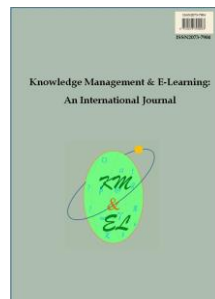

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Abstract: Health information technology (HIT) is a key component of healthcare today and has the potential to help support the quadruple aim of patient-centered healthcare. The access, delivery, and receipt of healthcare involves many stakeholders interacting with different HIT, and the usability of HIT is known to impact the acceptance and adoption of HIT, as well as health outcomes of populations. Understanding the influence that various individual and contextual factors have on the usability of HIT is challenging because of the network of interactions between humans and technology that occur in the same or different contexts within a unique healthcare system. Yet, it is important to identify usability problems in order to be able to design and implement HIT. This article begins by describing the current use of HIT with respect to the healthcare landscape. Next, usability is defined and demonstrated to play a critical role in users' acceptance and adoption of HIT. The remainder of the article describes a new framework called, healthcare experience design. The healthcare experience design framework models the healthcare experience, which is defined as the composite of all of an individual's interactions with other humans and HIT. The healthcare experience design framework is a useful conceptual model and methodological approach to identify usability problems in the healthcare system, and its practical application is illustrated using an artificial use case.

Keywords: Health information technology; HIT; Usability; Healthcare; Usability testing; Healthcare experience

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1. Introduction

Health information technology (HIT) is a critical component of healthcare today. HIT is used to deliver healthcare to patients in remote locations through telemedicine (Bashshur, 1995) and support health-related activities, such as home monitoring of patients and patient self-care (Whitten, 2006). Electronic Health Records (EHRs) and Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSSs) integrate salient patient medical data on user interfaces and support clinicians during the diagnoses and treatment process (Horsky & Ramelson, 2016; Li et al., 2012). In addition, consumers are increasingly using mobile health applications (mHealth) (Schneider et al., 2016) and online health information (eHealth) to access health information and become active participants in their own health (Eysenbach, 2005).

It is imperative that HIT be designed to be used effectively and safely by the wide range of users who may engage with these applications during the access, delivery, and receipt of healthcare (Borycki, 2015; Borycki & Kushniruk, 2005). The usability of HIT is increasingly recognized as a key factor in physicians and patients' adoption of telemedicine, EHR, mHealth interventions, and other eHealth interventions that have the potential to improve health outcomes (Lazard et al., 2016; Monkman & Kushniruk, 2013; Roman et al., 2017; Wilson & Lankton, 2004). Therefore, examining the usability of HIT plays a vital role in ensuring that healthcare systems are effective, efficient, and usable by a broad range of stakeholders with different physiologic and psychologic capabilities. The potential for HIT to improve healthcare cannot be achieved if these technologies are neither designed nor implemented without understanding the relationships between usability with the overall user experience.

Healthcare is referred to as every aspect, service, actor, and technology involved in the care of one's health (Wax, 2019). Wax (2019) states, "it includes, but is not limited to: physician offices, hospitals, labs, radiology centers, physical therapy offices, pharmaceutical companies, pharmacies, and now health insurance companies, group purchasing organizations, pharmacy benefit managers, corporate healthcare systems, and combinations of insurance/PBM/pharmacy and much more." From a human factors perspective, the combined experience of any one actor involved in the access, delivery, and receipt of healthcare is referred to as the healthcare experience (ISO, 2010; Punchoojit & Hongwarittorn, 2017).

Additionally, a cultural shift of modern healthcare systems is towards a patient-centered healthcare paradigm, which has four key objectives:

- reducing healthcare costs,
- improving the patient experience,
- improving the physician experience, and
- improving the health of populations (Bodenheimer & Sinsky, 2014; Millenson, 2014; Tuckson, Edmunds, & Hodgkins, 2017).

Usable HIT plays a significant role in reaching the quadruple aim of patient-centered healthcare and supports the claim that the usability of HIT must be considered from the perspectives of all stakeholders involved in a healthcare situation. Furthermore, HIT can facilitate the continuity of care for patients when different physicians, nurses, caregivers, and patients may all use the same or similar HIT, such as EHRs, online patient portals, telemedicine, mHealth, and more computer-based health information.

