Bilaga 2. Forskningsöversikt och litteraturanalys

Denna forskningsöversikt har tagits fram inom ramen för förstudien Din journal på nätet och medföljer som bilaga till delrapport 1.

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Huvudsakligt mål har varit att systematiskt analysera tidigare publicerat material om vad som har gjorts för att underlätta patienters tillgång till sina personliga elektroniska journaler. Artiklarna som valdes ut för denna studie utsöktes via MEDLINE- och Cochranes databaser samt via universitet i Linköpings databas.

PERSONAL HEALTH RECORDS: A LITERATURE REVIEW

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Objective

The aim of this study is to perform a systematic literature review to analyze published work that studied the facilitation of patients' access to their own health records.

INTRODUCTION

For the last few years, the healthcare industry has witnessed a surge in mainstream popularity with advanced technologies. Today in most parts of the world, there has been a gradual shift toward a more patient-centered approach to healthcare. Patients demand for specialized and quality care is ever increasing – and so is the cost of providing health care. The need to reduce the cost of healthcare while improving the quality of care is thus very imperative. Patients are currently being encouraged to take more active participation in their own care and better communication between patients and providers constitute an important component of quality healthcare. Communication between patients and care providers has traditionally occurred through in-person, telephone or paper-based encounters (Hassol, 2004). Due to the evolution of technology, this communication can be done electronically to obtain test results, schedule appointments, and renew prescriptions and so on.

The concept of patients having access to their own medical records is not new. For instance, the "Mother's passport" for pregnant women was introduced in Germany over 45 years ago (Wackerle, 2010). As healthcare consumers, patients have the right to review and obtain copies of their medical information, the right to request amendments and corrections of information that may be erroneous, the right to know who has received copies and reviewed information and the right to complain about medical privacy practices or breach of privacy (Gerard et al., 2009; Fetter, 2009). Electronic medical records (EMR) and electronic health records (EHR) are sometimes used interchangeably to mean the same thing. However the choice of term used is more than an issue of semantics. Indeed they are as different as apples and oranges as Garets and Davis (2005) contend. They emphasize that while EMRs are computerized legal clinical records created in care delivery organizations such as hospitals and physician offices, EHRs represent the ability to easily share medical information among stakeholders and to allow it to follow the patient through various modalities of care from different care delivery organizations. In the same vein, Hayrinen et al (2008) defines HER as a repository of patient data in digital form stored and exchanged securely and accessible by multiple authorized users.

Personal health records (PHR) is any paper-based electronic health record maintained to an extent by the patient and that allows the patient to access his or her health information (Witry et al, 2010; Maloney and Wright, 2009; Roberts, 2009). The conventional paper-based medical records are now giving way to electronic records. Electronic PHRs occur in various forms or models and the distinction is drawn by who maintains and control the PHR and whether they are stand-alone PHRs or integrated with an EHR. For instance, some PHRs are components of an integrated EHR maintained by care providers and partially controlled by the patient or completely maintained and controlled by the patient (Pagliari, 2007). Examples include health kiosks located in hospitals or other convenient locations and patient portals provided by care givers. Other PHRs are in fact a self contained EHR maintained and controlled by the patient or a third party such as web service provider and this type includes Google Health, Microsoft Health Vault and health records on portable devices like USB (Malony and Wright, 2010).

The structure and content of personal health records differ but normally involves a number of features or functions including patient demographic details, health conditions, emergency contacts, immunizations, laboratory tests and results, hospitalizations, medication history (Grossman et al, 2009); self management support, links to educational and other support

sources and secure clinical email (Pagliari, 2007). Some patient portals feature online chatting with the healthcare provider. Markle (2004) suggests that an ideal electronic personal health record should have the following attributes: access controlled by patients, lifelong records, contains information from all care providers, accessible from any place at any time, private and secure, transparent and permit easy exchange of information among healthcare providers and organizations.

The benefits of electronic personal health records cannot be overemphasized enough. Research has advocated that PHRs have the ability to improve the quality of care, improve patient outcomes, enhance communication between patients and their care givers, empower patients to be actively involved in their own healthcare and help reduce the burden of care. Nevertheless, there are many challenges that obstruct the successful adoption and utilization of personal health records. Privacy and security issues remain the main barriers to PHRs aside cost, technology illiteracy, integration and accessibility. With the emergence of EHRs and a mounting emphasis on a shift towards patient-centered approaches to care delivery, it is necessary to explore previous literature and analyze what work has been done in the provision of accessible electronic health records to patients and to recommend future research areas.

