

# Digitisation Empowers Patients

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# My Sharing

- ▶ Electronics and Computer Hobbyist 🤖
- ▶ Interested in Mechatronics and digitisation
- ▶ Patient, devoted to serve patients and medical people
- ▶ We will look at the following gadgets
- ▶ Digital kettle
- ▶ Sphygmomanometer
- ▶ Blood Glucose meter
- ▶ Oximeter
- ▶ Thermometer
- ▶ HA Go

# How long does water start bubbling?

- ▶ What is the temperature when water starts bubbling?
- ▶ How long does it take for water to start bubbling?
- ▶ How long does it take for water to start roaring?
- ▶ What is the temperature when water boils?



# When and at what ?°C will water bubble?

- ▶ Start heating water at 24°C
- ▶ It takes only 21 seconds to see the bubbles rising from the heating plate



# How long does water roar?

- ▶ Water continues to bubble from 35°C onward
- ▶ Small sound of bubbling can be heard



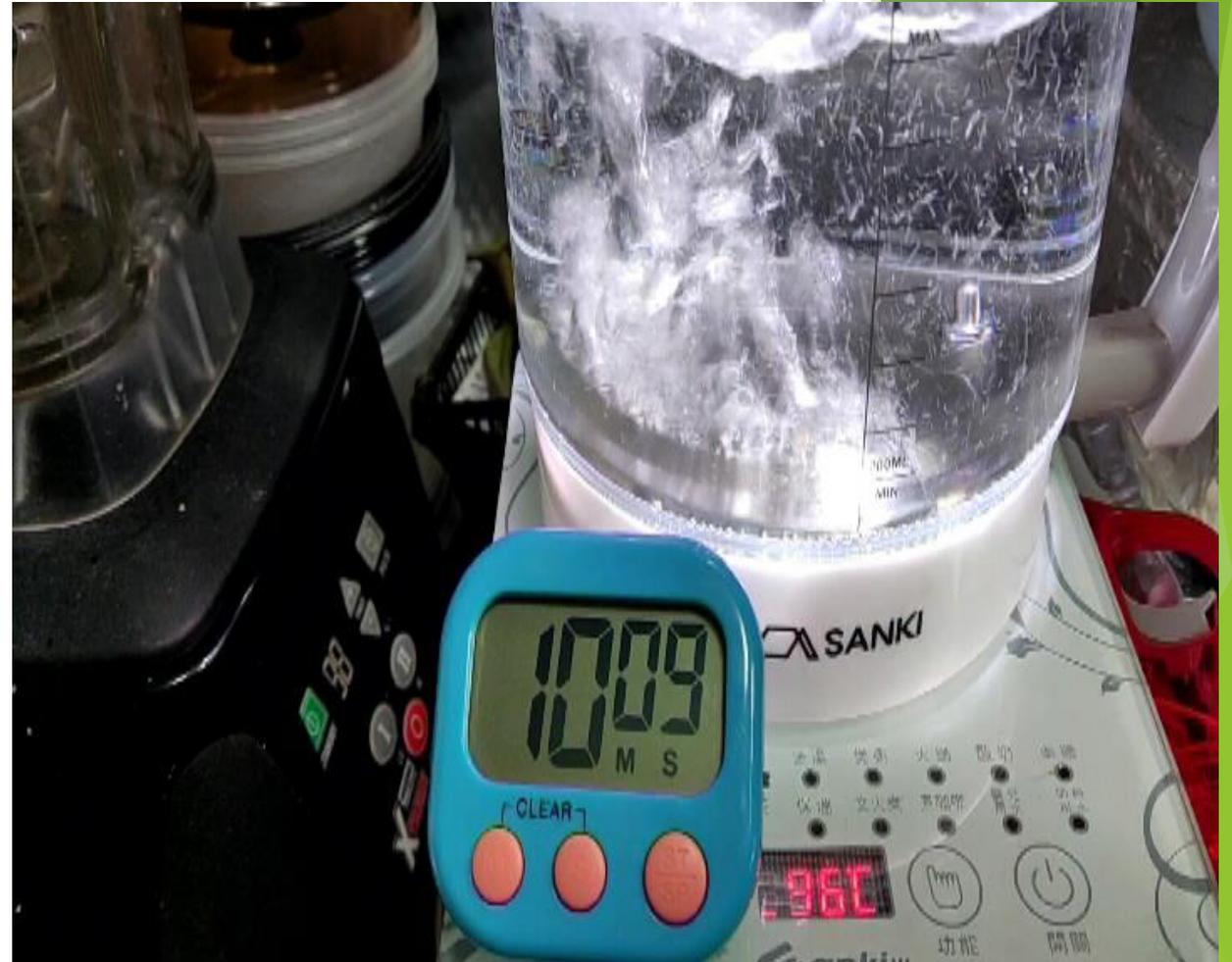
# Water roars loudly

- ▶ At 48°C
- ▶ Water continues to bubble, but there are more and bigger bubbles
- ▶ Roaring sound becomes rather heavy



# Water boils at what temperature?

- ▶ Water continues to bubble
- ▶ A lot of big bubbles emerge
- ▶ water takes 10 minutes and 27 seconds to reach 100 °C



## You now know

- ▶ 1. Water starts bubbling at about 21 sec after being heated at 24 °C
- ▶ 2. The roaring is audible at 48 °C
- ▶ 3. Water roars vigorously at 97 °C
- ▶ 4. Water boils rigorously at 98 °C
- ▶ 5. Power is cut by the controller at 100 °C
- ▶ 6. You have now been empowered to know things about heating water



# Before the advent of sphygmomanometer

- ▶ People were not aware of the danger of High Blood Pressure that might cause Cerebrovascular Diseases
