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New white paper shows immediate need for accelerating adoption of emerging digital health technology in Canada; consequences are significant to digital health innovation

On November 13th, ITAC through its health division, [ITAC Health](#), published a white paper highlighting barriers to the adoption of the emerging technologies that are required to accelerate the transformation of Canada's current healthcare system.

The Paper, titled *Accelerating the Adoption of Digital Health Technologies in Canada*, uses a subset of the emerging technologies such as virtual care, precision medicine, consumer health, the Internet of (health) Things, cloud computing and blockchain – to illustrate the growing gap between the pace of adoption and scale in the Canadian health industry versus other industries and health systems.

The key recommendations of the Paper encourage both the Canadian public and private sectors to be significantly more engaged, collaborative and focused on the common objectives of sustainable investment, standardized procurement, and scalable innovation nationally, across our provincial boundaries, to create a truly Canadian digital health marketplace.

The white paper was developed by the ITAC Health Advocacy Committee, led by past Co-Chairs David Thomas (TELUS Health) and Robert Lazar (BSharp Technologies), and included the broad contribution of many of ITAC's vendor committee members, as well as Brendan Seaton, ITAC Health President, and Elaine Huesing, ITAC Health Executive Director.

To read the full white paper, [click here](#).

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