METHOD

A systematic literature review based on articles published between 2009 and 2011 was performed. The independent variable under focus was "patient access to health records" and other variables including effects, challenges, adoption, etc were dependent. The target population was adult and adolescent patients. The articles were identified using MEDLINE and Cochrane databases and others were hand searched. Initial query using individual MESH terms like electronic personal health records, mobile health records and patient access to health records yielded no results. A total of 1801 results were recorded for using the search term "electronic health records". However from the review of abstracts available for these articles, most of them were not appropriate for the purpose of this study as they focus more on the implementation of EHRs in healthcare organizations with rare mentioning of patients access to their records. Thus the following phrases were selected as search terms: patient access to records, personal health records, personally controlled health records and patient portals. The resulting query used in MEDLINE was ("Patient access to records" [MESH] OR "Personal health records" [MESH] OR "Personal portals" [MESH] AND ("2009" [PDAT]: "2011" [PDAT]). The query used in

Cochrane was ("Patient access to records [ALL TEXT] OR "Personal health records" [ALL TEXT] OR "Personally controlled health records" [ALL TEXT] OR "Patient portals" [ALL TEXT]) AND DATERANGE 2009-2011. The queries were made in May 2011.

To increase the sensibility of the query results, new selection criteria were introduced. Studies that gave parents or guardians access to health records of their children were excluded. Again articles in other languages besides English were excluded. Articles with no publicized authors were also excluded. Other articles which were excluded were studies that concerned access to patients' health records for the sole purpose of patient recruitment into research.

In a further step, the methodological quality of the articles was evaluated. Due to the fact that all themes with regards to patients' access to their records were being explored, the evaluation of the selection was not based on type of sampling, sample size, data collection techniques. In order to keep the selection as open as possible and to allow for the emergence of different themes and concepts with regards to patients' access to health records, objective of the study and the kind of study were the criteria used for the selection. To this effect, scientific articles were rated higher than editorials, letters, comments, news and other reports. The selected articles also include systematic reviews.

RESULTS

From the 174 articles obtained in MEDLINE search queries, 95 were selected after the titles and abstracts were read and the inclusion criteria was met. A total of 1854 articles were recorded in the Cochrane search queries. Only four met the inclusion criteria and were therefore selected. Seven other articles were selected by hand searching and were included when they met the criteria for inclusion. Thus a total of 106 articles have been reviewed to write this report. Of this number, 64 are scientific articles and the remaining are mostly other journal reports including 11 letter, 1 editorial, 5 news reports and 1 comment to an article. Please find below the complete list of articles selected for this study. As previously stated, no a priori codes were established in order to explore what has been published in the area of personal health records and patients having access to their own records. This allowed for different themes to emerge from the results obtained.

Adoption and Impact of electronic personal health records

About 15 articles discussed the adoption of electronic personal health records into mainstream healthcare. Emery and McDavid (2011), Rudd and Frei (2011), Vogel L (2010) and other researchers are of the view that ePHRs have an important place in health care in the sense that they have the ability to improve communication between patients and providers, reduce medical errors, increase patient participation, and improve patient outcomes and the quality of care among others. Other articles also highlight the possibility that the rate of adoption of electronic personal health records among ethnic minority (Yamin et al, 2011; Roblin et al, 2009) and for underserved and specialized groups of patients like the elderly (Kim et al, 2009). Overall, there is huge interest for health care providers to make health records accessible to their patients and not forgetting the plethora of opportunities this creates for third parties.

Patient expectations and attitudes towards electronic personal health records

Another theme that emerged from the results regards how patients perceive the possibility of having access to their health records and what their needs of an ideal personal health records are. Nine articles placed emphasis on this important element of the provision of health records to patients. Weitzman et al (2009); Wen et al (2010); Or et al (2011); Richter et al (2010); Balas and Sanousi (2009) all contend that patients are generally willing to adopt personal health re0

ords and have access to their health records but they also have high expectations for ePHRs. Patients have a great need for continued communication with their care providers, secured access and privacy, and their data protected. In order to design personal health records that will be patronized by patients, it is important to elucidate the value of the technology, self management practices, identified information needs, practicality, customizability, flexibility and adaptability of the design (Piras et al, 2010). There is also the need for clarified meaning of information being provided. The incorporation of patient feedback on functionality is very important which Wagner et al (2010) and Walker et al (2009) emphasize.