Furthermore, since the 1980s, the continuity of care has been regarded as a crucial component of quality healthcare and influences patient satisfaction, costs, and patient health outcomes (Alazri et al., 2007; Artnak et al., 2011; Gonnella & Herman, 1980). The continuity of care is defined as the process (interactions between users and services) of delivering healthcare that evaluates patients' health status before and after care, uses appropriate measures of health outcomes, and considers all potential extrinsic factors that may impact a patient receiving quality healthcare and improved health outcomes (Alazri et al., 2007; Gonnella & Herman, 1980). The continuity of care, thus, includes the interactions between patients and other stakeholders involved in their healthcare, as well as the technology that is used in this process.

Given that current HIT usability design and research lacks in consistency or standardization (Ellsworth, 2017; Yen & Bakken, 2011), understanding the various factors that affect the usability of HIT is a challenging undertaking. There is a myriad of different applications of HIT that take place in different contexts and every healthcare situation is unique (St.Amant, 2019b). Identifying usability problems in a complex network of human and technology interactions requires a framework that accounts for each stakeholder in the system, the context of use, and the implications of usability during the interactions between humans and technology, which are often concurrent and shape one another (Jensen, 2015). Collectively, these interactions construct the entire healthcare experience.

A comprehensive conceptual and methodological approach to understanding the usability of HIT, by many stakeholders, in different contexts needs to encompass this system of human-computer interactions (HCIs) holistically. There are the patients to consider and their perspectives; there are the physicians to consider and their perspectives; there are caregivers to consider and their perspectives; and there are the numerous interactions with each other and multiple touchpoints with technology, often with disparate systems, that impact usability. Yet, collectively, these components bricolage the healthcare experience. Moreover, usability is moderated by many socio-cognitive-technical factors, such as eHealth literacy (Kushniruk et al., 1997; Mackert et al., 2009; Mackert et al., 2016; Monkman & Kushniruk, 2015), demographics (George et al., 2012; Wilson, 2009), and an individual's decision-making process (Kushniruk, 2001). Thus, there is a need for a broader understanding of how to design HIT usability studies, perform usability testing, and ultimately design HIT that mitigate disparities in healthcare and health outcomes rather than augment.

This exploration of the healthcare experience can be conceptualized by a novel framework, termed, *healthcare experience design*. This framework offers a fresh perspective on the healthcare experience by drawing knowledge from several disciplines and theories. Given the depth and breadth in which HIT is employed and consumed in the healthcare system and in the management of one's health, a model that depicts these unique healthcare scenarios needs to account for all stakeholders, technology, and activities that occur in the access, delivery, and receipt of healthcare.

The purpose of this article is to describe the healthcare experience design framework and demonstrate how it is a useful conceptual model to understand the usability of HIT and its impact on the healthcare experience. In addition, healthcare experience design is a useful methodological tool for scholars and practitioners to be able to design usability studies situated in the healthcare experience by mapping their subjects and units of analysis in the architecture of the healthcare experience design framework. An artificial use case scenario will be used to demonstrate how healthcare experience design can be applied in the study of the usability of a telemedicine platform.

2. Background: Concepts, theories, and methods

2.1. Usability

Usability is defined by the ISO, as the extent to which a product can be used by target users to achieve specific goals with effectiveness, efficiency, and satisfaction in their context of use (ISO, 2018; Yen & Bakken, 2012). The relationship between usability, quality of healthcare, and patient safety is apparent. Poor usability of HIT, like Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) systems, EHRs, and CDSSs can result in inefficiency, poor workflow and communication between clinicians and nurses, increased cognitive workload, inaccurate diagnoses, medication dispensing error, and low user satisfaction (Beuscart-Zépher et al., 2004; Horsky & Ramelson, 2016; Kaipio et al., 2020; Kastner et al., 2010; Kushniruk, 2001). Insufficient or poor usability of HIT, in all of these cases, can compromise patient safety and is one leading cause of the lack of adoption of specific HIT that are intended to increase access and quality of healthcare (Goldberg et al., 2011; Turner et al., 2017).

