

## **Suggested Projects: White House Innovation Fellows**

### **# 7 - China Connections: EPIC-Compatible/OpenVista as a Global Standard**

I love what you are doing, but you are not being bold enough! The Obama Administration has positioned the US private sector to be a world leader in Health IT. Major domestic systems are EPIC-compatible; VA's leading edge, enterprise grade, EPIC-compatible system is in the public domain (OpenVista, now at 1,500 facilities). Could Innovation Fellows work with major players to nail down the technical standards for a rapid learning *global*/health system? And open a global market with billions of people?

A team can work with HHS and private sector leaders to nail-down this global standard for China and other Asian markets in the next six months. And open doors for partnerships of US and Asian entrepreneurs.

China has decided (2009) to build its national health system on Health IT and EHRs. Uwe Reinhardt (Princeton), one of our leading health economists, was in Beijing and had a three hour meeting with the Chinese Health Minister, at the Minister's invitation, to discuss America's Health IT progress. They have been watching what we are doing. They have funded the Beijing Genomics Institute to be the world's largest (<http://www.genomics.cn/en/index>). With an aging population of 1.3 billion, the rational case in China for Health IT (greater efficiency + improved quality) is four times greater than in the US! Huawei is tasked to develop global health markets

Compatible code, in the era of Big Data, can help people work together to accelerate medical knowledge. The [www.grdr.info](http://www.grdr.info) link (discussed in an earlier message) can uniquely and quickly benefit 90+ million Chinese. The Kaiser-NIH Everything Included biobank ([www.rpgeh.kaiser.org](http://www.rpgeh.kaiser.org), moving upward to 500,000) intentionally oversampled Asian ancestry populations in the US to study gene x environmental interactions and support faster medical learning than either country can achieve alone. Blue Button plus ER-Net can be global.

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