- ▶ They might get stroke and might die or paralyse

# With Mercury sphygmomanometer

- ▶ With the mercury sphygmomanometer
- ▶ Doctors could listen to the sounds of the falling mercury column to determine the Systolic and Diastolic pressures
- ▶ Patients did not bother much about the pressures because they could not read



# Aneroid Sphygmomanometer

- ▶ The Dial type sphygmomanometer is easier to carry around
- ▶ Easier to read than mercury column
- ▶ But the pointer keeps moving quickly
- ▶ Not many patients had the chance to use it



# Digital arm blood pressure meter

- ▶ People can measure their blood pressures at home with digital display in numbers.
- ▶ They become aware of the Systolic and Diastolic pressures in numbers
- ▶ At 120-60 mm, BP is good and they are happy
- ▶ At 140-80 mm, they worry about the high pressures
- ▶ At 180-120 mm, they go to consult their doctors immediately
- ▶ Patients are empowered



# Continuous monitoring of blood pressure

- ▶ With development of IoT, the values of the pressures can be saved on the app of a watch which can be sent to a website
- ▶ A few smart phone companies are researching on measuring blood pressure with smart phone
- ▶ It will become continuous monitoring of the fluctuation of pressures
- ▶ Patients may know the causes of high blood pressures and may be able to avoid them.



# Blood sugar meter (Glucose meter)

Before advent of blood sugar meter

7 symptoms of diabetes:

- 1) Increased thirst & hunger
- 2) Frequent urination
- 3) Fatigue
- 4) Blurred vision
- 5) Slow healing wounds
- 6) Numbness or tingling in the hand or foot
- 7) Unexplained weight loss