Numerous studies demonstrate the various socio-cognitive-technical and cultural factors that influence any one individual's usability of HIT (Fig. 1). These are often called the human factors of usability and are both subjective and contextual (Borycki, 2015; Carayon & Hoonakker, 2019; Gibbons et al., 2014; Punchoojit & Hongwarittorm, 2017).

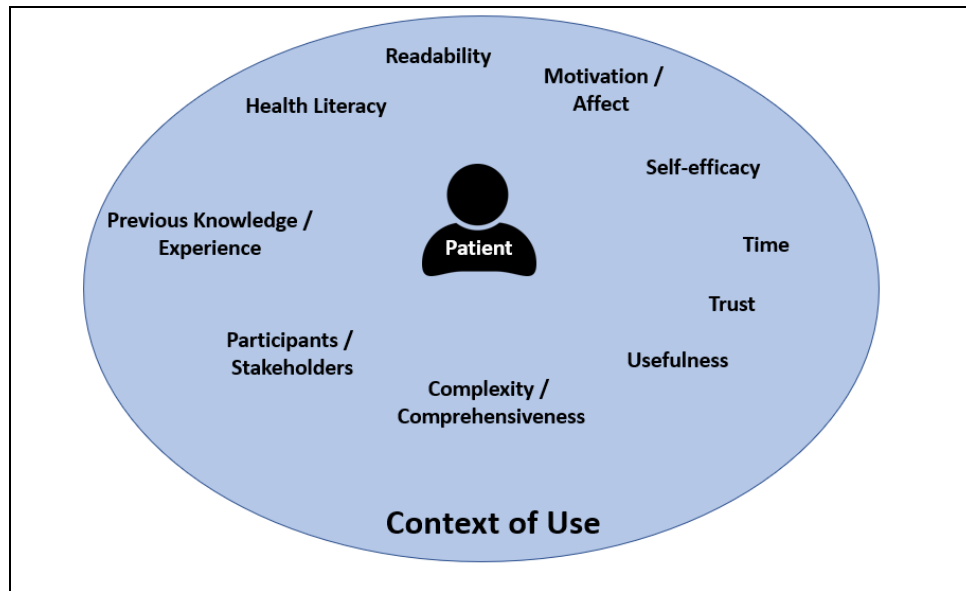


Fig. 1. A patient situated in a context interacting with HIT. The human factors affecting the usability of HIT are demonstrated to impact the patient in the context of the interaction.

For instance, subjective aspects, such as a user's cognitive processing capabilities or age (Chaudhry et al., 2019; Kushniruk, 2001; Lin et al., 2009), as well as contextual determinants, including one's geographic location, organizational practices, and even time to perform a task (Giordanengo et al., 2019; Peddle, 2007; Sandefer et al., 2015) all affect the usability of HIT. Design flaws in a user interface, which is the point of

interaction between a user and a HIT, are known to generate usability problems or make usability issues more pronounced (Gibbons et al., 2014; Or & Tao, 2012). Consequently, poor usability or insufficient meaningful use of HIT may increase disparities in the healthcare system.

Although usability is an imperative in the design and study of HIT, the criteria to achieve usability are often quantified differently or evaluated using different metrics. For instance, the criteria used to gauge usability can stem from the definition of usability: effectiveness, efficiency, and satisfaction (Rogers et al., 2007). Kushniruk and colleagues (Borycki & Kushniruk, 2005; Kushniruk et al., 2010; Kushniruk et al., 2013) underscore the need for safety in the testing of HIT. Punchoojit and Hongwarittorn (2017) suggest that some usability criteria can hardly be measured, such as satisfaction and engagement, because these constructs are subjective and involve human emotion. Other researchers argue that a conceptual framework to understanding the impact of the usability of HIT must address the following four dimensions: technology platform, technology functionality, information content, and the user interface (Gibbons et al., 2014).

This challenge in understanding usability and how to evaluate usability in the context of the healthcare system needs to be met with a holistic conceptual and methodological approach that allows researchers to identify actors, define usability constructs, and employ the best methods to evaluate and measure usability. Yet, despite the various metrics of usability, subjective constructs, and features of HIT that have been studied and identified to impact the healthcare experience, they all reveal the role that HIT and humans interacting with each other plays in the journey to achieve positive health outcomes. The ultimate goal of healthcare—to achieve positive health outcomes—cannot be overstated and is indubitably a universal goal for all actors and technology involved in the access, delivery, and receipt of healthcare. Therefore, I suggest a new framework (healthcare experience design) for outlining this healthcare experience journey to achieve positive health outcomes.

