



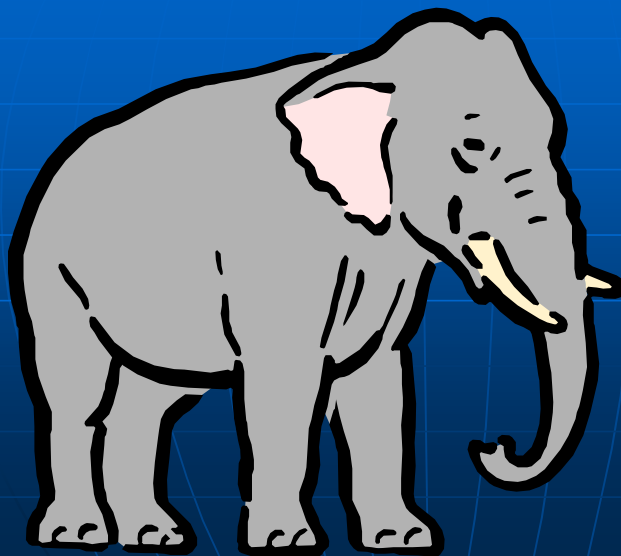
# Global e-Health: *Carpe Diem*

on behalf of U21 e-health Committee

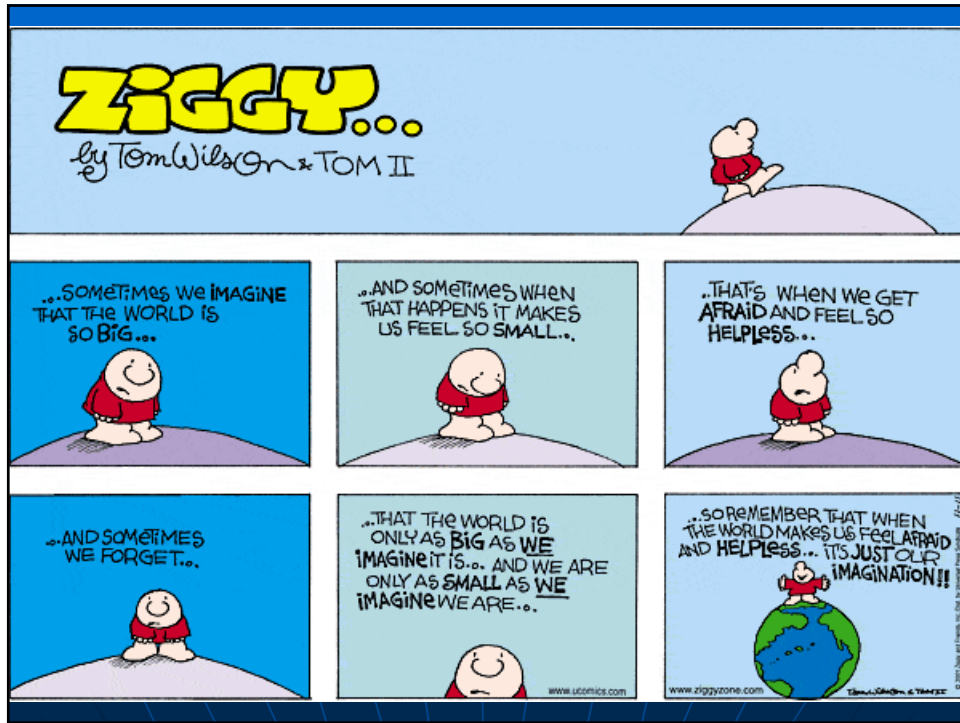
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## Global e-health: How big is the issue?



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*How can  
U21  
contribute?*



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# Agenda

- U21 discussion paper
- Emerging opportunities and dissemination strategies
- Long term vision: imagine...
- Immediate next steps

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# Discussion Paper: Purpose

- Scan global e-health environment
- How U21 can contribute to advance this field
  - Health
  - Policy
  - Academia



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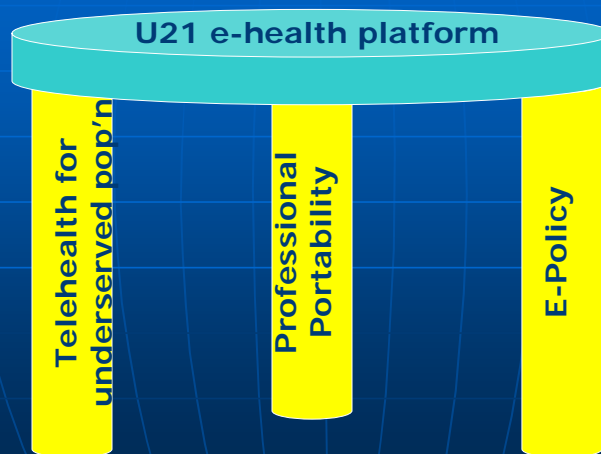
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## Definitions

