

## Global e-health: Carpe Diem (Kendall Ho)

### Synopsis

- e-health encompasses all aspects of the use of interactive communication technologies to enable health and health care, including health informatics and Telehealth
- current global e-health activity and policy development lacks an academic focus/input, creating an opportunity for U21 to assume a leading role in the area by utilizing its collective expertise and resources
- the U21 Global e-health White Paper highlights opportunities for interdisciplinary and inter-professional involvement in e-health, including policy development and facilitating professional portability
- the proposed strategy for engagement (one year in the first instance) includes the formation of a network of designated health professionals to work with the e-health steering committee on three priority areas, namely a pilot study involving the provision of telehealth support for underserved populations targeted and 'adopted' by U21 partners, e-health policy, and professional portability
- *'the way ahead'* - seek endorsement for the three-prong e-health strategy from the U21 Health Sciences group; seek funding from the U21 Managers for an e-health policy forum/workshop, to generate funds to establish an e-health policy thread