Barriers to the adoption and use of personal health records

Many studies focus on the barriers and challenges that hinder the design, implementation and adoption of personal health records accessible by patients. Perhaps the main concern lies in the premise of ethical and security issues. Weitzman et al (2011); Gamble KH (2009); Cushman et al (2010); Wynia and Dunn (2010) assert that many patients are more worried about data protection and security, privacy and confidentiality than any other difficulty. The

ethical challenges are entrenched in medical legislation. Other problems cited include understanding medical terms and multilingualism of these terms (Zeng-Treitler et al, 2010), consumer health and technology literacy, provider workflow and decision support. A number of studies also highlighted that the inability to share information across different organizations is also a major issue. Interoperability of PHRs and other systems and the integration of PHRs into EHRs were also demonstrated to be contributing factors to the slow adoption of personal health records. Lack of technical support for consumers has also been described as a major barrier. The issue of patients' anxiety that may come with access to their health records has also been considered as a great challenge. Care providers are also very concerned about the extra work they may need to do, for instance replying to emails or chatting online with their patients and therefore normally have a relatively narrow view of PHRs (Wynia et al, 2010. This may lead to resistance to adoption of PHRs on their part.

Patients' experiences of PHRs

Wäckerle et al (2010); Kahn et al (2010); Ralston et al (2009) and others reported high satisfaction rate among patients who have used a form of PHR to access their health records. The patients are of the view that the PHRs are easy to use and find them useful. The personal health records also provide them with safety and they can correct erroneous information in their records. Improved quality of life, less in-person consultations, greater knowledge, and better self-management are cited by researchers as the driving forces of patients' satisfaction with personal health records. Checking laboratory results and pharmacy-related including prescription renewals were reported to be the features frequently accessed.

Design and Implementation

Some articles focused on the different types of personal health records (Fetter, 2009) and some prototypes that have been developed (Burke et al, 2010; Cushman et al, 2010; Cushman et al, 2010). Some of these projects include Project HealthDesign (USA), MyCare card (UK project), DoctorGlobal (Australia), SUSTAINS (Sweden), NHS HealthSpace (UK) (Pagliari, 2007) are all examples of ongoing projects. One important issue discussed concerned data ownership. Integration and interoperability of PHRs with EHRs or stand-alone PHRs were also discussed in some studies.

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Selected Articles

Author	Title	Publication type	Domain	Study Design	Findings or main issues discussed
Bourgeois et al (2009) [1]	MyChildren's: Integration of a Personally Controlled Health Record with a Tethered Patient Portal for a Pediatric and Adolescent Population	Scientific article	Hospital	Multidisciplinary approach	Implementation and evaluation of PHR
Yamin et al (2011) [2]	The digital divide in adoption and use of a personal health record.	Scientific article	Primary care	Cross-sectional study	Ethnic minority patients adopted a PHR less frequently than white patients, and patients with the lowest annual income adopted a PHR less often than those with higher incomes.
Eramo LA (2011)	Patient portals and meaningful use	Journal article			Legislation
Weitzman et al 2009) [4]	Acceptability of a Personally Controlled Health Record in a Community-Based Setting: Implications for Policy Making	Scientific article	Managed care organization	Survey	Low levels of awareness/preparedness and high expectations for PCHRs exist as a potentially problematic pairing. Educational and technical assistance for lay users and providers are critical to meet challenges related to access, resistance, workflow demands, accuracy of data and privacy.
Gerard et al	Personal Touch	Essay	Healthcare		Impact of personal health records

(2009)			consumer technologies		
Fetter MS (2009)	Personal health records	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies		Types of personal health records
Tang and Lee (2009)	Your doctor's office or the Internet? Two paths to personal health records	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies		Utilization of integrated and standalone PHRs
Reti et al (2009)	Governance for Personal Health Records	Scientific article	Hospital, primary care, policy makers	Survey	To improve patient-centered care, policy making for PHRs needs to include patient representation at a governance level.
Weitzman et al (2011)	Helping high-risk youth move through high-risk periods: personally controlled health records for improving social and health care transitions	Scientific article	Hospital		PCHRs AND PHRs can enable supportive interventions tailored to individual patient needs to boost adherence, self-management, and monitoring. Challenges include health and technology illiteracy, privacy and security issues
Gamble KH (2009)	Is it registering? Patient portals, part II	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies		Integration of PHRs into EMRs, privacy and security issues
Lawrence D. (2009)	Footing the bill: patient portals, part I.	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care		Financial management of patient portals
Rudd and Frei (2011)	How personal is the personal health record?: comment on "the digital divide in	Comment, journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care		Utilization of PHRs

Wen et al	adoption and use of a personal health record". Consumers'	Scientific article	Consumer	Survey	Consumer attitudes toward PHRs
(2010)	Perceptions about and Use of the Internet for Personal Health Records and Health Information: Analysis of the 2007 Health Information National Survey	Scientific article	health information	Survey	and their health care providers' use of HIE. Despite widespread positive appraisal of electronic access to PHRs as important, Internet use for tracking PHRs remains uncommon.
Tenforde et al (2011) [15]	The Value of Personal Health Records for Chronic Disease Management: What Do We Know?	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care etc	Systematic review	The evidence remains sparse to support the value of PHR use for chronic disease management. With the current policy focus on meaningful use of electronic and personal health records, it is crucial to investigate and learn from new PHR products so as to maximize the clinical value of this tool
Emery and McDavid (2011) [16]	Electronic copy versus electronic access.	Journal article			Adoption of PHRs and legislation
Cross M (2011)	BMA warns against letting patients have access to their electronic records.	News	Primary care		BMA sounds a note of caution likely benefits, and ethical acceptability of the government's plan for NHS patients to take control of their own medical records
Down J.C.	Transparency makes for	Letter	Primary care		Medico-legal vulnerability