2.2. Technical communication

There are numerous theories and methods used to evaluate the usability of HIT, gain insight on patient satisfaction, and assess the utilization and efficacy of HIT. Patient experience design (PXD) is the term developed by Meloncon (2017) characterizing the, “participatory methodological approach centered on contextual inquiry to understand the relationship between information (or technology) and human activities in healthcare” (p. 20). The concept of health literacy—and eHealth literacy—is imperative for the safe and effective use of HIT and can also increase social disparities in healthcare and the health of particular populations who are not able to access or use HIT due to insufficient or poor health literacy (Monkman & Kushniruk, 2013, 2015; Sarkar et al., 2010). Technical communicators are incumbent in the design of HIT because the discipline is user-centered and has the expertise to compose, design, and deliver information that meets the needs of the target user group.

This interplay between technical communication and the user is also expressed by the overlap between technical communication and the emphasis on context (Redish, 2007; Meloncon, 2016; St.Amant, 2017, 2019b). Healthcare does not occur in a silo, it can occur in many different contexts. The context of use is more than just the physical location of users when they encounter a health situation, it also includes other individuals in their environment, the medium of healthcare delivery, their goals for use, as well as how they are able to use HIT to achieve positive health outcomes. These factors shape the

healthcare experience. Technical communicators are primed to design and delivery complex health information and maximize user interfaces for as many users as possible (St.Amant, 2019a).

2.3. Activity theory

Context of use is germane to activity theory. Activity theory is a socio-cognitive approach to understanding human activities as phenomena situated in a social system (Vygotsky, 1978; Leont'ev, 1978). Activity theory is popular in the Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) community because it primarily focuses on how humans use tools—or technology—during activities that are performed to achieve certain goals (Kuutti, 1996; Nardi, 1996; Wilson, 2008). Activity theory is useful in the context of a healthcare situation because it attempts to model the interactions between users, called subjects, tools, which are the computer-based systems or digital health applications, and the interactions between the two, which is the activity or sequence of activities performed. The activity theory model, often called the activity system, is composed of several components, and is often represented by a triangle illustrating how users interact with tools in order to achieve specific goals (Fig. 2). These actions, described by Vygotsky (1978), are “mediated acts.” The act of mediation indicates how subjects or agents make conscious decisions to use objects or tools in ways that support their activity, yet the design and functionality of as tool inherently shapes an individual’s successful use of the tool. Leont'ev (1978) expanded on the concept of mediation by adding a hierarchical system consisting of a socio-technical system whereby individual activities constitute the execution of one main operation. This is a useful conception when considering all of the different actors (e.g., administrators, doctors, nurses, patients, caregivers) and activities (complete in-take forms, physical examination, engage with EHR, provide patient education, shared-decision making) involved in the practice of healthcare. In the case of a healthcare situation, various users interact with HIT in different contexts, yet all activities are performed in order to achieve positive health outcomes.

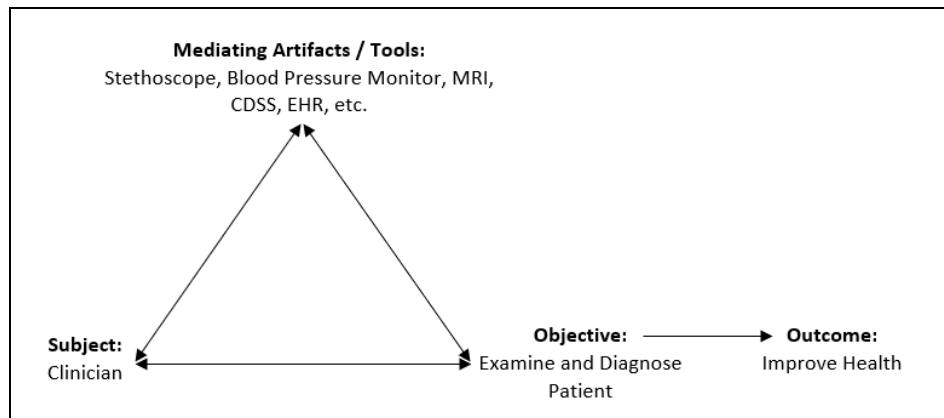


Fig. 2. An example of a healthcare activity system demonstrating the interaction between a subject and tools directed towards an objective. The final outcome is to achieve positive health outcomes.

