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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DHS = District Health Center

eHealth = Electronic Health

EHR = Electronic Health Record

ePHRs = Electronic Personal Health Records

GP = General Physician

HIT = Healthcare Information Technology

HIPAA = Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

HIRA = Health Insurance Review & Assessment

HP = Health Post

ICT = Information and Communication Technology

MoH = Ministry of Health

PHC = Primary Health Care

SnF = Saude na Familia

SPSS = Statistical Package for Social Science

TL = Timor Leste

UHC = Universal Health Coverage

WHO = World Health Organization



#### **ABSTRACT**

#### Introduction:

Electronic health record becomes the 21<sup>st</sup>-century innovation trend in developing countries. This digital system provides accurate, real data in real-time access, decreases paper-based documentation, enables access to patient's previous health status and easy for follow-up, reduces of health status duplication and, allows accessible data sharing among health professionals in the primary health care setting.

#### **Purpose**:

This research aimed to identify and understand the perceptions of primary health care physicians in adopting the electronic health record in the Timor Leste context, specifically to identify benefit, barrier, and satisfaction of this system.

#### Method:

A cross-sectional online questionnaire survey was based on the study objectives administered to the medical doctor in primary health care level in Timor Leste who, received an electronic health record training and had an opportunity to utilize in the period between 2015 to 2017. The form was composed of 4 sections (sociodemographic information, benefit, barrier, and satisfaction), rated on a five-point Likert-scale. The samples were calculated by G\*Power 3.1.9.4. The reliability was tested by Cronbach's alpha. The statistical analysis with  $\alpha$ = .05, CI= 95%.

#### Result:

The online questionnaire was distributed among 193 general physicians with, 84.5% responded rates. Most of the participants had young ages that acknowledge the importance of EHR in the primary health care sector. The majority perceived the most benefit of the EHR: decreased paper-based documentation, facilitated accessibility to patient data recorded previously, provided real-time data access, and reduction on health data duplication.



However, barriers remain on the eHealth system indicated by a medical doctor, such as the necessity of frequent revision to technological development, compatibility of web browser, connectivity, and cost in adopting it.

Overall, the physician in primary care settings perceived satisfaction toward the digital system. The eHealth was useful, appropriate, and essential for their work area, improved patient safety, elevated quality care, and enabled better communication among health professionals.

There were statistically significant differences among ages toward benefit, the ability to use computer toward barrier and place using computer toward satisfaction of EHR usage.

The positive slope of the benefit ( $\beta$ = .498; t= 11.361), had a statistically significant predictor on satisfaction on EHR implementation but barrier had negative statistical significance toward satisfaction ( $\beta$  = -.086; t= -1.794). The adjusted ( $R^2$ = 51.0%).

#### Conclusion:

The satisfaction of EHR was influenced by the benefit perceived while utilizing the system and reducing the barrier. Political commitment, financial support, friendly user application, improved quality of internet connection and had a positive attitude toward EHR were crucial for successful implementation.

#### Keywords:

Perception, Primary Health Care, Medical Doctor, Saude na Familia, Electronic Health Record, Timor Leste



#### **CHAPTER I:**

#### INTRODUCTION

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 1960, primarily introduced the notion to utilize electronic health records (EHR) in the medical world, Larry Weed with the core objective was to record all the patients' data. In 1972's, the government sector and visionary organization were the sectors that showed a positive response when the Institute of Regenstrief, for the first time, elaborated on the EHR but contrary to the physician in private health due to high price.

In the 1990s, when surging the development of the internet, provided a significant impact in the service of electronic health records became readily available comfortable on online data sharing. The EHR was not widely implemented despite several suggestions made by the institutes of Medicine in 1991.

After several years passed, in 2000, due to internet connection and web- software utilization, the electronic health records' implementation became remarkable, and many countries started to adopt it. In Canada, the adoption of electronic health records began in 2001 by Canada Health Infoway [1]. In the USA, in 1996, the incorporation of HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) in the United States decided to apply the EHR due to equity, accessibility, safety, and confidentiality the EHR.

The EHR nationwide implementation was initiated by former President Barack Obama's mandate on February 17, 2009 for economic stimulus on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) where included Health Information Technology (HIT) which called HITECH Act. Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act. The HITECH Act with an objective to promote and expand eHealth implementation by health providers [2, 3]. Denmark put in action the establishment of the National Patient Registry in 1977, and in 2000 all the comprehensive data were available [4]. Besides that, New Zealand's government took the initiative adopted a 'single' nationwide electronic health record started in 2015 [5].



In Korea, the electronic medical record was legalized in 2003 with other two systems (telemedicine and e-prescription for pharmacy [6], and Korea had been the country with very excellent performance in healthcare Information, and Technology Communication (ICT) and the eHealth application in 2017 reached 96.3% in hospitals and 95.7% in clinics [7].

In 2006, Rwanda and Kenya adopted the electronic health record called OpenMRS, more focused on HIV/AIDS and TB patients. This application was also implemented in Tanzania and Uganda [8].

The adoption of electronic health records had been the innovative adoption worldwide, 66% mostly in developed countries, 52% in the upper-middle-income and 35% in the lower-income countries, and 15% in low-income countries [9].

#### PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD IN TIMOR LESTE

Timor Leste is one of the newest countries in millennials, with a total population of 1,269.000 million, life expectancy at birth M= 66 and F= 70, and a medical doctor ratio of 0,7/1000 [10]. Timor Leste suffered from 70% of massive infrastructure destruction in 1999. While rebuilding the country after complete independence in 2002, Timor Leste started to rebuild the health system by producing more health professionals and a mostly medical doctor by bilateral cooperation between Cuba and East Timor [11].

As a newborn country in an era of digitalization, East Timor is also concerned about the ICT infrastructure and connectivity however, the digital devices remain challenges for the country. Step by step was done in the national development process, therefore in 2017, at least 97% of the population had been covered by the 3G network [12].

Timor Leste, despite all the challenges, the country committed to achieving the UHC. Thus, on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the VI Constitutional Government of Timor Leste launched a program named ''Saude na Familia'' Program (English: Health in the Family Program), and then on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, the country launched for the first-time of the utilization of the Electronic Health Records (EHR) Program in Dili (capital of the country) that posteriorly expanded to the other 12 municipalities level [13]. The Health in the Family Program was adopted from Cuba's primary health care intervention named



"dispensarización" (which in English means stratification) consisted of 3 types of visits (integral, regular, and epidemiology visited). The main objective was to provide comprehensive primary health care by a house-to-house visit from urban to extremely remote areas.

The implementation of this program fundamentally because of the health facilities' utilization was more likely beneficial for the better-off community [14]. In Timor Leste, despite a free health care service, the population most likely refused to seek health in the health facilities due to the geographical issue, economic hardship (out of pocket expenditure), and health professional behavior toward the patients [15]. Hence, to fulfill the vision of '' *A healthy Timorese in a healthy Timor Leste'*', the government decided to bring health to all population across the country to ensure Universal Health Coverage (UHC) to all in an urban and rural setting with comprehensive package care where 70% of Timorese living in rural area through the dispensarización [16].

The dispensarización (stratification) is a preventive, continuum, dynamic, integral, individual, universal, and in team activities provided by the health worker in primary health care level focus on clinical, epidemiologic, and social sectors.

When visiting the communities' residences, the health professional provided basic primary health care service, promotion, and prevention, including some curative area intervention. During the visiting session, the health workforce team not only gathered personal health status but all the public health information, including family health status, the environment, family income, nutrition status, the utilization of latrines, type of water for daily consumption, level of education, and other determinants of health.

The result of home visits could be finally used to diagnose every individual based on their health diagnostic in 4 different strata. **Group I:** the person whose health condition is healthy. **Group II:** the person with risk or an unhealthy lifestyle. **Group III:** the person with diseases (chronic disease and some infectious disease with a considerable duration). **Group IV:** the disabled person. Based on the stratification group, each person will receive a future visit called the regular visit [17].



Consequently, in 2017, the "Saude na Familia" program reached 94% of households visited by the health professionals and electronically registered 82% of individual health data [13].

To support the program implementation, the government announced a policy of the EHR in all the territory of Timor Leste were likely applied also to private health care setting (No. 51/2017, December  $20^{th}$ ) with dispatch number N.° 08/2018/I/MS [18].

Unfortunately, starting from July 2017- September 2020, Timor Leste suffered from the impasse political [19] were implicated in the eHealth application to be implemented smoothly due to the financial issue as one of them for the program sustainability during that time. Consequently, in January 2019, based on the dispatch number *N. o 02/2019/I/VMS*, the government decided to '' *stop* '' implementing of the eHealth system in East Timor [20]. In late August 2020, the adoption of EHR was officially reactivated by the new Minister of Health in her speech right after the nomination. Therefore, based on the reasons mentioned before, this research only applied for 2015- 2017.

#### STUDY OBJECTIVE

This research's principal objective was to understand the perception of primary health care physicians in the adoption of the electronic health record in Timor Leste.

The specific aim was to identify the benefit, barriers, and satisfaction of the using of electronic health records in primary health care levels.

#### RESEARCH QUESTIONS

The central research question was based on the study's objective to understand the perception of the general physicians' perception related to the implementation of the electronic health record in Timor Leste, specifically at the primary health care level. Therefore, the sub-questions were:

- 1. What were the benefits provided by electronic health records in a primary health care setting?
- 2. What were the barriers to implementing the electronic health record in the Timor Leste context?
- 3. How did primary health care physicians perceive the satisfaction in adopting the electronic health record?



#### SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

The findings of this study would be contributed to the Ministry of Health in informing health care leaders of the leadership strategies necessary for facilitating successful engagement in health reform, provided information to the policymaker, to the health professionals itself as the end-user of the system, to develop a strategic plan based on ''evidenced-based'' provided by EHR. Hence, the Timorese population could be benefited from a health care service that was holistic, comprehensive, and innovative.

#### PERSONAL INTEREST

The application of this study was fundamentally founded on the principal investigator's work experiences during the electronic health record implementing. As one of the pioneers and system designers (manually), the development of the guideline, therefore, surged the passion toward the research tittle.

#### **HYPOTHESIS**

The acceptance of the general physicians in the adoption of EHR would perceive satisfaction that will be influenced by the benefit of the eHealth system and would be impacted by reducing of the barrier of system implementation.



#### **CHAPTER II:**

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.1. ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

On frequent occasions, people understood and defined the electronic medical record (EMR) as the other name of electronic health records (EHR), but it is not. The EMR is the health data information of a person compiled by a medical doctor and other professionals in a similar institution. The EHR is medical health information documented, including the laboratory test result, prescription of medicine utilizing the Healthcare Information Technology (HIT) comprehensively between diverse healthcare institutions [21].