- **Telehealth** – use of ICT to deliver health services (Internet, Web, Video)
- **e-health** – use of ICT to enable health and health care
  - Health informatics (data)
  - Telehealth (services)

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## Opportunities



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## Biggest Opportunity for U21

- Global e-health - an emerging domain
- Global political engagement and expertise
- No cross academic organization stepping forward

**U21 CAN!!**

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## Recommendations

- e-Health Steering Committee
  - Inventory and evidence collection/collation
  - Formulate overall U21 vision
  - Continuing intelligence
- Partnerships:
  - External groups: influence policy
  - within U21: build inter-professional capacity
- Establish a sustainable strategy
- Build networks of expertise: working groups

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## Working Groups

- U21 health network - provide expertise, engage trainees in providing global services, evaluation
- e-health policy advocacy and forum for discussion, research, engagement, and partnership
- Inter-professional/faculty professional portability – define PP, policy examination, engage U21 members in exchange

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"I skate to  
where the  
puck will be."



*Wayne Gretzky*

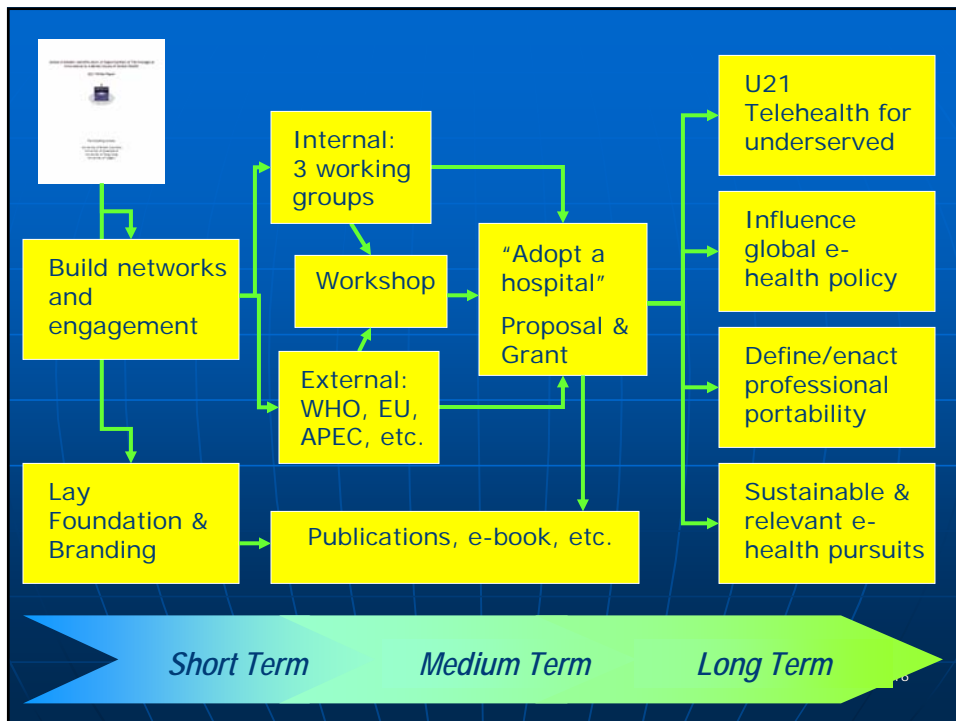
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# What is the vision?



*...and how far?*

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## “Adopt a hospital”

- One school to one hospital in an underserved location
- Inter-professional, team based assistance
- Students exchange
- Share results amongst U21
- Grant funding
- Publications