(2011)	good quality health care				
Burke et al (2010)	Transforming patient and family access to medical information: utilization patterns of a patient-accessible electronic health record	Scientific article	Hospital	Survey	A web-based Patient Accessible Electronic Health Record was designed for patients with congenital cardiac disease. The adoption rate was high, and utilization patterns suggest that the Electronic Health Record could become a useful tool for health information exchange
Wynia et al (2011)	Many Physicians are Willing to Use Patients' Electronic Personal Health Records, but Doctors Differ by Location, Gender and Practice	Scientific article	Primary care	Survey	Physicians broadly have concerns about the impact on patients' privacy, the accuracy of underlying data, their potential liability for tracking all of the information that might be entered into a personal health record, and the lack of payment to clinicians for using or reviewing these patient records
Brennan et al (2010)	Project HealthDesign: rethinking the power and potential of personal health records.	Scientific article	Consumer health information	Design -Prototyping	Separating data from the applications that used the data enhanced the innovation in the tools available for lay people engaged in self-management, and portends increased innovation and flexibility in design and application. Challenges include privacy and accessibility issues, integration of data and to generate trusted data exchange agreements between formal health care

					organizations and third party data integrators like Microsoft HealthVault.
Wagner et al (2010)	Incorporating Patient Perspectives into the Personal Health Record: Implications for Care and Caring	Scientific article	Ambulatory care	Case study	Incorporation of patient feedback on specific utilities and functionality into an existing electronic PHR
Cushman et al (2010)	Ethical, legal and social issues for personal health records and applications.	Journal article	Consumer health information	Observational study	This article summarizes the issues raised by the first phase of Project HealthDesign projects, categorizing them into four topics: privacy and confidentiality, data security, decision support, and HIPAA and related legal-regulatory requirements
Wäckerle et al (2010)	Notes on a stick: use and acceptability of woman-held maternity notes	Scientific article	Hospital	Survey	The questionnaire confirmed that issuing women with their maternity notes on a USB stick is a major advance in patient empowerment, satisfaction and safety
Wiljer et al (2010)	Understanding the Support Needs of Patients Accessing Test Results Online	Scientific article	Hospital	Survey	Seven categories of technical support issues were identified: registration problems, site access, login issues, password reset, activation key issues, result access and other difficulties
Ko et al (2010)	Patient-held Medical Records for Patients with Chronic Disease: a Systematic Review	Scientific article		Systematic review	There is no clear benefit of implementing a PHR, and due to medium to high risk of bias these findings should be interpreted with caution

Sujansky et al (2010)	A method to implement fine-grained access control for personal health records through standard relational database queries.	Scientific article	Consumer health information	Design -Prototyping	Design and implementation of access-control mechanism for PHR repositories
Or et al (2011)	Factors affecting home care patients' acceptance of a webbased interactive selfmanagement technology	Scientific article	Home care	Cross-sectional	The study demonstrates that perceived usefulness, perceived ease of use, subjective norm, and healthcare knowledge together predict most of the variance in patients' acceptance and self-reported use of the web-based self-management technology.
Jones et al (2010)	Characteristics of Personal Health Records: Findings of the Medical Library Association/ National Library of Medicine Joint Electronic Personal Health Record Task Force	Scientific article	Consumer health information	Review	While most PHR products have some common elements, their features can vary. PHRs can link their users with librarians and information resources.
Pearson et al (2011)	Potential for Electronic Health Records and Online Social Networking to Redefine Medical Research	Journal article	Consumer health information	Review	The future confluence of health information technologies will enable researchers and clinicians to reveal novel therapies and insights into treatments and disease management
Vogel L (2010)	"Blue button" access to medical records	News			Benefits of PHRs
Bonander and	Public health in an era	Scientific article	Public health	Survey	Benefits of PHRs on public health

