Foreword

Many people consider health informatics as innovation concept in the future and not a concept of continuous improvisation of health processes and systems. The attitude has led to extensive knowledge sitting in academic research output on how health information technology has been used to improve health care across the globe. Therefore reading this book will enable the readers to understand and interpret the process of improvisation of health care delivery processes in relation to adverse health incidences in various regions and settings of this world.

The chapters in this book bring to bear the opportunities in the health care delivery industry and the need for multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary empirical research where findings make health care accessible and affordable. The researchers who have immensely contributed chapters have not only brought readers and other researchers closer to creative, innovative thinking and ways to improve health care delivery in the different countries, but have also brought it closer to effective technology-in-practice in underdeveloped countries.

It is imperative that with today’s knowledge economy where technology is mushrooming, contributions such as the chapters in this book compel technology architects and systems developers to take a cue from where health care delivery will need the power of informatics.

Also, it is interesting to note how social theories have been used to help the readers to understand how socially constructed health phenomena have been interpreted. Furthermore, where system theory has been used, the underpinning principles of process and systems integration have been made critical for low cost and accessible health care. This is of course, represents an admirable approach as it serves to teach, stabilize, and give meaning and future direction to immerging and existing researchers in the health informatics discipline.

This book is recommended for both practitioners and researchers in the health care delivery industry. It can further be used as the basis for further research in an attempt to improve access to affordable health care in developing countries. The book should assist in the conscious development of future health care practitioners and researchers in health informatics.

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