



Towards other ways of practicing?

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Will new technologies revolutionise how medicine is practiced? Are new practices the prerogative of new generations?

1. The doctor who bases himself/herself on new technologies: a new mode of practice

New technologies and connected objects can replace the human being but only for certain tasks. They do not actually replace but simply support humans in their role as healthcare professionals. Physicians should adapt to new technologies, this being considered in itself as a new mode of practice.

2. The doctor once again centered on the core of his/her profession and focused on the patient

Many doctors have a hard time carrying out administrative tasks. An ophthalmologist dedicates a third of his time to administrative work, another third to technical work and the last third to medicine. The Point Vision network has set up an organisation which delegates administrative tasks to an EIG and technical tasks to orthoptists. Thus, ophthalmologists can devote nearly 100 % of their time to their medical activity.

3. The decentralisation of power and the local delegation of tasks

Many alternatives can be explored on a local level to move beyond organisational silos. By way of example, pharmaceutical assistants could deliver pill box dispensers to the patient's home. Nurses could provide home care to the patient.

4. Young doctors' modes of practice

Young physicians do not work less than their seniors. They work differently and do not consider setting-up private practices like their predecessors did. More often than not, young physicians prefer to work as part of a group. They are campaigning for an effective healthcare system which allows for the redistribution of means in favour of areas and populations who need it the most. From this viewpoint, young doctors' aspirations are far from being disconnected from the needs of populations and budget constraints.

5. The constant technological revolution

Technology has always existed, but its form changes. This must lead to the re-examination of the manner by which technology and tools are used by Man. The healthcare system should thereby re-examine its modes of practice in light of the successive technologies in order to survive.