Gates (2010)	of personal health records : opportunities for innovation and new partnerships.				
Vogel L (2010)	OpenNotes Project "levels the playing field" between doctors and patients	News	Consumer health information		Adoption of electronic PHRs
Yaqub et al (2010)	Distributed Guidelines (DiG): A Software Framework for Extending Automated Health Decision Support to the General Population	Scientific article	Consumer health information		Developed framework and methodology to create personal health record (PHR) systems able to transform raw health data into meaningful information
Oftedahl et al (2010)	The Future of Personal Health Records: A Summary of Roundtable Discussion	Journal report	Consumer health information		Patients attitudes and expectation of PHR
Greenhalg et al (2010)	Adoption, non- adoption, and abandonment of a personal health record: case study of HealthSpace	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care etc	Case study	Personal electronic health record s align closely with people's attitudes, self management practices, identified information needs
Delbanco et al (2010)	Open Notes: Doctors and Patients Signing on	Scientific article	Hospital Primary care	Survey	The team anticipates that "open notes" will spread and suggests that over time, if drafted collaboratively and signed by both doctors and patients, they might evolve to become contracts for care
Page (2010)	The two paths to PHRs	Journal article	Healthcare		Adoption of either a tethered or

			consumer technologies.		untethered PHR
Fonda et al (2010)	Combining iGoogle and personal health records to create a prototype personal health application for diabetes self-management	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies	Design –Prototyping	Creation of a prototype for a personal health application (PHA) for patients. This PHA can provide the backbone for a decision support system that can bring together the cornerstones of diabetes self-management
Johnson (2010)	Project HealthDesign: advancing the vision of consumer-clinician- computer collaborations	Editorial	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care etc		Adoption and barriers to PHRs
Webster PC (2010)	Albertans to gain electronic access to personal health files	News	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care etc		Adoption and acceptance f PHRs
Horan et al (2010)	A Multidimensional View of Personal Health Systems for Underserved Populations	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care etc	Grounded theory methodology	The conclusion notes that heightened national attention toward health information technology and reform provides a significant opportunity for initiatives whose goal is to increase widespread access to PHRs
Wynia and Dunn (2010)	Dreams and nightmares: practical and ethical issues for patients and physicians using personal health	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care etc		Usage , barriers and ethical issues concerning PHRs

	records				
Reti et al (2010)	Improving Personal Health Reords for Patient-centered Care	Scientific article	Hospital, primary care, ambulatory care, policy making	Survey	Most organizations enable many patient-centered functions such as data access for proxies and minors. No organization allows patient views of clinical progress notes, and turnaround times for PHR reporting of normal laboratory results can be up to 7 days
Kahn et al (2010)	Personal Health Records in a Public Hospital: Experience at the HIV/AIDS Clinic at San Francisco General Hospital	Scientific article	Primary care	Survey	Laboratory results were the most commonly accessed feature. Patients were satisfied with the PHR and more than 80% of users agreed that the PHR helped them manage their medical problems; however, some users were concerned that their health information was not accurate or secure. Patients in a safety net setting will access and use an online PHR.
Johnson et al (2010)	Patient Access to Radiology Reports: What Do Physicians Think?	Scientific article	Hospital	survey	Regarding direct patient online access to results, both radiologists and RPs were concerned that patients would not understand report contents and that such access would lead to greater patient anxiety and demands on RPs' time. Referring physicians were also concerned that direct patient access to results would cause RPs to lose some control in the patient-

					physician relationship
Fisher et al (2009)	How Patients Use Access to their Full Health Records: a Qualitative Study of Patients in General Practice	Scientific article	Primary care	Survey	This study suggests that record access improves shared management, with patients using their records to improve interactions with healthcare providers, make decisions about their health and improve the quality of the care they receive. These findings also suggest a possible long-term potential for record access to improve health outcomes.
Nazi et al (2010)	Embracing a Health Services Research Perspective on Personal Health Records: Lessons Learned from the VA My HealtheVet System	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies	Survey	The need to address PHR data ownership and consent, and the promotion of effective PHR research collaborations. User experiences
Nazi (2010)	Veterans' Voices: Use of the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) Survey to I dentify My HealtheVet Personal Health Record Users' Characteristics, needs and Preferences	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies	Survey	Satisfaction with My HealtheVet is high and users are highly likely to return to the site and recommend the site to other veterans. Most veterans currently visit the site to utilize pharmacy-related features
Peregrin (2009)	Personal and electronic	Journal article	Healthcare	Case study	Interoperability and incorporation

	health records: sharing nutrition information across the health care community		consumer technologies		of PHR in nutritional assessments
Maloney and Wright (2010)	USB-based Personal Health Records: An Analysis of Features and Functionality	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies	survey	While PHRs are very important in the health care field, at the present time, USB-based PHRs currently on the market appear to have deficiencies. Tethered or web-based PHRs may be a better option for consumers at present.
Hannan (2010)	Providing patients online access to their primary care computerized medical records: a case study of sharing and caring	Scientific article	Primary care	Case study	This case study provides a model of how to set up patient access to electronic records
Hargreaves (2010)	Will electronic personal health records benefit providers and patients in rural America?	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care etc	Literature search	Electronic PHRs hold great promise to enhance access and improve the quality of care provided to patients in rural America. Government, vendors, and insurers should create incentives for providers and patients to implement PHRs.
Marshall (2009)	Keeping tabs. How personal health records are changing the face of healthcare	Journal article	Consumer health information		Stakeholders perspective of PHR adoption
Witry et al (2010)	Family Physician Perceptions of Personal Health Records	Scientific article	Primary care	Focus groups	While physicians identified numerous patient groups that could benefit from using PHRs, they also

