth conclusions [36,37]. They extend the earlier work by placing the domains on a common readiness–equity map and by making explicit the tension between scale, evidence and distribution. They also reinforce the critique that AI research over-claims relative to its

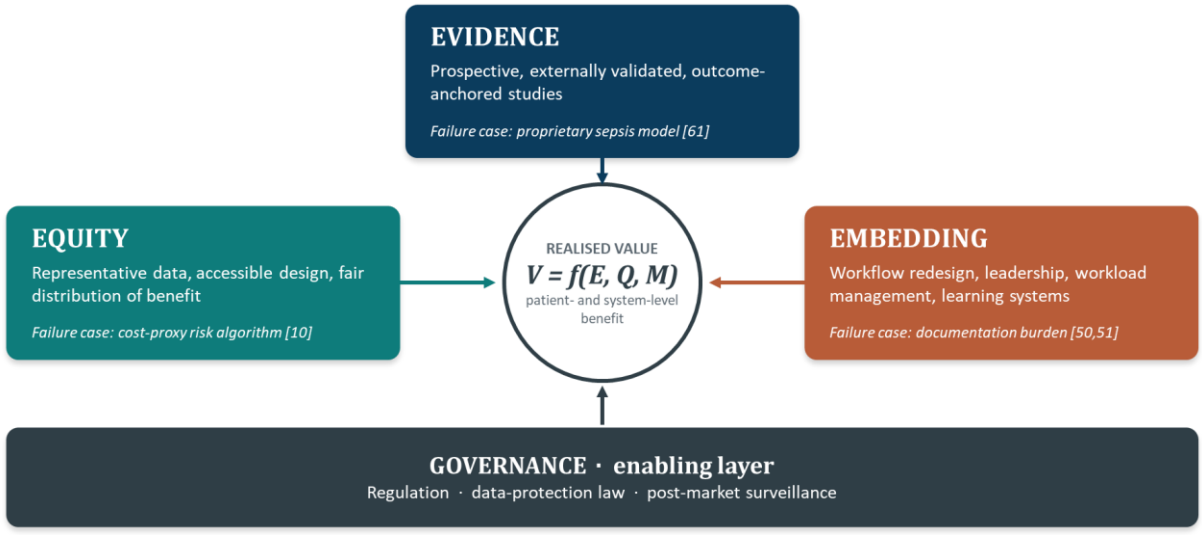
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design quality [35]. They add that the real-world failure of a widely deployed proprietary model [61] and the bias in an operational risk algorithm [10] are best interpreted as governance failures as much as technical ones. The pandemic-era account of digital technology's contribution to response and planning [85] is consistent with the pattern observed here. Digital tools mobilised quickly, but privacy, equity and evidence questions travelled with them.

7.3 The Evidence–Equity–Embedding (3E) framework

Building on the propositions, we propose a framework in which technology's realised value (V) is a joint function of three conditions, each necessary and none sufficient.

Figure 5. The Evidence–Equity–Embedding (3E) framework



Each condition is necessary; none is sufficient. Bracketed numbers refer to the reference list of the paper.

Evidence refers to prospective, externally validated, outcome-anchored evidence, the standard that most AI and wearable studies have not yet met [35,64]. *Equity* refers to representative training data, accessible design and fair distribution of access and benefit [10,12,62]. *Embedding* refers to workflow integration, workload management and organisational learning [26,50,82,83]. Governance is the enabling layer that sustains all three through regulation, data-protection law and post-deployment surveillance [14,74,76,80]. The framework yields a diagnostic use. When a technology underperforms, the 3E lens locates the failure. The sepsis model [61] was an evidence failure. The risk algorithm [10] was an equity failure. Documentation burden [50,51] was an embedding failure.

7.4 Implications for theory

For theory, the findings support treating health technology as a socio-technical system in the sense outlined in Section 2.3 [26,27]. They also suggest that "digital transformation" is better conceptualised as a portfolio of heterogeneous interventions with different evidence

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trajectories than as a single phenomenon. Aggregate statements such as "digital health improves care" obscure the differences that Table 4 reveals.

