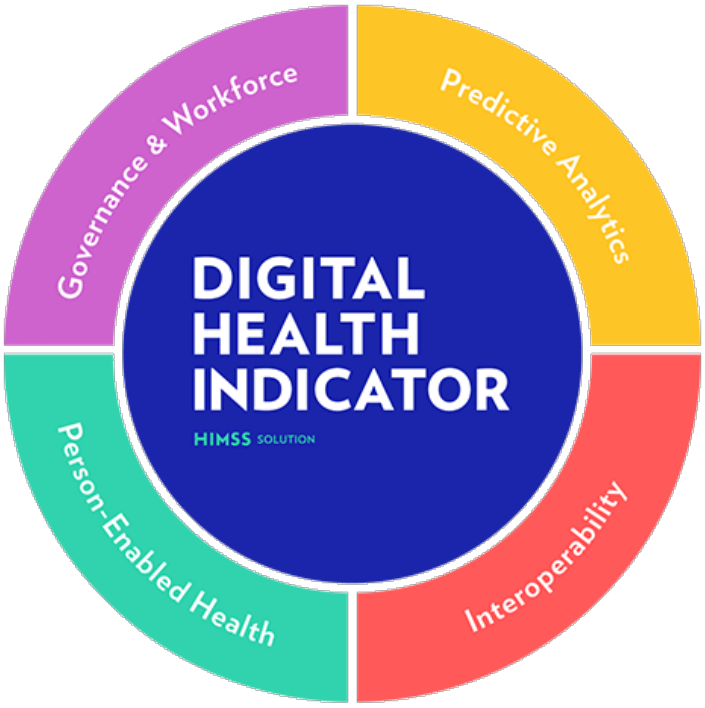
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Australia to create a roadmap for health services

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The initiative aims to drive digital transformation across the state and identify services in need of investment



Australis's Queensland government project will use the HIMSS Digital Health Indicator to help health workers in the Australian state understand the technology used in local health services.

The initiative will run in hospitals and health services, as well as some primary health networks across the state, with the aim of building a data-driven roadmap for digital transformation.

Health research body, the Digital Health Cooperative Research Centre (DHCRC) is supporting the collaboration between the state's largest healthcare provider, Queensland Health, the University of Queensland and HIMSS.

Associate professor Clair Sullivan from the centre for health services research at the University of Queensland, said: "This project is about centring our digital transformation around the consumer by understanding their journeys across the care continuum, recognising what health outcomes are important, and learning how digital technology can help us achieve these better outcomes for our consumers".

The HIMSS Digital Health Indicator measures progress toward a digital health ecosystem. An ecosystem that connects clinicians and provider teams with people, enabling them to manage their health and wellness using digital tools in a secure and private environment whenever and wherever care is needed. Operational and care delivery processes are outcomes-driven, informed by data and real-world evidence to achieve exceptional quality, safety and performance that is sustainable.

Based in the principles and evidence described in the recently released HIMSS Digital Health Framework, DHI measures the four dimensions of digital health:

1. ***Person-Enabled Health***
2. ***Predictive Analytics***
3. ***Governance and Workforce***
4. ***Interoperability***

To support and inform health system decisions to advance digital health capacity given the current global pandemic, HIMSS is providing free access to the DHI Rapid Assessment tool, a 12 indicator assessment that provides an estimated DHI score mapped against the four dimensions of digital health.