Schoevers et al (2009)	Patient-held Records for Undocumented Immigrants: a Bind Spot. A Systematic Review of Patient-held Records	Scientific article	Primary care	Systematic review	perceived several unique barriers, including the potential of PHRs to facilitate narcotic abuse, low levels of patient computer and health literacy, low levels of patient motivation, and difficulties with PHR and electronic medical record interoperability. Physicians' relatively narrow view of PHR functions and benefits and perception of barriers to using PHRs may restrict widespread support of PHR use. A PHR for undocumented immigrants seems to be appropriate because in most cases there is no other record available
Osborn et al (2010)	Patient Web Portals To Improve Diabetes Outcomes: A systematic Review	Scientific article	Primary care	Systematic review	A summary of 26 articles revealed the positive impact patient web portals have on patient outcomes, patient -provider communication, disease management, and access to and patient satisfaction with health care. Innovative and useful approaches included the evaluation of specific components of the PWPs, assessing the impact of PWPs on mediators of health behaviors, such as patient distress, identification of barriers to use, and

					patient willingness to pay for access.
Fetter (2009)	Personal Health Records: Protecting Behavioural Health Consumers' Rights	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care etc		Privacy issues concerning use of PHRs
Ralston et al (2011)	Group Health Cooperative's Transformation Toward Patient- Centered Access	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care	Survey	Patients reported high satisfaction with Group Health which includes access to health records
Pringle and Lippitt (2009)	Interoperability of electronic health records and personal health records: key interoperability issues associated with information exchange	Journal article (essay)	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care		Interoperability between EHR and PHR
Richter et al (2010)	Changing attitudes towards online electronic health records and online patient documentation in rheumatology outpatients	Scientific article	Hospital	Survey	Attitudes of patients with rheumatic disorders (Internet users and non-users) towards online EHRs have improved
Roblin et al (2009)	Disparities in Use of a Personal Health Record in a Managed Care Organization	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care	Cohort study	Differences in education, income, and Internet access did not account for the disparities in PHR registration by race. In the short-term, attempts to improve patient access to health care with PHRs

					may not ameliorate prevailing disparities between African Americans and whites.
Chen (2010)	The role of patients in transiting personal health information: a field study	Scientific article	Hospital Primary care	Ethnographic study	The self-managed records provide patients with a strong sense of ownership and control over their own health information. This study indicates that patients can be effective contributors to their own health and suggest the design of health information systems to rethink the role of patients in the healthcare process and shift the responsibility of healthcare to the patients' side
Kim et al (2009)	Challenges to Using an Electronic Personal Health Record by a Low-income Elderly Population	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies	Survey	Use was also highly correlated with the availability of in-person assistance. Residents' ability to use the PHR system was limited by poor computer and Internet skills, technophobia, low health literacy, and limited physical/cognitive abilities. Our findings suggest that those who can benefit the most from a PHR system may be the least able to use it. Disparities in access to and use of computers, the Internet, and PHRs may exacerbate health care inequality in the future.
DeTora and	The New Age of	Journal article	Healthcare		Use, development and resistance to
Linkon (2009)	Healthcare Communications		technologies		patient portals

Wiljer et al (2010)	The anxious wait: assessing the impact of patient accessible EHRs for breast cancer patients	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care	Quasi-experiment	Participants generally found the portal easy to use; however, the perceived value of improved participation was not detected in the self-efficacy scores. Having access to personal health information did not increase anxiety levels. These results suggest that the use of this PHR may be of benefit for informing patients.
Roberts (2009)	Personal Electronic Health Records: from Biomedical Research to people's health	Conference report	Healthcare consumer technologies		The key messages of the conference were: PEHR have the potential to ensure equity, continuity and healthcare quality. Ethical dilemmas are already emerging from the use of PEHRs - largely stemming from our experiences within the UK
Miller et al (2011)	Web-based Self- Management for Patients with Multiple Sclerosis: a Practical, Randomized Trial	Scientific article	Hospital Primary care	Randomized controlled trial	We established the feasibility of conducting a randomized, controlled trial using e-PHRs for patient self-management. We did not find that e-PHR-enabled self-management augmented multidisciplinary MS center-based care, possibly because the differences between interventions were not great enough.
Frampton et al (2009)	Open Medical Records	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies.		Implementation and users' perception of open medical records