7.5 Implications for practice and policy

For practice and policy, the review supports a graduated approach. Mature technologies should be optimised, especially by reducing clinician burden. Promising technologies should be adopted as decision support under monitored conditions. Immature technologies should remain in structured pilots. Across all three, equity impact assessment should be routine. In India's context, the alignment of telemedicine guidelines [77], data-protection law [76] and health legislation [15] with implementation capacity and language-accessible design will decide whether digital tools narrow or widen the disparities documented within states [13].

8. Recommendations

Table 6. Actor-specific recommendations and monitoring indicators

Actor	Recommended action	Illustrative indicator
Clinicians and professional bodies	Treat AI outputs as decision support; document overrides; contribute to real-world monitoring	Override rates; audit of discordant cases
Hospital leaders and managers	Redesign workflows before deploying tools; measure documentation burden; invest in leadership and learning systems	Minutes of EHR time per patient encounter; burnout scores
Health-system planners	Combine telehealth expansion with connectivity, device and literacy support	Telehealth uptake stratified by income, age and geography
Regulators	Require prospective and externally validated evidence for higher-risk AI; mandate transparency on data and performance across subgroups	Share of approvals with prospective evidence; subgroup reporting rate
Data-protection authorities	Close gaps for non-clinical health data and wearables; enforce consent and purpose limitation	Complaints resolved; audit outcomes
Developers	Share data and code where possible; test for bias; report performance by subgroup	Public model cards; fairness metrics
Researchers	Conduct pragmatic randomised trials and outcome-anchored studies; follow reporting standards	Proportion of studies that are prospective and preregistered
Funders	Fund implementation science and equity evaluations alongside technology development	Funding share for post-deployment evaluation

Three cross-cutting recommendations deserve emphasis. First, evidence standards for algorithmic tools should be proportionate to risk and anchored in patient-relevant outcomes.

Second, equity should be built into design, procurement and evaluation. Third, organisations should invest in the human infrastructure of digital care, including training, leadership and burden reduction.

9. Limitations

The study has limitations that qualify its conclusions. First, the corpus was constructed through purposive, protocol-driven selection rather than exhaustive screening of all database records, so selection bias cannot be excluded. Second, heterogeneity of designs, populations and outcomes precluded meta-analysis, and the readiness and equity scores in Table 4 are interpretive and ordinal. Third, much evidence originates in high-income settings, particularly the United States, which limits transferability to low- and middle-income contexts. Fourth, publication bias probably favours positive findings, especially in AI. Fifth, the field is moving quickly. Evidence on newer technologies, including large language models in clinical practice, is nascent and lies largely outside this review's scope. Sixth, some regional and institutional sources were used for contextual framing rather than for effect-size extraction. Future work should combine a fully reproducible multi-database search with formal risk-of-bias tools and, where feasible, quantitative synthesis.

10. Conclusion

Technology's role in healthcare is growing, but growth is not the same as benefit. This review synthesised evidence across the major technology domains and appraised it analytically. Its central conclusion is that the value of health technology is conditional. It depends on the strength of the evidence behind it, on the fairness of its distribution and on the quality of its embedding in clinical and organisational practice.

Infrastructural technologies, namely EHRs and telemedicine, have the most mature evidence and the clearest benefits, together with well-documented burdens and access gaps. AI offers real promise as decision support, but its evidence is disproportionately retrospective, its claims are frequently optimistic, and its real-world failures show what is at stake when validation is weak. Wearables and mobile applications demonstrate that detection is possible, while the question of outcome benefit remains open. Blockchain and IoT are still at an early stage.

The proposed 3E framework and the recommendations in Table 6 offer a way to move from technological enthusiasm to accountable implementation. For health systems everywhere, and for those in transitional economies in particular, the task is to ensure that the digital transformation of healthcare is also an equitable and evidence-based transformation.

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