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Post-Covid 19 Implications

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This research presents an overview of the role of 5G in global healthcare market. In addition, it analyses the impact of future trends on the market while it provides a crucial guidance that aims to transform healthcare. Covid-19 crisis may be an opportunity for learning and improving. 5G drives the economy in post epidemic period permitting faster and better responses to future crisis through advanced technology. Remote health, home education, robotics innovations and autonomous vehicles could not only act as catalysts for

our recovery and readiness for future emergencies, but for reengineering operating models to enable new ways of social and business interaction.

The current crisis offers a new opportunity to educate and explain technology to citizens providing information supported by independent parties, involving people in talks and debates or enabling a forum to open questions. Government, operators and scientific institutions have been forced to evaluate better theories around 5G regarding safety concerns. Proper education will help people to understand the technology and its potential impact on the society reducing the false information spread and, ultimately, the delays caused by such incidences. Some interruptions in 5G implementation plans is inevitable, but it is an imperative for public and private stakeholders to join forces to minimize it, so that wider connectivity and better networks could help our recovery from this crisis. The real opportunity

is to capitalize on the inevitable changes in society that will emerge in the post Covid-19 era and ensure that everyone embraces the capabilities that the 5G technology will present. We have the chance to have a revolution in connectivity services rather than a gradual evolution.[1]

Medical care systems, public health programs, and individual client care approaches are forced to rapidly adapt to infection control measures, often without infrastructure or prior experience. The ideal social distance measures are where there is no chance of exposure or contact, as can be facilitated by remote technologies. Researchers who have studied and promised the potential of telehealth technologies therefore have an urgency to demonstrate how these tools might be quickly adapted for use in new clinical settings during the current crisis in particular, and in future. For this purpose, the solution provided through combining technologies, such as telemedicine, robot-assisted telesurgery social media, mobile applications and biosensors/wearables into clinical care delivery and research for chronic diseases.[2]

[1] *CGI UK Group. (2020). 5G at the time of Covid-19: the real challenges and opportunities. IT and business consulting services.*

[2] *Young, S.D., Schneider, J., (2020) Clinical Care, Research, and Telehealth Services in the Era of Social Distancing to Mitigate COVID-19. AIDS Behavior, Vol (24), pages: 2000–2002.*

asymptomatic citizens from Wuhan because of cost of the test (the reagent was quoted as costing nearly USD 75,000).

Alternative diagnostic and screening tests for Covid-19 will be extremely useful. In this context, China has large datasets of cases positive for Covid-19 (>70,000 cases). Such AI algorithms can then be used as an initial screening tool for suspected cases (e.g., travel history to China, Iran or South Korea, or exposure to confirmed cases) so that patients at higher risk could have confirmatory laboratory-based tests or be isolated. Although most patients have mild cases of Covid-19, physicians have to apply the same level of intensive methods to isolate, treat and monitor all patients. AI algorithms could be developed to help physicians triage patients with Covid-19 into potentially three groups: the 80% who have mild disease, the 15% who have moderate disease and the 5% who have severe disease, including those at high risk of mortality. AI can also facilitate the discovery of novel drugs with which to treat Covid-19.[68]

[68] *KPMG International. (2020). Transforming Healthcare to re-emerge with private networks, 5G, and the Internet of Things.*

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