			Primary care		
Tuil et al(2009)	Dynamics of Internet Usage During the Stages of in vitro Fertilization	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care	Survey	This reflects the patients' need for continued communication and support during the last stages of treatment, a service that IVF clinics traditionally cannot or do not provide.
Horan et al (2009)	The Prospective Role of Personal Health Records in Streamlining and Accelerating the Disability Determination Process	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care	Literature search	Our research suggests that system wide improvements such as the Nationwide Health Information Network and other such health information technology initiatives could be used to bring benefits to the disability community.
Frisse (2010)	Health Inforamtion Exchange in Memphis: Impact on the Physician-Patient Relationship	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies. Primary care		Early evidence suggests a positive impact on patient care and a change in the way providers interact with their patients and on another. Personal health records , consolidated EHR systems, and other alternative models promise to have similar impacts on the way in which providers and patients interact with one another
Dixon et al (2009)	Assessing HIE Stakeholder Readiness for Consumer Access: Lessons Learned from the NHIN Trial Implementations	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies	Survey	The conversations identified important concerns that need to be addressed. These challenges include provider workflow, authentication of consumer access , impact on provider- patient communication and consumer health literacy. Developers,

Goedert (2009)	Keeping Personal Health Records	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies		policymakers, providers and patients should work together to confront and find solutions to these challenges to achieve the full potential of PHRs in the healthcare system. Confidentiality issues concerning PHRs
Groll et al (2009) [112]	Electronic Surveillance of Testicular Cancer: Understanding Patient Perspective on Access to Electronic Medical Records	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies Primary care	Survey	Practicality, meaning of information, patient-physician relationship, risk of recurrence, and role of technology were identified as interrelated factors that frame how patients regard potential surveillance technology. The influence of each factor hinged on its relationship with reassurance—the central predominant factor. Additionally, time since start of surveillance seemed to affect the relative importance of all other factors.
Grossman et al (2009)	Information Gap: Can Health Insurer Personal Health Records Meet Patients' and Physicians' Needs?	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies Primary care Insurance claims	Case study	Physicians question (1) the validity of claims data in making treatment decisions and (2) whether accessing these PHRs is worth the disruptions to their workflow
Vishwanath (2009)	Using Frames to Influence Consumer Willingness to Pay for	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies	survey	The findings demonstrate the need to carefully communicate the value of a technology to adopters and

	the Patient Health Record: a Randomized Experiment		Primary care		suggest the possibility of using frames to spur the diffusion of PHRs.
Lahteenmaki et al (2009)	Interoperability of personal health records	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies	Design-prototype	Interoperability, requirements related to exchanging non-clinical PHR information between services
Jenkins et al (2009) [119]	Integration of self- management tools in personal and provider e-health records	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies Primary care		Challenges in basic issues such as user characteristics, practice traditions of data ownership and workflow, and financing are discussed.
Zeng-Treitler et al (2010) [129]	Can multilingual machine translation help make medical record content more comprehensible to patients?	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies	Case study	Multilingualism of medical terms in PHRs
Fernandes- Luque et al (2010)	Personalized Health Applications in the Web 2.0: the Emergence of a new approach	Review	Healthcare consumer technologies		We reviewed the health applications integrated in Google Health, Microsoft HealthVault and Facebook. We studied the goals of the applications and also the personalized feedback they provided.
Wald et al (2010)	Implementing practice- linked pre-visit electronic journals in primary care: patient and physician use and satisfaction.	Scientific article		Randomized controlled trial, survey	Surveyed patients reported they felt more prepared for the visits and more accurate information about them. More arm 1 versus arm 2 providers reported that ejournals are helpful to patients in visit

Simborg (2009)	The Limits of Free Speech	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies Primary care		preparation and would recommend them to colleagues eJournal integration into practice warrants further study Integration issues regarding PHRs
Walker et al (2009)	Insights for internists: "I want the computer to know who I am"	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies Primary care	Survey	Focus group participants have dynamic ideas about how information and related technologies could improve personal health management. Their perspectives, largely absent from the medical literature, provide insights that health professionals may lack
Neupert and Mundie (2009)	Personal Health Management Systems: Applying the Full Power of Software to Improve the Quality and Efficiency of Care	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies Primary care	Review	Integration and interoperability
Jones (2009)	The Role of Health Kiosks in 2009: Literature and Informant Review	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies Primary care		A role remains for: (a) integrated kiosks as part of patient 'flow', (b) opportunistic kiosks to catch people's attention. Both require clear 'ownership' to succeed.
Balas and Sanousi (2009)	Interoperable Electronic Patient Records for Health	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies		Expectations for PHRs. Interoperability