Activity theory also contributes the notion of “contradictions” in the activity system (Fig. 3).

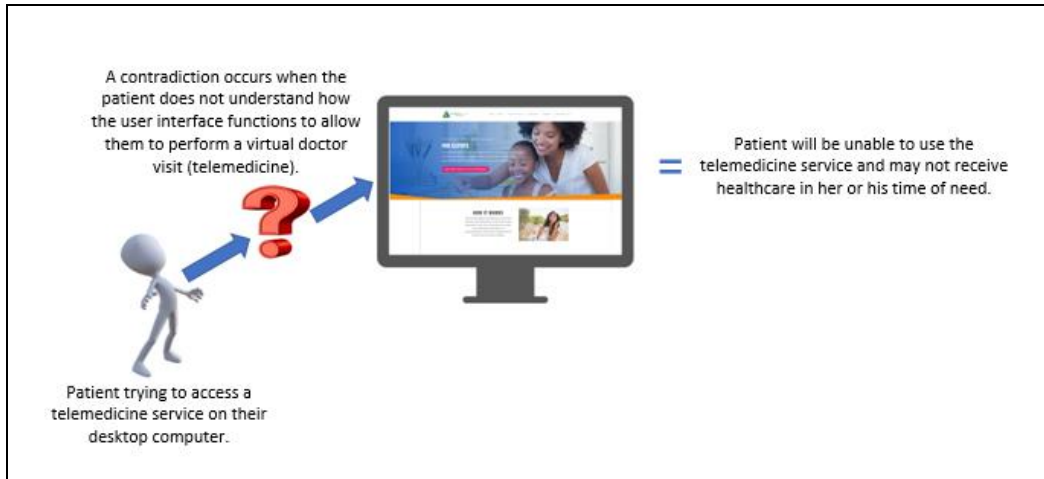


Fig. 3. Contradictions during the interaction between a patient and her or his meaningful use of a HIT

Given that activities are constantly evolving and altered, contradictions appear in an activity system when there are tensions between an activity and any other construct in the activity system or with other activity systems (Engeström, 1987; Sadeghi et al., 2014; Wisner et al., 2017). Contradictions can result when users do not understand how a technology or system functions or how to interact with it effectively to support the activity they are performing. Contradictions, essentially, bring to surface usability problems resulting from poor user interface design. For instance, if a clinician must enter patient medical data in an EHR, and the EHR user interface does not include a specific medical code in a menu, this is a contradiction between how the clinician needs to use the EHR and how the EHR is designed. Contradictions are crucial for identifying usability problems that are embedded in the user interface (Spinuzzi, 1999; Vrazalic, 2003).

Activity theory draws knowledge from several disciplines, including cognitive psychology, HCI, anthropology, philosophy, and linguistics (Patel & Kushniruk, 1998), and it is useful as a descriptive tool to understand humans' cognitive processes as they interact with objects in relationship to other socio-technical constructs (Engeström, 2000; Nardi, 1996; Patel & Kushniruk, 1998).

2.4. User-centered design & usability inspection methods

Both the technical communication and HCI disciplines draw concepts from cognitive science and sociology to understand and design health information that aims for usability. Successful results can be achieved through a series of steps involving analyzing users' needs, developing prototypes of a HIT, and performing usability testing with representative users interacting with these prototypes as they perform real-world tasks (Norman & Draper, 1986). Iterative design is an important step in this process, which is the design modifications done to the technology after the results from usability testing have revealed usability problems (Borycki & Kushniruk, 2005; Kushniruk, 2015; Kushniruk & Patel, 2004; Li et al., 2012). This process is called, user-centered design, by the technical communication community (Redish, 2007; Spinuzzi, 1999; St. Amant, 2017), and involves a collection of different methods under the title, usability engineering

methods, by HCI experts (Monkman & Kushniruk, 2015; Kushniruk & Patel, 2004; Kushniruk & Patel, 2005; Nielsen, 1993).

