



Your health information in your hands.

Dossia is empowering people to make better health care decisions

Information is the key to making optimal decisions, in any situation. But people can only act on what they know.

Imagine the banking system without electronic data exchange or ATM machines. Imagine the transfer of information without the Internet or email. That is the state of American health information management today.

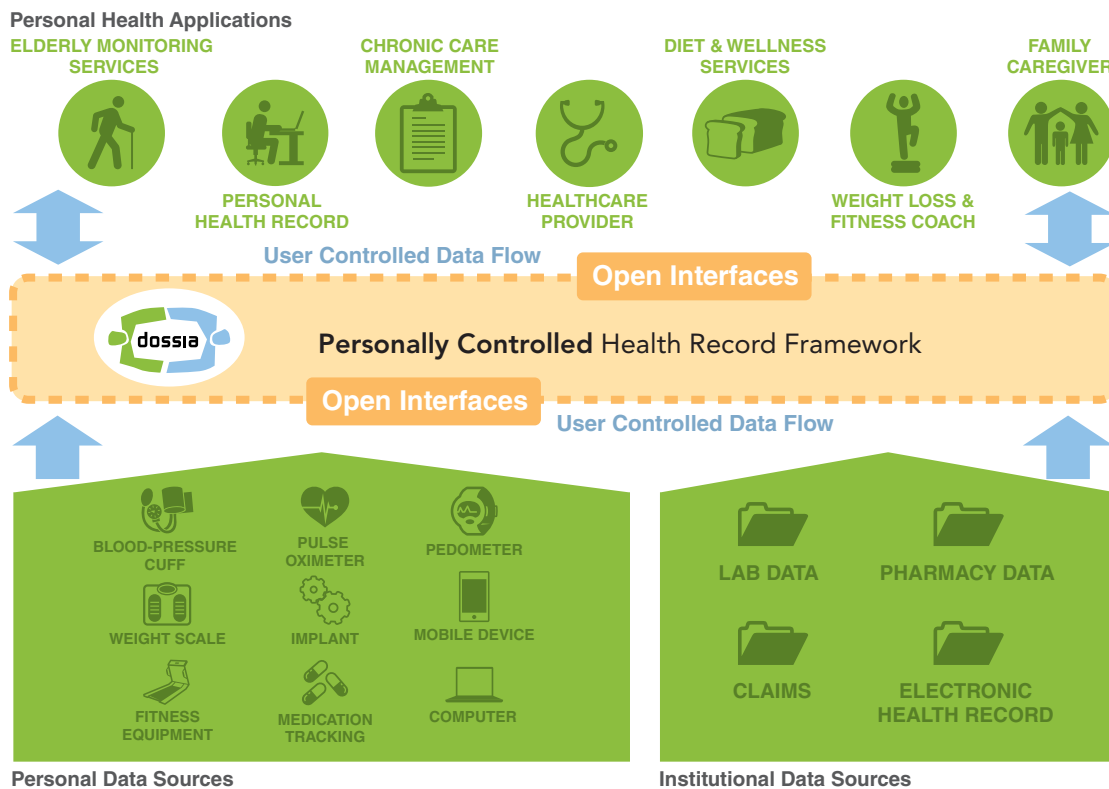
Addressing this technology gap is imperative to curing the inefficient and costly healthcare system ills of the nation. And the time for change is NOW.

Health literacy is paramount to driving down costs and improving the quality of care for all Americans.

Dossia, an employer-led, not-for-profit, third party organization is dedicated to improving healthcare in America. Backed by some of the largest, most respected brands in the world – Applied Materials, AT&T, BP America, Inc., Cardinal Health, Intel,

Pitney Bowes, sanofi-aventis and Wal-Mart – Dossia’s founding member companies have united under a common vision: to empower their employees to make smarter, more informed decisions about their healthcare. Rather than taking steps as individual companies, they are collaborating to provide employees with access to – and control over – their personal health information through private, portable and secure, lifelong electronic health records.

The Dossia founders group is working with Children’s Hospital Boston and other vendors to develop and implement an independent, non-profit, Web-based infrastructure to gather, store and securely manage each employee’s personal, private and lifelong health information. At the employee’s request, Dossia gathers health data from multiple sources – insurance claims, laboratory, pharmacy, hospital or physician – and facilitates the transfer of electronic copies into the employee’s personally-controlled health record (PCHR).



The Dossia PCHR (diagram above) is characterized by the secure flow of information from various providers to the patient/employee. Dossia places the patient as the point of aggregation of his or her own (automated and/or self-populated) health data versus the insurance or medical provider.

Once gathered and securely stored in a decentralized database, the electronic summary of health information is portable, and continually available to individuals for life, even if they change employers, insurers, or healthcare providers. Most importantly, the electronic health record is personally controlled, private and secure.

Dossia is completely opt-in, and is designed to be a flexible tool that allows patients to input or capture – and share with whom they choose – as much or as little information as they alone determine. That’s what it means to be personally-controlled. While it is recommended that a complete record is shared with one’s private physician, the decision is always in the consumer’s hands.

Consumer control is Dossia’s guiding principle. Dossia understands the crucial need to safeguard the sensitive information within a PCHR. The Dossia system was developed not to just meet, but to exceed existing legal requirements regarding privacy. Dossia is also protected by additional security enhancements appropriate to the sensitive nature of medical data. Each consumer’s Dossia PCHR site is password-protected and secured by the same financial industry technologies that ensure the safety of billions of dollars of online transactions every day.

As a vital communication tool, the Dossia PCHR enables employees to better understand their health. It empowers them to be active partners in managing their healthcare and to make better choices for themselves and their families, and will help improve the quality of care received. Dossia will help make the healthcare system more efficient and effective – reducing medical errors, eliminating waste and reducing costs to healthcare providers and employers which provide health benefits to employees.

Through Dossia, the founding member companies are able to leverage their combined influence to break down barriers to health information, which will help drive consumer-initiated change.

Employers and employees working together represent the best focus for long-term change. Together, we can change healthcare in America by helping people help themselves.

Dossia is actively pursuing discussions with like-minded organizations — foundations, employers and others— that are interested in joining the founders and are dedicated to the Dossia public mission of empowering individuals to make smarter, more informed health related decisions. For more information, please visit www.dossia.org.

Dossia Founding Members



Affiliated Organizations





About Dossia

Dossia is a not-for-profit consortium of several large U.S. employers who have united under a common vision: to empower their employees to make smarter, more informed decisions about their healthcare. Through Dossia, they will leverage their combined influence to break down barriers to health information, which will help drive consumer-initiated change. Dossia empowers individuals to make informed decisions about their healthcare by providing them with access to – and control over – their health information through lifelong, portable, private and secure, personal health records.

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