The adoption of electronic health records (EHR) is an innovative initiative the government takes to ensure the security of the population's information. The EHR's existence is a way of interaction between human resources in the health system [22] in achieving the ''Universal Health Coverage'' [23].

In the pre-implementation level, firstly and foremost, the advocacy and sensibilization, capacity building how to use the application, and extra support from the outer part to fill challenges are needed [24-26]. Therefore, the critical strategy for the successful implementation is the user's engagement fundamentally physicians in the design, customization, and the evaluation of plan strategies to prevent the negative outcome that can respond to the health provider expectation [26-29].

The attitude, behavior, and acceptance of the end-users are crucial in adapting the system [30-33] that includes patients [34]. The agreement on using the EHR is also affected by computer literacy among health worker, professional experiences, and age [32, 35, 36].

In a country like United States, after the HIPAA Act application in 1996 for data security and confidentiality [37], the violations are punishable by fines of \$250,000 and 10 years of incarceration [38]. The government-endorsed health institute for the application of EHR by applying incentives policy; in 2009, whereas part of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health



(HITECH) Act, the federal government set aside \$27 billion for the application of the EHR where had positively adopted [39]. Therefore, the country implemented a strong incentive policy to health provider. According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the EHR Meaningful Use now named as Public Health and Promoting Interoperability Programs. This defined by the utilization of eHealth records in meaningful manner (e-prescribing); the health information shared to increase the quality of care, safety, efficiency, minimizing health disparities, patients and families engagements, better coordination, improve population and public and personal health data protection and confidentiality [40]. Based on the report of 2017, 85.9% office-based physicians using an EMR/EHR system and 79.7 % of office-based physicians had adopted certified health IT [41].

In New Zealand, the government enthusiastically participated in developing healthcare ICT, provided guidelines and policy for better implementation. The country applied standardization on ICT utilization, and health facilities adopted the eHealth system [42].

Australia had adopted the EHR nationally since 2000. In July 2012, launched the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR) system and started on 2016 known as My Health Record; the country had been worked hard on the development of regulation regarding cybersecurity, which provides a guideline to the patients on how to access and secure their health information. To widely implement the EHR, the policy of the Practice Incentives Program was implemented by the Australian Government [43]. My Health Records is an online information where gather personal information that can be accessed by health providers and individuo himself [44].

In Taiwan, the citizen can choose the health aid type that they need because of the 99.9% National Health Insurance was covered. Therefore, to prevent the overuse and unmet need of health service, the government started to implement the National Electronic Medical Record Exchange Centre (EEC) in November 2009 [45]

In South Korea, in 2010, the EHR implementation was higher than in the US (37.2% vs. 15.1%) but, in 2015, after the HITECH Act, the percentage of EHR adoption was higher in the US (58.1% vs. 75.2%) [46]. However, in 2017 Korea maintained the status of high-rate health care ICT with the



completion of eHealth systems, 96.3% in hospitals and 95.7% in clinics [7]. On the other hand, the Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service (HIRA) existence took Korea to achieve the UHC [47].

Therefore, the lesson learned from previous countries mentioned in the adoption of EHR, the political commitment, and the financial support for the cost of training, maintenance and continuum implementation of the digital system played an important role [32, 48]. Essential points that need to address were the regulations and laws related to accessibility to patients' health data information and data security [49, 50].

Some countries such as Canada, Sweden, United States started implementing ePHRs (electronic personal health records) as a web-based application and patient-centered that enables self-access or authorized access to the health status, securely, helping individuals on self-management [51]. This definition surged after the *Connecting for Health Personal Health Working Group - Markle Foundation*, 2003.

The application of the ePHRs allows patients as the owner of the information to access to their health data because of their optimist response toward the digital system [52, 53]. Hence, they have the right to access their health information record appropriately that could be obtained through early advocacy, and the knowledge sharing how to manage the information required to prevent misunderstanding and for successful system application [54-57].

#### 2.2. TECHNOLOGY ON IMPLEMENTING EHR

The technology's concern in the health system needs to be integrated and interoperability by the end-users, followed by the standards and regulations. The characteristic of the system requires to be friendly to use and manage, the consistency while be managed, secure to use and to patient data safety and can be accessed anytime and everywhere with IT infrastructure availability were necessary for fruitful implementation [58] [59, 60] [61, 62]. There are three aspects necessary to be discussed in the utilization of electronic health records.



Firstly, the hardware is the physical part of the computer system, such as a screen (phone, monitor, or tablet). It is composed of two: internal hardware (RAM, modem, central processing unit (CPU), sound and video card, power supply, etc.) and external hardware (printer, mouse, projector, keyboard, USB drive, etc.) [63, 64]. The availability of these items are not the primary concern, but its sustainability [58].

Secondly, the software is defined as '' instruction'' that allows the consumer to navigate the computer, in general, known as an application that can be downloaded in the computer store or via the internet [63, 65].

Thirdly, the internet connection is a revolutionary design of a system that allows different computers from different geographical areas to interlinkage [65]. This connection is influenced by many factors, including people who use it [66], the variety of wired and wireless, the speed of the internet (3G, 4G, 5G), and the fiberoptic [58].