Regardless of which camp one identifies with, user-centered design and usability inspection methods both are intended to achieve optimal usability for a target user group (Goldberg et al., 2011). Combined with the goal of designing for UX, "...to encourage positive feelings (e.g., satisfying, enjoyable, exciting, motivating, and fun) and minimizing negative feelings (e.g., boring, frustrating, annoying, and cutesy) towards the product" (Punchoojit & Hongwarittorn, 2017), the healthcare experience design framework encompasses the holistic nature of the access, delivery, and receipt of healthcare in order to be able to identify the qualities of usability and a user's perspective that impact the healthcare experience.

3. Healthcare experience design

3.1. What is healthcare experience design?

Healthcare experience design is a conceptual and methodological tool that represents the healthcare experience of any one subject as they progress through the healthcare system. It is a composite of all of an individual's interactions with other humans, from physicians to healthcare insurance providers, and HIT, from web-based patient portals, EHRs, mHealth applications, to other HIT. It is important to understand the network of interactions that occur when designing and implementing HIT because the usability of HIT from any one subject's perspective will inherently impact the usability of that same HIT by another subject (Kaipio et al., 2020; Kastner et al., 2010; Powell et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2019).

Contradictions or breakdowns in the healthcare system accentuate usability problems. Once identifying usability problems in one component of the system, the effects on the relationship between usability and other interactions in the system are also able to be identified, which consequently impact the healthcare experience. For instance, in Kaipio et al's (2020) study of the usability of EHRs from nurses and physicians' viewpoints, nurses found minor technical problems with the user interface, like loss of documented information, to be unsatisfying and result in inefficiencies, whereas, physicians found the EHR easy-to-use. Similarly, Powell et al's (2017) study of patients' perceptions of telemedicine visits revealed that some patients felt the emotional loss of the face-to-face visit with a physician, while other patients using the same telemedicine service felt comfortable with the level of engagement with the physician. Additionally, caregivers' remarks were favorable towards being able to be present during a telemedicine visit whereas they would not have been able to be present at an in-office visit. In another example, Monkman and Kushniruk (2013) performed usability testing of a Personal Health Record (PHR) and discovered that users with limited eHealth literacy found the lack of a legend on the blood pressure graph and medication terminology difficult to understand and use to make decisions about their health. An individuals' eHealth literacy level, "would undoubtedly create problems for users' ability to understand and make use of their health information," (Monkman & Kushniruk, 2015), and must be considered when designing and delivering HIT.

The examples provided elucidate how socio-cognitive-technical and cultural factors affect the usability of HIT and affect different actors in different ways. However, all of these dynamic interactions impact the healthcare experience because the ultimate

goal of healthcare and the use of HIT is to achieve positive health outcomes. The healthcare experience design framework is a useful and valuable tool to map out the access, delivery, and receipt of healthcare from any subject’s perspective in order to be able to identify where usability problems may erupt and affect health outcomes.

3.2. A holistic approach to identifying the interactions between humans and technology in a healthcare network

Because usability problems can erupt from a user’s interaction with a poorly designed HIT to the same degree that an individual’s cognitive capabilities and context of use can impact their ability to meaningfully interact with a HIT to achieve positive health outcomes, the healthcare experience design framework can be used as a conceptual model to be able to identify these components of the healthcare experience. Researchers can use the healthcare experience framework to map out the journey of any one subject or actor in the healthcare system and be able to design studies that are valuable to identifying the effects of usability on the healthcare experience.

Healthcare experience design takes concepts from several theories and framework. Healthcare experience design, as shown in Fig. 4, recognizes that various agents in the healthcare system, interact with each other and with technology, and these interactions are situated in a context. The overarching goal for all the activities in the healthcare network is to improve the health of patients (achieve positive health outcomes). The interactions between agents or users, are individual activity components in the healthcare system. Each activity component may overlap with another. Usability problems that occur at the individual level may contribute to poor usability of the same or different HIT during another agent’s interaction.

