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Dorenfest China Healthcare Consulting Group :

Three Improvement opportunities in China Health IT

(By Ying Yijie, China Computer World)

The first round of Healthcare Reform has brought dramatic of money into Health IT. Money needs to be spent wisely. But what is missing in China's HIT and how we should spend the money wisely? In worldwide health IT investment structure, the investment in health IT service is 58.3% in the US, but in China it is only 13%. However, China spends 64.7% of its the investment in health IT on hardware.

According to Mr. Sheldon Dorenfest, the CEO of the Dorenfest China Healthcare Group, China health IT has made dramatic progress in recent 10 years, but there are still challenges. "China should learn the lessons of the US, and avoid the mistakes of the US HIT industry." he says.

Starting from 2005, Mr. Dorenfest has visited more than 100 hospitals in 17 cities in China, and met with around 100 thought leaders in China health IT. Through deep research of China health IT, Mr. Dorenfest found that China health IT industry has three major improvement opportunities. First of all, Chinese hospital's skill in analyzing the user needs and developing a IT strategic plan needs to be improved. Secondly, Hospital IT system needs to be better integrated with the hospital's work flow. Hospital users need to be better trained to better understand how to use IT to improve their work. Thirdly, Chinese hospital also needs to improve its change management skill in system implementation in order to get more value out of their IT investment. China HIT development has its own characteristics. Thus it is not appropriate to copy the US health IT development model into China. These three core challenges are the key issues China needs to address in new health IT development.