#### 2.3. BENEFIT OF THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD.

Medical doctors are most likely to be the principal user of electronic health records while aiding the patient this may because of the benefit sensed on the EHR adoption. This activity can provide a valid code if linked to the International Diseases Code (ICD) for a better diagnostic [67].

The application of EHR fortify the primary health care service [68], encouragement in designing plans [69], elevate the accessibility and excellent support to implement various strategic plans [70]. The EHR supports the detection of affected people with severe diseases [71], provides better coordination, data sharing and improves clinical's judgment among health institutions [72]. In health facilities environment, the EHR elevate the quality of health services delivery [73] and enables patients ''follow-up'' [74, 75].

Besides that, a proper digital record of health status is essential in a surveillance system that can be a warning system to the numbers of infections occurred in a health facility [76, 77], provide data on incidence and prevalence of any disease in a specific community [78], also can be utilized as a



notification system and reminder for public health level and clinicians for better preparedness, detection, and the response of any threat [79-81].

However, the electronic health record considered as a tool to monitor the high-risk populations related to their lifestyle [82, 83], allow mental health care improvement, elevate maternal-child care, specific disease monitoring [84-86], and can be used as a baseline for the future strategic plan to another institute in future research and clinical trial process [87-91].

Moreover, the benefit also goes to others health technical staff such as radiologist in time-saving on reporting any result [92], laboratories department to control and monitoring testing request and service [93], support pharmacists to stockpiling of medicine needed by health facilities, and to calculate the dosage [94, 95]. For instance, nurses are also the beneficiary of the system while aiding patients [31] and in the emergency department to do the quick screening to specific patients and very useful in an exceptional momentum [96, 97].

At an administration level, through the electronic health record, health facilities managers can know the duration of a physician spent his/her time in a workplace in a different department [98-100]. The EHR allows prompt report and data distributing [101] and provide information for a better strategic plan for the upcoming approaches such as patients' care activities and bureaucracy [102, 103]

In primary health care service level, the electronic health record is crucial to elevate the quality service due to a comprehensive database; based on the group (stratification) a patient belongs to as well as the diseases [104], communicating information among the vast number of health professionals [105]. User's abilities on technology, organization leadership endorse, and a friendly technology increase the perception of its positiveness [106].

On the other hand, patients also are beneficiaries of the electronic health record adoption on forecasting the upcoming health condition and disease gravity [107]. Patients can receive health literacy by accessing EHR related to diseases affected [108], but their concern the data security remains [109]. Furthermore, the early introduction of EHR in academics will add a point on the positiveness of students



toward the system and their skill in the recording and toward medicine and innovation technology implemented in the health system [110] [111] [112, 113]. Finally, the EHR is merely beneficial to the health sector and other government institutions [114, 115].

#### 2.4. BARRIER OF EHR IMPLEMENTATION

The health professional initiatives and behavior on accepting the innovative change was one of the factors to apply the electronic health record (EHR) in a health facility [116] besides the inappropriate quality of infrastructure, interaction, low application advancement [117], lack of political commitment, technology literacy, administrative issues and financial cost for the sustainability and incentives were driver factors to reject the program implementation [46, 118, 119]. The policy and standard regulation on adopting the EHR also affecting how the end-users agreed on applying it [106].

The concern of end-users about the patients' data confidentiality found in many works of literature related to the data security and confidentiality of the patients' health record where the data gathered which essential to be manipulated by authorized persons due to the content of the sensitive information were included health status, diagnostics, treatment, and all the laboratories results [120, 121]. Physicians were aware of the accessibility of the patients' data by illegal people will abuse the data then bring negative implications to health data confidentiality [122]. Because when users and patients are losing confidence in it, the EHR system will threatening eHealth implementation [123].

Another barrier was the decrease in the health provider, and health consumers' interaction affected by adopting the application [49, 124, 125]. The time consuming on the health data record, workload considered as obstacles [126, 127] and variety level of skill between physician with less and high experiences, training on using EHR and the type of services provided [128-131] that finally implicate patients' safety in the diagnostic process, prescribing treatment, and adverse event on treatment decided by the physician [132]. Other barriers mentioned in the World Health Organization survey on cost-effectiveness, demand, legal, standard, and policy' [133].



#### 2.5. THE SATISFACTION OF EHR UTILIZATION

Diverse country is implementing the EHR to improve the health care performance [134]. Therefore, its application has supported health professionals in their experiences aiding people, reduces cost, and elevates community health [135]. Consequently, the medical doctor satisfaction and usefulness perceived toward electronic health records related to the training received previously impacted providing good quality care [126, 136]. When they applied the system in their workplace, they sensed the pleasure of using EHR because this system supported them ease to culminate in their duty [137] and data recording [130] with an updated software [138] and by including the end-user in designing it [139].

#### 2.6. RESEARCH FRAMEWORK OF EHR ADOPTION

According to lumen on the introduction of psychology, perception is the sensorial ability to realize, organize, interpret, and consciously experience all the information gathered from the environment [140]. The study framework showed us how the interrelation between the medical doctor and the variables of benefit, barriers, and satisfaction thus, how those variables influenced each other. When the medical doctor perceived the benefit, satisfaction raised and impacted the reduction of the barrier then driven the user's positiveness to implement the EHR [31, 141]. Otherwise, when the physicians perceived a barrier, they will directly be affected by the satisfaction of EHR utilization were also affected the benefit sensed on the application utilization [142]. Therefore, medical doctor behavior, attitude, acceptance, and decision in adopting the EHR [126, 143].