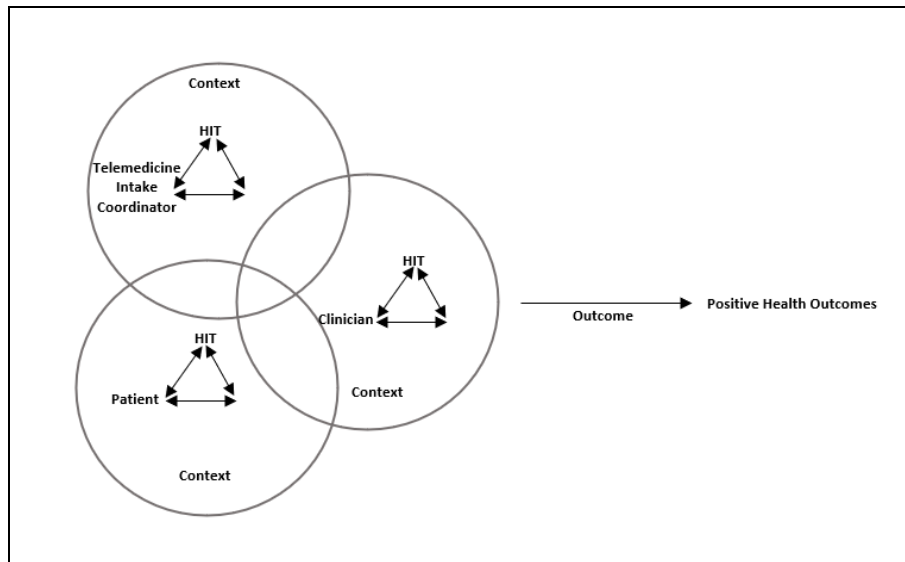


Fig. 4. Example of the healthcare experience design framework. A patient, intake coordinator, and clinician all employ the same telemedicine platform to provide healthcare. The healthcare experience design framework expresses where individual activity components overlap and the relationship between usability.

Once identifying the usability problems exposed by contradictions that exist with one component in the healthcare experience, it can be plugged into the entire healthcare experience network to be able to discover the interplay between individual components and the relationship with usability, as well as the entire healthcare experience. Healthcare experience design situates the subject or human in the context of their interaction with a HIT and situates this component within a network of interactions with other subjects and HIT.

This new framework does not discount existing models (PXD (Meloncon, 2017), eHealth literacy framework (Norgaard et al., 2015), TURF (Zhang & Waljiac, 2011), but rather expands on these models by merging concepts and theories from technical communication, HCI, and other socio-cognitive perspectives to address the entire healthcare experience. Insight gained from employing this conceptual model or methodology should inform the design, development, implementation, and use of tools to ensure all stakeholders involved in a healthcare experience receive beneficial outcomes (Kayser et al., 2015; Kushniruk, 2019).

Next, an example is provided regarding how the healthcare experience design framework can be used to conceptualize a patient moving through the healthcare system in order to achieve positive health outcomes. By using this model, one is able to visualize all of the various interactions between humans and technology that occur and identify areas where usability problems may be pronounced.

3.3. Healthcare experience design: A use case scenario

Healthcare experience design is a useful and valuable conceptual model and methodological approach. Next, an artificial use case scenario (Fig. 5) is provided to demonstrate how healthcare experience design can be applied in the study of the usability of a various HITs involved in any unique healthcare experience.

