This workshop is organized by the ACM Future of Computing Academy – in collaboration with University of Copenhagen, Department of Computer Science – to co-create questions that can guide future research in Next Generation Electronic Health Records.

The excitement around data-driven healthcare raises questions about both the kinds of Electronic Health Records (EHR) we should aim for in the future, and whether new types of data support the effective provision of healthcare. These are not solely issues of return on investment, but they touch on the very core questions concerning the direction that healthcare as a practice should take - while practically inseparable from the technologies we design.

The workshop goal is to leverage research and practice in new ways by bringing computing research in healthcare into conversation with relevant collaborators. The workshop aims at identifying key problem areas for future computational researchers to focus on by facilitating comparison between cases [8] and practical experiences with Next Generation EHR across contexts [3]. In particular, the workshop invites empirical contributions that report on the use of and experience with Next Generation EHR.
One subject for comparison in the workshop is the EHR itself. Epic is one prominent example of a Next Generation EHR [4] and a key player in the market, as the most frequently selected higher-cost EHR solution in the U.S. in 2016-2017. Meanwhile, the implementation of Next Generation EHR has proven difficult [2] and few research projects have managed to investigate the main problem areas, for example, the impacts on data quality [5] and related hazards for patients [6, 10]. Doctors complain that the intensive data entry required by most Next Generation EHR systems transforms them into clerks and distracts from patient care [7]. Another subject for comparison is the increasing demands for interoperability, data safety and current trends towards self-care, which challenge the concept of EHR as mainly a tool for doctors [1].

The broader impact of the workshop is a better understanding of different types of Next Generation EHR – and to what extent key problem areas are local or universal in nature.

Format of the workshop

The workshop accepts submissions from researchers and practitioners with an interest in Epic or similar Next Generation EHR systems. Participants are required to submit a short paper (max. 1500 words) presenting their perspective and relating to a particular case of how Next Generation EHR are transforming healthcare.

THE CO-CREATION INITIATIVE

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