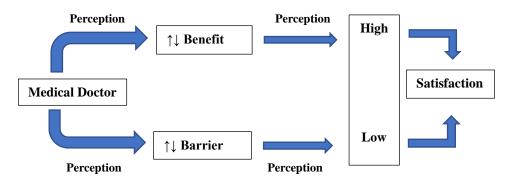


Figure 1: Research Framework: Correlation Between Perception of Benefit Barrier and Satisfaction on EHR.



#### **CHAPTER III:**

#### **METHODOLOGY**

#### 3.1. STUDY DESIGN

The cross-sectional study, online survey research was to identify the perception of the medical doctor in a primary health care setting in the whole territory of Timor Leste with a total population of 1.269.000 [10], where the health system of the country is composed of 4 regions, 1 National Hospital consider as Tertiary Level, 5 Referral Hospitals (Secondary Level), and 13 District Health Services (DHS), 71 Community Health Center (CHC) and 344 Health Post (HP). This research participants were the health professional workers in the health post, community health center, and district health service, which are classified as Primary Health Care Sector, which is distributed in the whole territory of Timor Leste as shown in the figure (Figure 2).

#### 3.2. STUDY POPULATION

This research applied to the medical professional in the primary health care level in Timor Leste who had been worked under the Ministry of Health of Timor Leste, previously received training in electronic health records (EHR) and had the opportunity to utilize the digital system during 2015-2017 were eligible for this study. Voluntarily accepted to sign the informed consent by clicking 'accept' prior continue to participate. The questionnaire was translated to Tetum as the national language. The



convenience sampling method was utilized in this research. The sample size was calculated with G\*Power 3.1.9.4, using F test (effect size = 0.15, alpha error = 0.05, power = 0.95). The result determined a minimum of 129 participants required to conduct the investigation although 193 were



recruited considering the dropout rate. After the completed questionnaire was received, a preprocessing step was conducted to exclude participants were not match the inclusion criteria. The sample size was 149 participants.

Figure 2. The map of Timor Leste. Source: [144]. Accessed: 29th/09/20

#### 3.3. INSTRUMENT AND VARIABLES

An online questionnaire was created using an online google form adopted from the study done by *Seçginli, Semra, & Monsen, 2013* [145]. Based on the Oxford Languages definition, a benefit is an advantage or profit gained from something. A barrier is a circumstance or obstacle that prevents movements or access. Moreover, satisfaction is a fulfillment of one's wishes, expectations, or needs, or the pleasure derived from this [146].

The variables composed by the sociodemographic variable, as shown in (Table 1) and closed-ended questions, were applied to the benefit (21 items), barrier (12 items), and satisfaction (12 items), and all the items were posted in the questionnaire attached in (Appendix 3). These (benefit, barrier, and satisfaction) where every statement was measured with the Likert-Scale (5 degrees); 5= strongly agree, 4= agree, 3=neutral, 2= disagree, and 1= strongly disagree.

The 'reliability' of the variables (benefit, barrier, and satisfaction) perceived by the respondents was calculated the Cronbach's Alpha score. The benefit was reliable with a scale of .96, barrier with a scale of .88, and satisfaction with a scale of 0.95.



**Table 1. Sociodemographic Characteristics** 

Characteristic	Subitem
1. Gender	M (1), F (2)
2. Age	25-30 (1), 31-35 (2), 35-40 (3)
3. Year of graduation	
4. Year Practicing as a Medical doctor	3-6 (1), 7+ (2)
5. Area of workplace	HP (1), CHC (2), DHS (3)
6. Current workplace Name	
7. Has s a username	No (1), Yes (2)
8. Time spent using EHR daily	Little (1), Enough (2), Many (3)
9. Previous EHR use experience	No (1), Yes (2)
10. Has own computer	No (1), Yes (2)
11. Place using computer	Home (1), Workplace (2), Home &
	Workplace (3)
12. Training in the EHR system	No (1), Yes (2)
13. The ability to use a computer (writing, internet	Bad (1), Enough (2), Good (3)
explorer, and installation of application)	

#### 3.4. DATA COLLECTION

The survey was sent directly to the participants via Messenger and WhatsApp were; at the same time, the researcher explained the purpose of the study to the participants, the objective of inform consent, and data collection applications to avoid misunderstanding before starting the survey and required 7-10 minutes. However, ten medical doctors had been piloted to seek the comprehensiveness and the clarity of the questions. During the pilot session, none of the participants required support to answer the question in the questionnaire. Therefore, two days after the pilot, the questionnaire was distributed for data collection from September 21<sup>st</sup> till the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. After participants filled out the questionnaire, the result directly collected into the spreadsheet and downloaded to be analyzed.



#### 3.5. DATA ANALYSIS

Data received from the online survey google form were directly gathered and inserted in Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, downloaded, then coded and analyzed statistically using SPSS 25.0. Participants were not met; the inclusion criteria were excluded from the analysis. Descriptive statistics such as frequency, percentages, means, and standard deviation were used to describe the respondents' demographics characteristics. The t-test and ANOVA test were used to seek the differences among sociodemographic characteristics toward variable of benefit, barrier, and satisfaction. Cronbach's alpha analyzed the internal reliability of the measures and Pearson's Correlation to identify the correlation between dependent (satisfaction) and independent variables (sociodemographic characteristics, benefit, and barrier). Finally, the multiple linear regression analysis to identify the predictors' variables relationship with the dependent variable. The statistical significance was set to *p*-value < .05. The 95% Confidence Interval was significantly accepted.

