

GREETINGS!

Digital health is transforming the way we practice medicine at a pace most people did not anticipate.

I am Francisco Lopez-Jimenez, Editor-in-Chief of Mayo Clinic Proceedings Digital Health, a new peer reviewed scientific journal, which joins the family of Mayo Clinic Proceedings journals.

We must expect that in the next 5-10 years we will be practicing medicine in an entirely different way, in most part thanks to digital health tools. This digital health transformation will cover every aspect of medicine and the patient's journey, as well as medical education and even medical research. Spurring this transformation will include artificial intelligence algorithms helping clinicians to diagnose and manage a variety of medical conditions, major changes to the functionality of the electronic health record, improvements in informatics, virtual reality, mobile health, wearable devices and other key components of digital health.

This revolutionary transformation could be a decisive moment in the history of medicine, but it also comes with some risks: The risk of dehumanizing medicine, the risk of amplifying existing biases and health care inequities or by creating new ones, the risk of making medical errors multiplied and many other potential dreadful scenarios. This is why this transformation led by digital health needs to be evidence based, yet pragmatic and maintaining the humanistic qualities of medicine and equity.

Mayo Clinic Proceedings Digital Health comes at a perfect time to give clinicians and scientists another venue to publish their research results and experiences, commentaries, perspectives and controversies, and reviews.

Recognizing that real life experiences are vital to identify the utility, or lack thereof, of digital health solutions, we also offer the opportunity for authors to publish narratives describing successful or unsuccessful experiences when implementing digital health solutions that we can learn from. And to reiterate, we can learn from both experiences: of success and of failure.

For studies in virtual reality or augmented reality, we also offer the opportunity to publish articles in a video format, so people around the world cannot only read about those advances but to actually experience them.

Recognizing the importance of monitoring, mitigating or preventing bias and inequities when implementing digital health solutions, we will publish reviews, opinion articles, debates and other formats covering this important topic in our journal.

We will be doing all this following the long-standing tradition and experience of Mayo Clinic Proceedings, which has been publishing high quality, informative and impactful articles since 1926.

Welcome to Mayo Clinic Proceedings Digital Health and I hope you enjoy our content.

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