A Good IT Helper for Rural Doctors

Intel and Haoyisheng* Doki* Series of Medical Information Products support Rural Health Undertaking in China

With economic and social progress, people have increasingly higher requirements for healthcare services. The construction of rural healthcare systems, the basic components of healthcare system, has direct bearing on the success of the new medical reform in China. Therefore, it has become a focus on how to build an efficient and reliable rural healthcare system. Intel, the leader in technology, has been exploring together with governments, medical institutions and medical equipment vendors on how to better integrate information technology with medical reform and make it a strong driver for rural healthcare services.

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**CHALLENGES**

- The construction of rural healthcare systems will have direct bearing on the success of the new medical reform in China. How to integrate IT with actual demands in rural healthcare system and make IT a real helper for rural medical workers is a challenge for all IT vendors and rural medical workers.

**METHODS**

- Based on the strong data processing capability and compatibility of Intel® architecture, Haoyisheng launched the Doki series of medical information products, providing an efficient, easy-to-use multi-functional medical platform to rural medical workers, and contributing to the construction of rural healthcare system.

**GAINS**

- By matching its advantages in IT industry with medical equipment vendors, Intel provided new concepts for the construction of rural healthcare system, which improved the level of rural healthcare services.

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Powerful interconnection and intercommunication make business expansion easy via network

In addition to the daily work in the rural healthcare institutes, the rural medical workers need to get into the community and are responsible for common disease diagnosis, rehabilitation therapy, disease prevention, spread of health knowledge and scientific popularization of medical knowledge among the residents in the community. By virtue of Intel architecture, the Doki series of medical information products boast powerful function in terms of interconnection and intercommunication. Take the DokiPAD for an example, by integrating a wireless network (WiFi, 3G and Bluetooth*), the DokiPAD can easily access to the Internet to expand its function and allow rural medical workers to work conveniently via the Internet, thus greatly improving the work efficiency.

"Once upon a time, we always took a lot of articles in cases when we went to the countryside. When coming back to the health center after diagnosis, we shall collect materials for storage. Sometimes, when there were cases we had never seen, we shall invite the upper-level medical institution for group consultation. Now, everything becomes easier thanks to the DokiPAD, which can access to the Internet via WiFi or 3G network to conveniently read the materials and extract information so that the diagnosis data can also be collected and stored at first moment. What's more, we can also, via webcam, invite experts for remote group consultation, which greatly improves our work efficiency," said Zhang Jingjin, Director of Security Department in the Yudu Health Center, Jiangyan City, as his finger gently slid the DokiPAD screen to extract the required materials.

Powerful compatibility, with rich peripheral products to strengthen the medical capabilities

Small but complete, the rural healthcare institutes are directly oriented to the communities and rural areas. So they shall bear as many functions as the large hospitals. Therefore, the rural healthcare institutes shall choose the medical devices that have powerful compatibility and various necessary medical apparatuses that can help the rural healthcare institutes connect with each other. To meet such requirement, Haoqisheng specially designs the compatibility of Doki series of medical information products with the help of the good compatibility of Intel architecture.

Take the DokiDetector *(portable multi-parameter detector) for example, it has several external medical devices to provide important patient information for medical clinic diagnosis. It provides real-time detection on important parameters such as electrocardiosignal, heart rate, blood pressure, oxyhemoglobin saturation, lung function, body temperature and fetal heart rate of the human body. It realizes real-time detection, information storage and export for each parameter and serves as the important tool for clinical diagnosis. Through the signal detection and preprocessing module, the DokiDetector converts the biomedical signal into the electrical signal and conducts the preprocessing like interference suppression, signal filtering and amplification. Then, through the data extraction and processing module, it samples, quantizes, calculates, and analyzes the parameters. Then it compares the display result with the set threshold, stores the results to RAM in real time or transmits them in real time to the network.

"The integrated design adopted by DokiDetector can complete the detection and analysis for several physiological parameters at the same time. Boasting the powerful function, DokiDetector, therefore, is particularly suitable for our rural healthcare institutes," said Zhang Jingjin, Director of Security Department in Yudu Healthcare Center, Jiangyan City.

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