#### 3.6. ETHICAL CONSIDERATION

The ethical approval to conduct this research deliberated by the Yonsei Medical Center Research Review Committee, Institute Review Board (IRB) with registration number 2020-2142-002, and approved number Y- 2020- 0117, on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 till 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021. (Appendix 1). The participants' acceptance was obtained when click 'accepted' before continued to fill out the questionnaire.



#### **CHAPTER IV:**

#### RESULT

The questionnaire was distributed among general physicians in primary health care in Timor Leste with a responded rate of 84.5% completed responses among 193 where 44 did not respond, 7 excluded for not matched with the criteria, and 7 late on responses.

#### 4.1. SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

The total of the sample calculated n= 149 (M= 51.7% and F= 48.3%). All those samples received EHR training and had experienced in using EHR between 2015- 2017. Among them the majority with age between 31-35 years old (71.8%,  $Mean \pm SD = 34 \pm 0.5$ ), most likely practiced as medical doctor between 3-6 years (n=105, 70.5%,  $Mean \pm SD = 6.0 \pm 0.5$ ).

Among the respondents, the highest frequency worked in a community health center (n=87, 58.4%). However, 31.5 % (n= 47) worked in health posts, as shown in (Table 2).

Total participants mostly had username to access the EHR application (n= 129, 86.6%), and who did not have the username represent (n= 20, 13.4%). The majority spent less than 2 hours using the EHR system (n=66, 44.3%) followed with (n= 54, 36.2%) spent enough time despite some respondents had own computer (n=90, 60.4%). The place where frequently used a computer was in the workplace and home (n=68, 45.6%) and overall had good ability in computer management (n=98, 65.8%) as shown in the below table (Table 2).



**Table 2. Sociodemographic Characteristics** 

(N=149)

				(N= 149)
Items		f	(%)	Mean ± SD
Gender	M F	77 72	51.7 48.3	
Age	25-30 31-35 36-40	16 107 26	10.7 71.8 17.4	33.6 ± 2.23
Year Practicing as Medical doctor:	3 to 6 7+	105 44	70.5 29.5	2.3 ± 0.45
Area of workplace:	Health Post Community Health Center District Health Services	47 87 15	31.5 58.4 10.1	
Has a username:	Yes No	129 20	86.6 13.4	
Time spent using EHR daily:	Little (2h) Enough (2-4)	66 54	44.3 36.2	
Has own computer:	Many (4-6/more) Yes No	29 90 59	19.5 60.4 39.6	
Place using a computer:	Home Workplace Home and Workplace	21 60 68	14.1 40.3 45.6	
The ability to use a computer (writing, internet explorer, and installation of application):	Bad Enough Good	3 48 98	2 32.2 65.8	

<sup>\*</sup>f= Frequency



### 4.2. DIFFERENCES OF THE PERCEPTION OF BENEFIT, BARRIER, SATISFACTION AMONG SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

The participants (N=149) sociodemographic according to the perception of the benefit, barrier, and satisfaction of EHR implementation in primary health care level among general physicians as shown in the table below (Table 3). Related to the benefit perceived using EHR, we found statistically significant only in the age (t= 3.30, p= .04). However, participants' ability to use a computer (writing, internet explorer, and installation of application) were statistically significant toward barrier of EHR implementation (t= 4.80, t=0.01). In contrast participants satisfaction was only statistically different on the place of using a computer (t= 3.41, t= .003). See (Table 3).

#### 4.3. THE BENEFIT ON EHR IMPLEMENTATION

Since all the variable of benefit were designed with a positive declaration tendency on the benefit, scale 5 means strongly agree and scale 1 means strongly disagree. The participants were most likely had a positive response to the EHR utilization as shown in (Table 4). Overall 149 respondents perceived the benefit of the electronic health implementation with highest frequency and percentage strongly agree and agree in item such as: decreased paper-based documentation (n= 114, 76,5 %,  $Mean+SD = 4.7\pm0.5$ ), easy access to information from past medical records (n= 109, 73,2 %,  $Mean+SD = 4.7\pm0.5$ ), provide access to patients' data and analysis (n= 103, 69.1 %,  $Mean+SD = 4.7\pm0.5$ ), enabling patients follow up (n= 100, 67.1 %,  $Mean+SD = 4.7\pm0.5$ ), reduction of duplication on patient health information (n= 100, 67.1 %,  $Mean+SD = 4.6\pm0.5$ ). However, less than 100 respondents accepted the items such as provides quick and reliable access to scientific research, provides better data, and make it easy to transfer data with similar frequencies and percentages (n= 98, 65.8%), but differed between Mean+SD. The full result showed in (Table 4).