# When Glucose meter is cheaply available

people with diabetes learn to monitor their blood sugar levels by

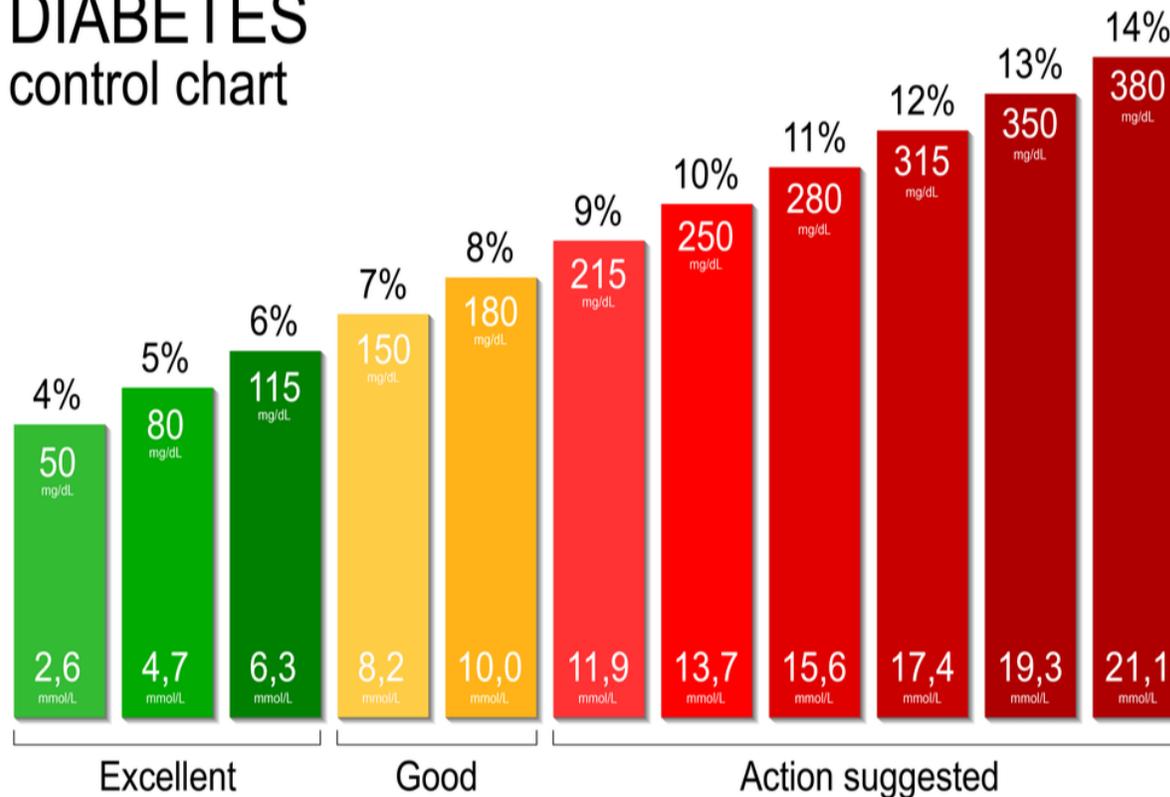
- pricking their finger with a lancet to obtain a small drop of blood
- Placing the blood on a test strip inserted into the meter.
- The meter then measures the amount of glucose in the blood and displays the result on a screen