## Short Term Results: so far...

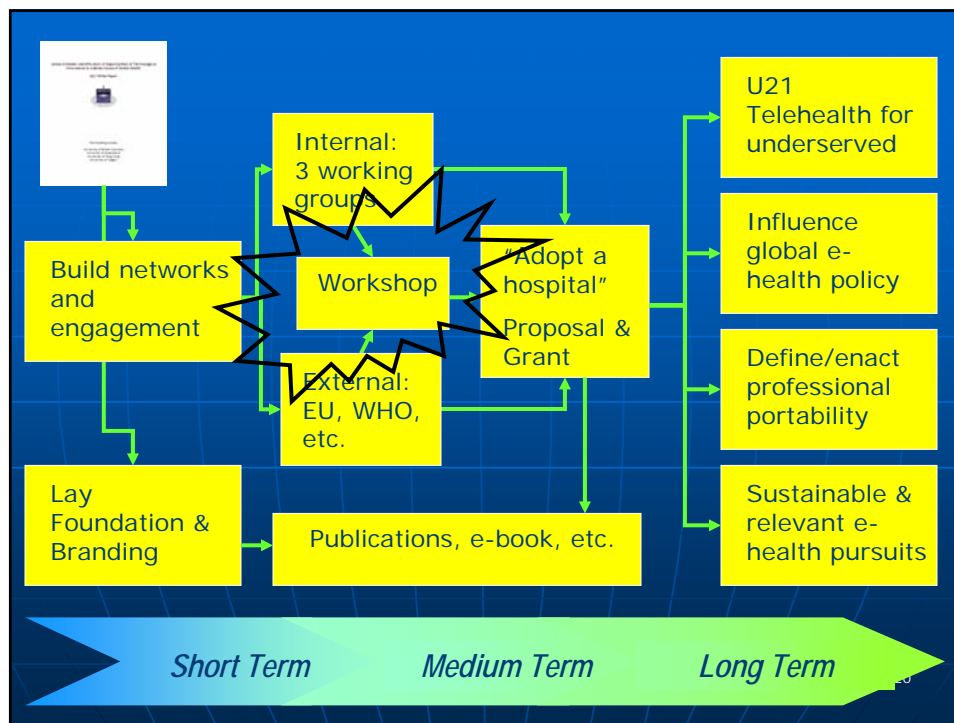
- Dissemination
  - 2 conference abstracts accepted
  - Journal manuscript(s)
  - e-book proposal
- Internal Engagement
  - U21 global/pedagogy
  - U21 certificate program
- External Engagement
  - World Health Organization/E.U.
  - Asia Pacific Research Universities



## U21 Global e-health policy - Proposal

- Initiated in Glasgow meeting 2003
- Philosophically supported by U21 managers and U21 executives November 2003
- Affirmation of support U21 managers April 2004
- Need health deans support for funding investment

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## We need your help!

- Written endorsement of action plan, and workshop funding from U21
- Designate a SPOC (Specific Point of contact) in your school
- Encourage enthusiasm and participation in your school
- Identify a potential hospital to adopt

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## Timing is everything!!

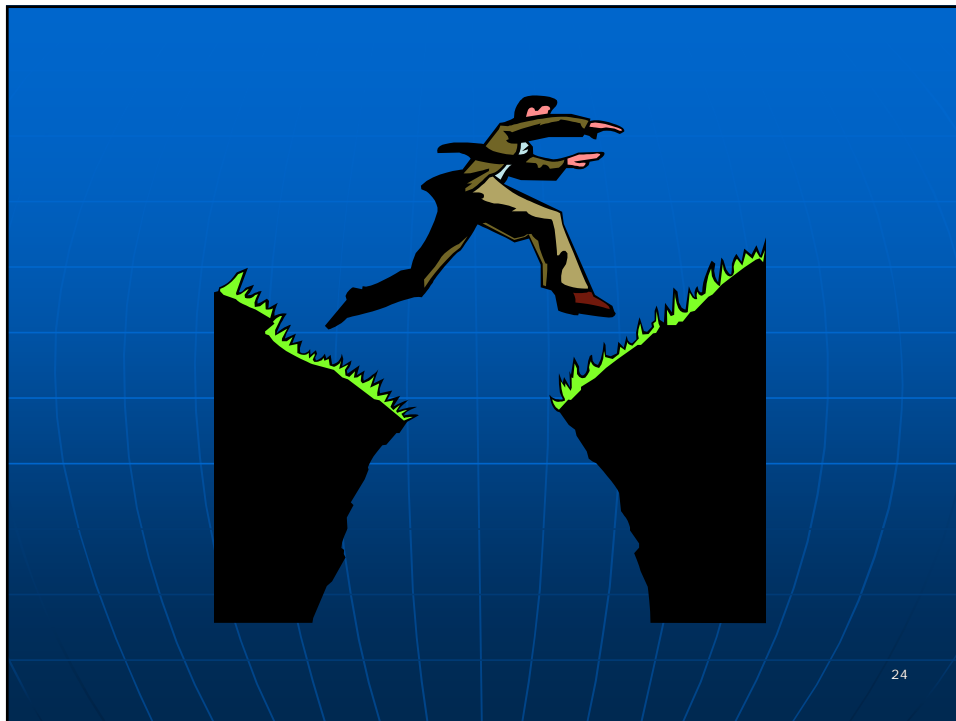


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## Conclusion

- Perfect time to take academic lead in global e-health
- A stepwise strategy proposed in discussion paper
- U21 has the people and expertise
- Your Endorsement will leverage momentum to continue our forward movement!

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