Table 3: Perception of Benefit, Barrier, Satisfaction According to Sociodemographic Characteristics

							(N= 149)				
			Benefit			Barrier			Satisfaction		
Characteristic		Mean+S			Mean+S			Mean+S			
		D	t/F	p	D	t/F	p	D	t/F	p	
Gender						-					
			0.21	0.83		0.41	0.68		0.34	0.73	
		96.5 ±			39.7 ±			53.3 ±			
	M	9.3			8.8			7.0			
	_	96.1 ±			40.2 ±			52.0 ±			
	F	8.8			7.7			6.0			
Age			2.20	0.04		2.00	0.06		0.40	0.67	
		02.6	3.30	*	42.0	2.80	0.06	51.1	0.40	0.67	
	25-30	93.6 ±			43.8 ± 8.3			51.1 ± 6.6			
	23-30	9.2			8.3 39.0 ±						
	31-35	97.5 ± 8.5			39.0 ± 7.8			52.4 ± 6.5			
	31-33	93.2 ±			41.5 ±			51.7 ±			
	36-40	93.2 ± 9.6			9.5			6.8			
Year Practicing	30 40	7.0			7.3	-		0.0			
as Medical			1.04	0.33		1.74	0.08		0.70	0.4	
doctor:		97.5 ±			38.2 ±			52.8 ±			
	3 to 6	8.0			8.4			6.7			
		96.0 ±			40.8 ±			52.0 ±			
	7+	9.2			8.2			6.5			
Area of			0.74	0.48		0.61	0.54		1.24	0.3	
workplace:		95.0 ±			39.7 ±			51.5 ±			
	Health Post	9.7			6.1			7.3			
	Community Health	96.8 ±			40.5 ±			52.8 ±			
	Center	8.5			9.2			5.8			
	District Health	97.5 ±			38.0 ±			50.3 ±			
	Services	8.6			8.0			7.8			
Has a username:			0.21	0.83		1.00	0.32		-0.67	0.5	
		96.2 ±			39.7 ±			52.3 ±			
	Yes	8.7			8.2			6.4			
	3.7	96.7 ±			41.7 ±			51.2 ±			
	No	10.6			8.8			7.6			



Time spent using EHR daily:	Little (-2h) Enough (2-4) Many (4-6/more)	95.2 ± 8.9 96.1 ± 9.5 99.1 ± 7.4	1.98	0.14	41.5 ± 8.0 38.7 ± 8.4 38.9 ± 8.4	2.09	0.13	50.9 ± 7.0 52.8 ± 6.0 53.8 ± 6.4	2.49	0.09
Has own computer:	Yes	96.4 ± 9.1 96.2 ±	0.17	0.87	39.1 ± 8.0 41.4 ±	1.67	0.09	52.2 ± 6.3 52.0 ±	-0.19	0.85
	No	8.7	4 = 0	0.40	9.0		0.40	6.8	2.44	0.001
Place using computer:	Home Workplace Home and Workplace	93.4 ± 10.0 96.0 ± 8.5 97.5 ± 8.8	1.70	0.18	41.9 ± 7.7 40.5 ± 7.4 39.3 ± 9.1	0.73	0.48	49.5 ± 7.1 51.6 ± 6.6 53.4 ± 6.5	3.41	0.03*
The ability to use a computer (writing, internet explorer, and installation of application):	Bad Enough Good	105.0 ± 0.0 95.1 ± 7.9 96.5 ± 9.4	1.90	0.15	54.0 ± 5.2 40.3 ± 7.9 39.4 ± 8.2	4.80	0.01	65.7 ± 3.0 52.3 ± 5.8 52.0 ± 6.9	0.76	0.47

<sup>\*</sup> n-value- < 05

The measurement of the benefit, barrier, and satisfaction was in total scores of the statements in Likert-scales.



#### 4.4. THE BARRIER ON EHR IMPLEMENTATION

Generally, respondents' attitudes related to the barrier recapitulated in (Table 5). The participants selected the most challenged items on EHR implementation with strongly agree and agree on statements such as: needs frequent revision to technological development (n= 76, 51.0 %,  $Mean+SD = 4.2\pm0.8$ ), compatibility of web browser (n= 73, 49.0 %,  $Mean+SD = 3.8\pm0.9$ ), is "down" frequently (n= 63, 42.3 %,  $Mean+SD = 4.2\pm0.9$ ), and its costly (n= 56, 37.6 %,  $Mean+SD = 3.8\pm1.0$ ).

Nevertheless respondents also perceived disagreement with statement: it is difficult to provide data security in EHRs (n= 63, 42.3%,  $Mean+SD = 2.68\pm1.0$ ), instruction of use (n= 57, 38.3%,  $Mean+SD = 2.9\pm1.0$ ), decrease interaction between health professional and patient (n= 56, 37.6 %,  $Mean+SD = 3.0\pm1.2$ ) and increase health professional workloads (n= 52, 34.9 %,  $Mean+SD = 3.0\pm1.0$ ) as shown in (Table 5).

#### 4.5. THE SATISFACTION ON EHR UTILIZATION

The research participants also perceived satisfaction in using EHR, as summarized in the table below (Table 6). Overall, respondents strongly agree and agree on declarations: the EHR is useful and EHR is an important system for primary health care level had the same result of 59.1%, from 88 participants ( $Mean+SD=4.5\pm0.6$ ), then followed by similar results on two items such as patients' safety has improved due to EHR, and using the EHR would be proper for a doctor in primary health care area (n=77, 51.5%,  $Mean+SD=4.4\pm0.7$ ).

Less than 50% percentage of the participants were agreed with the statement such as the quality of work has improved due to EHR (n= 74, 49.7 %,  $Mean+SD = 4.3 \pm 0.7$ ). However, more than 51% of the participants (n=76) were satisfied with the EHR in primary health care.

