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Creating Healthy Lives—The Future of Medical Innovation

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What is the GII 2019 about?

“Creating Healthy Lives – The Future of Medical Innovation”

#1 Are we about to (re-) enter a new “golden age” of medical innovation?

Or are we facing the «end of rapid health innovation»?



#2 ... what obstacles need to be overcome to reach this potential?

1. **Productivity in healthcare R&D is low**
2. **Innovation diffusion is slow** due to complex interactions between actors in the health ecosystem
 - Slow move of medical innovations “from bench to bedside”
3. Too much effort still spent **fixing rather than preventing** health problems in the first place



#3 there are reasons for optimism



1. A resurgence of health R&D

- Health R&D investment has picked up post-2009 financial crisis; reaching US\$177 billion worldwide in 2019

2. Medical technology patents growing faster than pharma patents

- Med tech patents in top 5 fastest-growing tech fields since 2016; PCT filings nearly 2x volume of pharma patents

3. Is a revival of medical research productivity on the horizon?

- Trends of new patenting and drugs, process innovations in healthcare delivery and “adapted” use of existing technologies in developing countries

#4 Upcoming breakthroughs in medical and health innovation

NEW SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS, TREATMENTS, AND CURES

Genetics and stem cell research

- Single-cell analysis
- Gene and stem cell therapies
- Genetic engineering and editing including CRISPR technology

Nanotechnology

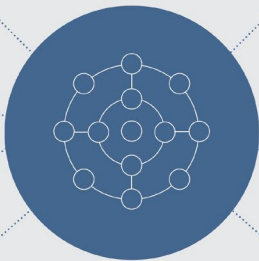
- Swallowable small devices

Biologics

- Development and manufacture of complex biologics

Brain research, neurology, and neurosurgery

- Characterization of the brain's major circuits
- New brain imagery for mental disorders
- Migraine treatment



New generation of vaccines and immunotherapy

- HIV and universal flu vaccine
- Cancer vaccine
- Immunotherapy
- New vaccine delivery

Pain manager

- Effective, non-addictive pain management

Mental health treatment

- Pre-symptomatic diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease
- Cognitive declines

NEW MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES

Medical devices

- 3D printing
- Cardiac devices
- Implants and bionics

Medical imaging and diagnostics

- Optical high-definition imaging and virtual anatomic models
- Biosensors and markers



Precision and personalized medicine

- Computer-assisted surgery
- Surgical robots
- Personalized medicine

Regenerative medicine

- Tissue engineering
- Effective bioartificial pancreas

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCESS INNOVATIONS

Novel approaches in healthcare research

- Software-based modeling to speed up research
- Artificial intelligence techniques to speed up research and clinical trials



New ways of delivering healthcare

- Telemedicine applications
- Drone delivery of medications
- Remote monitoring and portable diagnostics
- Improved data sharing

#5 ... and what are the opportunities and policy imperatives for health innovation?

Ensuring funding for public sector research

Building functional medical innovation systems: from “bench to bedside”

Establishing/maintaining a skilled health workforce

Focusing innovation on prevention

Advancing skills and science education

Supporting new health data infrastructures and digital health strategies

Improving cost-benefit assessments of medical innovation

Debating risks, social values and the value of life



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