	Care Improvement				
Kahn et al (2009)	What it takes: Characteristics of the Ideal Personal Health Record	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies Primary care		Current barriers to PHR adoption among patients include cost, concerns that information is not protected or private, inconvenience, design shortcomings, and the inability to share information across organizations
Ralston et al (2009)	Web-Based Collaborative Care for Type 2 Diabetes	Scientific article	Hospital	Randomized controlled trial	Care management delivered through secure patient Web communications improved glycemic control in type 2 diabetes. Adoption of PHRs
Randeree (2009)	EExploring Technology Impacts of Healthcare 2.0 Initiatives	Journal article	Healthcare consumer technologies	Review	Technical challenges of adoption of PHRs
Brennan et al (2009)	Project HealthDesign: Rethinking the Power and Potential of Personal Health Records	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies	Design-prototype	The project advanced PHR development in two key ways: intensive user-centered design and a development architecture that separates applications of PHRs from the infrastructure that supports them. The initiative also allowed systematic investigation of significant ethical, legal and social issues, including how privacy considerations are changed when information technology innovations are used
Sorenson (2009) [161]	Patient portals: survey of nursing	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer	Literature review	It is evident that there is no standard of the scope of functions

	informaticists		technologies		that are essential in the Patient
			Primary care		Portals and to date most are only
					accessible in English. If we are
					truly moving towards a patient
					centered focus in health care in a
					diverse society, we need to design
					patient portals that tailor these
					resources to the needs of this
					diverse population
Raths (2009)	Is the bar still too high?	Journal article	Healthcare		Portal offerings from EHR vendors
, , , ,			consumer		may be convenient but they could
			technologies		also limit your ability to add
					features or get data from other
					systems. Although the ROI on the
					clinical side is likely to be more
					qualitative that quantitative,
					administrative efficiencies should
					be easier to demonstrate.
Henderson and	User-held Personalised	Scientific article	Healthcare	Systematic review	There is a gap in the evidence
Laughame	Information for Routine		consumer		regarding patient-held,
(2011)	Care off People with		technologies		personalised, accessible clinical
	Severe Mental Illness		Primary care		information for people with
					psychotic illnesses. It cannot be
					assumed that patient-held
					information is beneficial or cost-
					effective without evidence from
					well planned, conducted and
					reported randomised trials
Brown and	Giving Women their	Scientific article	Primary care	Systematic review	All the trials reported that more
Smith (2011)	Own Case Notes to				women in the case notes group
	Carry During				would prefer to hold their antenatal
	Pregnancy				records in another pregnancy, but

					there was not enough evidence to determine the effect of women carrying their own case notes on health behaviours such as smoking and breastfeeding and clinical outcomes.
Miller et al (2011)	Web-based Self- Management for Patients with Multiple Sclerosis: a Practical, Randomized Trial	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies Primary care	Systematic review	Self-management support is an emerging aspect of chronic care management. We established the feasibility of conducting a randomized, controlled trial using e-PHRs for patient self-management. We did not find that e-PHR-enabled self-management augmented multidisciplinary MS center-based care, possibly because the differences between interventions were not great enough
Emont (2011)	Measuring the Impact of Patient Portals: What the Literature Tells Us	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies Primary care	Systematic literature review	Many research initiatives document patient-level measures such as use of patient portals features, user demographics, and overall satisfaction with the portal. A limited number of studies bridge the gap between patient-level measures and long-term outcome measures, including health care quality indicators and operational efficiency. Factors that point to future acceleration of patient portal use and impact measurement include: (1) the need to meet

					meaningful use requirements; (2) a greater focus on patient- and family-centered care; and (3) increased patient demand for health information technology.
Piras et al (2010)	Prototyping a Personal Health Record Taking Social and Usability Perspectives into Account	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies	Design -prtotyping	We identified three distinct document management strategies (zero effort, erratic, networking) and 'translated' them into three design characteristics: flexibility, adaptability and customizability. We argue that the key to such PHR success is its capability to support the existing activities carried out by laypeople in managing their health record.
Hoerbst et al (2010)	Attitudes and Behaviours Related to the Introduction of Electronic Health Records among Austrian and German Citizens	Scientific article	Primary care	Survey	Majority of respondents were supportive of the idea of an electronic health record exchange of health-related data between healthcare providers as core functionality of an HER. However many respondents formulated concerns with regard to data protection and data security within an EHR.
Heinze and Bergh (2009)	Establishing a Personal Electronic Health Record in the Rhine- Neckar Region	Scientific article	Healthcare consumer technologies	Design-prototype	Vision for the system, technical aspect, status and experience