# Readings from Glucose meter

- ▶ Normal Fasting Range: 3.9-5.6 mmol/L 70-100 mg/dL

## DIABETES control chart

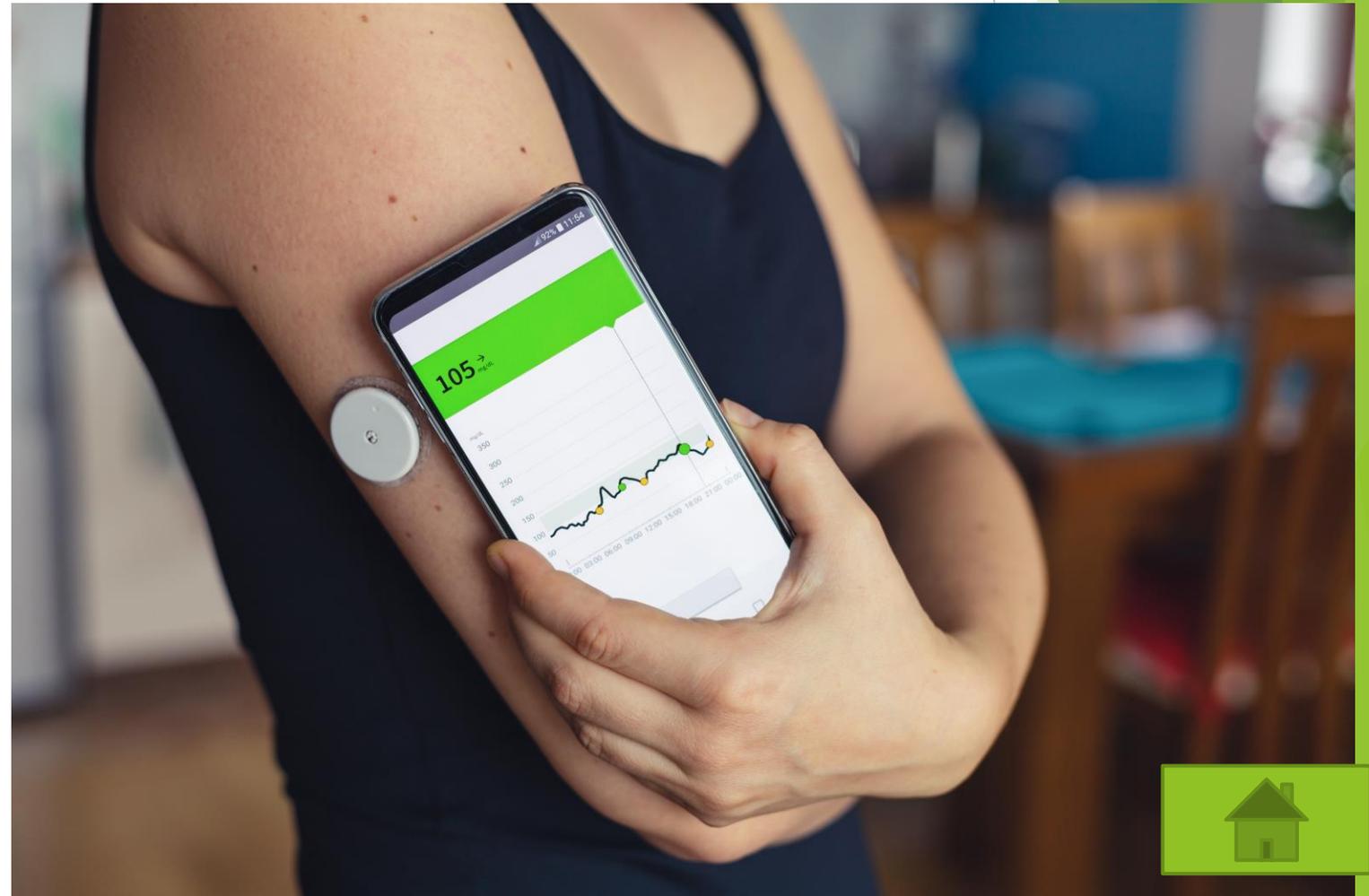


# People with diabetes are empowered

- ▶ They know how to prick their finger
- ▶ They know the meaning of the number
- ▶ They can make informed decisions about their diet, exercise, and medication
- ▶ They know when to eat a candy with glucose or inject insulin

# Continuous Blood Glucose Monitoring

- ▶ Modern technology enables continuous monitoring



# Oximeter

- Dr. Ko Wing-man's story
- It is an invasive major operation to measure blood oxygen level
- An Oximeter is now a non-invasive medical device that gives the oxygen saturation level in numbers.



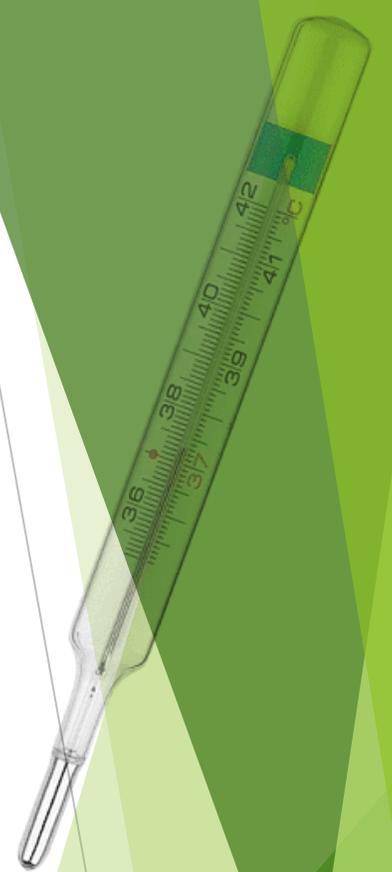
# Oximeter

- The normal range of Oximeter: 95% to 100%
- If the Oximeter reading  $< 90\%$ , potential medical emergency, should seek immediate medical attention.
- It is commonly used by patients with respiratory conditions like Asthma, COPD
- It was use in COVID-19 patients to check breathing
- Patients know how to use it



# Traditional ways to check fever

- ▶ When I was young, thermometer was not easily available
- ▶ TCM practitioners and parents use their hands to check the forehead of the patient
- ▶ Later, mercury thermometers were available.
- ▶ The oral one with longer mercury reservoir
- ▶ The anal one with more robust mercury reservoir
- ▶ Reading the mercury thread was rather difficult.
- ▶ They were not easy to use, and not welcomed by babies and parents.