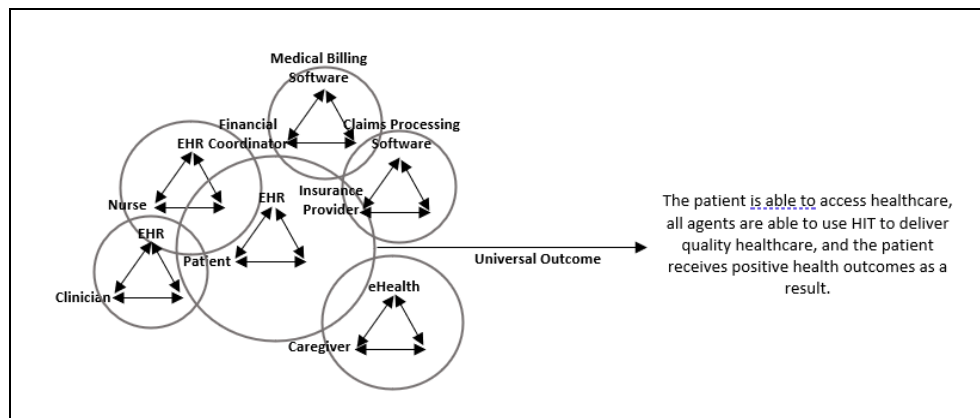


Fig. 5. Artificial use case scenario representing the overlapping interactions and contexts of a healthcare experience. A clinician, nurse, and patient all may use an EHR, in the same and different contexts; a financial coordinator, an insurance provider, and patient may all interact in the same and different contexts using different HIT; a caregiver may also be involved during a patient’s healthcare before, during, and after the delivery of healthcare, and thus may overlap other activity components in similar contexts.

A researcher who wanted to evaluate the usability of a particular EHR can use healthcare experience design to map out the healthcare network that would feature the

EHR under investigation. As shown in the artificial use case in Fig. 5, the healthcare experience design framework allows researchers to be able to identify the various agents or users who interact with the EHR. Thus, the usability from the perspective of these users would need to be accounted for and researchers are able to select the best representative users to perform usability testing of the EHR. Furthermore, the healthcare experience design framework is also able to express the context in which humans and HIT interactions take place allowing researchers to perform usability testing in environments that closely resemble the real-life context of use. Usability is influenced by many individual and contextual factors, and experts argue that usability testing of HIT should be conducted in contexts that simulate a real-life situation and that are naturalistic—in the actual context of use, if possible (Borycki & Kushniruk, 2005; Borycki et al., 2015; Kushniruk et al., 2013). Healthcare experience design is an approach to carefully designing usability studies that best mimic a real-life healthcare experience.

The healthcare experience network includes:

- Context – The physical location, time, space, and social context in which the subject performs the activity.
- Subject / Agent / User – The individual performing actions and tasks, making conscious decisions.
- Mediated artifact / Tool – The health information technology or other non-material artifact that mediate the interactions between humans and other humans and human's goal-directed activities.

The main objective of the healthcare experience is to achieve positive health outcomes. Once identifying these parts of the healthcare experience, researchers and practitioners can begin to map out how each context, subject, and tool overlap, and then discover areas where contradictions are likely to occur.

The healthcare experience design framework is intended to be used flexibly because every user and every healthcare situation is unique and can take place in different contexts. In addition, because usability is influenced by so many fluctuating factors—socio-cognitive-technical and cultural influencers, a flexible approach is required in order to be able to accommodate the dynamic nature of healthcare and adapt to the circumstances of one's study.

4. Conclusion

Despite being new, the healthcare experience design framework blends existing theories and concepts from technical communication, HCI, and cognitive science by applying it to the understanding and testing of usability of HIT. Healthcare experience design can be used as a conceptual model and affords designers and health information providers a useful visualization of the healthcare experience in order to approach designing HIT to be used by target audiences in efficacious and safe ways. In addition, when designing usability studies, healthcare experience design can be used as a methodological approach to map out the access, delivery, and receipt of healthcare, isolate any one component in the healthcare system, and be able to understand the relationship between humans, technology, and usability, as well as how this impacts health outcomes. When designing studies, it is important to perform usability testing with representative target users, in their context of use, and define the constructs of usability that are being measured, such as the user's satisfaction or user interface display suitability. The healthcare experience

design framework is flexible because it allows researchers and practitioners to collaborate and plug into the framework the actors, context, and other elements depending on their expertise, the unique healthcare situation, the HIT, the usability metrics they want to study, and the resources they have available.

Usability is a significant factor in the critical design and evaluation of HIT that is to receive wide-spread consumer adoption and that is to be used safely and effectively. Given that every healthcare situation is unique and the various and dynamic individual and contextual determinants of usability, healthcare experience design is expected to gain attention and traction quickly because of its implications for researchers and practitioners. All individuals have the opportunity to be positively impacted by HIT that is designed for usability, which can be facilitated by the healthcare experience design framework.

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