

U21 Health Sciences Executive Committee  
Proposed Statement of Support for e-health

The U21 Health Sciences Executive Committee supports the continuing pursuit of e-health in three key domains, namely telehealth for underserved population, e-health policy, and professional portability, as a major thrust of collaboration amongst the consortium partners. Working groups will be established to explore each of these three domains and they will report to the U21 e-health steering committee. The Executive Committee further supports the efforts of the U21 e-health steering committee to act on the recommendations of the U21 e-health discussion paper to increase the engagement of U21 inter-professional members in health sciences and members in other interested faculties to join in the discussion and engagement of the e-health network.

Pursuant to the U21 organization's strategic interest in the global policy realm, the U21 Health Sciences Executive Committee endorses the e-health steering committee to organize and implement an e-health policy discussion forum/workshop in this upcoming fiscal year, together with the generation of proceedings from it, to promote the establishment of an e-health policy thread as one of the three-prongs of its global e-health strategy. The Executive Committee would ask the U21 managers to consider supporting this proposed forum/workshop as a U21 initiative for 2004/2005.

The U21 Health Sciences Executive Committee encourages/urges each U21 consortium member to identify normally one individual, acting as the specific point of contact (SPOC), to be nominated to collaborate on e-health with the U21 e-health steering committee.