# Digital Thermometers

Then came the digital ones



# Infrared Thermometers

- ▶ With digital output
- ▶ Easy to use
- ▶ Can store hundreds or thousands of data on the thermometer
- ▶ Can save data to the app of a smart phone



# Water-powered thermometer for the shower

- ▶ How hot would you like the water from your shower?
- ▶ With this gadget in your shower, you know the temperature of water you enjoy most.
- ▶ It prevents scorching babies.



# Cup with digital reading of Temperature

- ▶ How hot would you prefer your coffee?
- ▶ With digital display, you know your favourable temperature of your coffee



# Summary:

- ▶ With **digital kettle**, you are sure the water is boiled and save energy by automatic cutting of electricity
- ▶ **Digital BP meter** empowers patients to know their BP and take proper action
- ▶ **Digital Glucose meter** empowers patients to make informed action
- ▶ **Digital Oximeter** empowers patients to know their blood oxygen level
- ▶ **Digital Thermometer** checks out temperature easily in various situations, and empowers users to make the right choice



# HA Go

- ▶ HA Go is a patient portal implemented by HA in 2019
- ▶ It has many apps for patients to make their hospital visit friendly



## HA Go - Go

- ▶ However, HA Go did not publish individual's examination results in their own account at first
- ▶ I advocated on the release of these results to the owner since 2019 when I was a member of Patient Advisory Committee.
- ▶ Glad that after pushing for more than 2 years, some of these results are now available on HA Go.
- ▶ This will empower patients, just like the digital meters.

# Data shown on HA Go

The image displays four screenshots of the HA Go mobile application interface, showing the progression from the home screen to detailed lab results.

### Home Screen (Screenshot 1)

我的健康

- 自我管理 (Self Management)
- 我的紀錄 (My Records)
- 我的資訊 (My Information)

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### My Records Screen (Screenshot 2)

我的紀錄

就診文檔 | 報告

住院紀錄 (入院日期) ▲  
找不到相關紀錄

急症室紀錄 (求診日期) ▲  
找不到相關紀錄

門診紀錄 (文檔發出日期) ▲

- 2023 2023年2月14日 檢驗備忘表 PDF
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### Record Detail Screen (Screenshot 3)

我的紀錄

就診文檔 | 報告

日期 過去6個月的紀錄 ▼

2023 ▲

CBC  
瑪麗醫院  
2023年2月8日

▼ 顯示報告

Albumin, Albumin Adjusted Ca, Ca, GGT, LFT, Phosphate, RFT  
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2022 ▲

CBC  
瑪麗醫院  
2022年10月19日

▼ 顯示報告

### Lab Results Detail Screen (Screenshot 4)

我的紀錄

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化驗報告 (參考值)	結果 單位
Sodium (136 - 148)	145 mmol/L
Potassium (3.6 - 5.0)	4.0 mmol/L
Urea (3.0 - 8.8)	9.9 mmol/L
Creatinine (67 - 109)	128 umol/L
eGFR(CKD-EPI) (>90)	46 unit
Protein, Total (68 - 84)	70 g/L
Albumin (39 - 50)	42 g/L
Bilirubin, Total (4 - 23)	12 umol/L

▲ 隱藏報告

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# How to empower patients to use their data?

- ▶ Releasing exam data in HA Go alone is not very effective
- ▶ Patients have to know the meaning of these results
- ▶ The results should be uploaded in less than a week
- ▶ The results should be complete
- ▶ A few ways to empower the patients

# Ways to empower patients

- ▶ 1. Patient Empowerment Forum organizes talks
- ▶ 2. Doctors teach patients at consultation sessions
- ▶ 3. Doctors & Nurses to organize talks for their patients
- ▶ 4. Hospitals to organize talks for their patients
- ▶ 5. Patient organisations invite doctors or pharmacists to deliver talks on meaning of results
- ▶ 6. HA Go publishes meaning of results inside HA Go

# After patients know the meaning of results

- ▶ They will check their results after each test
- ▶ They know their current state
- ▶ They will do their best to make the results fit
- ▶ They become better in health
- ▶ They go to hospital less often
- ▶ Doctors & Nurses have lower loads
- ▶ A great save of resources for hospital and HA

**Thank you**