On The other hand, the participants responded neutrally in the statement mentioned that their performance has been improved due to EHR (n= 37, 24.8%, Mean+SD = 4.0  $\pm$ 0.8). The full result showed in (Table 6).



Table 4. The Frequency and Percentage of Benefit on EHR Adoption

(N=149)

						(N= 149)
Item:	Strongly agree *	Agree *	Neutral *	Disagree*	Strongly disagree*	Mean ± SD
Provides quick and reliable access to						$4.7 \pm 0.5$
scientific research	98 (65.8%)	51 (34.2)				
Enables easy access to information						$4.7 \pm 0.5$
from past medical records	109 (73.2%)	39 (26.2)	1 (0.7%)			
Provide access to patients' data and						$4.7 \pm 0.5$
analysis	103 (69.1%)	43 (28.9)	3 (2.0%)			
Provides better data	98 (65.8%)	49 (32.9%)	2 (1.3%)			$4.6 \pm 0.5$
Make it easy to transfer data	98 (65.8%)	46 (30.9%)	3 (2.0 %)	2 (1.3%)		$4.6 \pm 0.6$
Provide access to practice standards	74 (49.7%)	72 (49.3%)	3 (2.0%)			$4.5 \pm 0.5$
Enabling Patients follow up	100 (67.1%)	46 (30.9%)	3 (2.0%)			$4.7 \pm 0.5$
Patients regular visit	91 (61.1%)	56 (37.6%)	2 (1.3%)			$4.6 \pm 0.5$
Enables following test results	68 (45.6%)	68 (45.6%)	13 (8.7%)			$4.3 \pm 0.6$
Saves time in documenting health data	92 (61.7%)	50 (33.6%)	6 (4.0%)	1 (0.7%)		$4.6 \pm 0.6$
Decreases paper-based documentation	114 (76.5%)	31 (20.8%)	3 (2.0%)	1 (0.7%)		$4.7 \pm 0.5$
Improve the quality of care	92 (61.7%)	54 (36.2%)	3 (2.0%)			$4.6 \pm 0.5$
Improve the feeling of professionalism	95 (63.8%)	45 (30.2%)	8 (5.4%)	1 (0.7%)		$4.6 \pm 0.6$
Contributes to health professionals'						
ability to make patient care decisions	91 (61.1%)	52 (34.9%)	6 (4.0%)			$4.6 \pm 0.6$
Improve communication between						
health						$4.5 \pm 0.6$
Professional and patients	79 (53.0%)	62 (41.6%)	8 (5.4%)			
Improve communication between						$4.6 \pm 0.6$
health professionals	96 (64.4%)	47 (31.5%)	5 (3.4%)		1 (0.7%)	
Reduces medical error	78 (52.3%)	55 (36.9%)	15 (10.1%)	1 (0.7%)		$4.4 \pm 0.7$
Reduction of duplication in patient						$4.6 \pm 0.5$
health information	100 (67.1%)	45 (30.2%)	4 (2.7%)			
Accuracy and timely access	97 (65.1%)	47 (31.5%)	3 (2.0%)	2 (1.3%)		$4.6 \pm 0.6$
Disease surveillance and monitoring	97 (65.1%)	50 (33.6%)	2 (1.3%)			$4.6 \pm 0.5$
Made e-prescribing easier and faster	82 (55.0%)	60 (40.3%)	7 (4.7%)			$4.5 \pm 0.6$

\*(f, %) = Frequency and percentage



Table 5. The Frequency and Percentage of Barrier on EHR Implementation

(N=149)

Item:	Strongly agree *	Agree *	Neutral *	Disagree *	Strongly disagree *	Mean ± SD
Is too complicated and not user friendly	13 (8.7%)	33 (22.1%)	44 (29.5%)	49 (32.9%)	10 (6.7%)	$3.0 \pm 1.1$
Compromises patient safety	45 (30.2%)	54 36.2%)	17 (11.4%)	25 (16.8%)	8 (5.4%)	$3.7 \pm 1.2$
Decrease interaction between health professional and patient	22 (14.8%)	36 (24.2%)	24 (16.1%)	56 (37.6%)	11 (7.4%)	$3.0 \pm 1.2$
Increase health professional workloads	15 (10.1%)	32 (21.5%)	42 (28.2%)	52 (34.9%)	8 (5.4%)	$3.0 \pm 1.1$
It is difficult to provide data security in EHRs	5 (3.4%)	24 (16.1%)	39 (26.2%)	63 (42.3%)	18 (12.1%)	$2.6 \pm 1.0$
Consume more time than paper-based system	25 (16.8%)	39 (26.2%)	31 (20.8%)	45 (30.2%)	9 (6.0%)	$3.2\pm1.2$
Is "down" frequently	58 (38.9%)	63 (42.3%)	21 (14.1%)	6 (4.0%)	1 (0.7%)	$4.2 \pm 0.9$
Is costly	39 (26.7%)	56 (37.6%)	39 (26.2%)	12 (8.1%)	3 (2.0%)	$3.8 \pm 1.0$
Needs frequent revision to technological development	53 (35.6%)	76 (51.0%)	16 (10.7%)	3 (2.0%)	1 (0.7%)	$4.2 \pm 0.8$
Compatibility of web browser	25 (16.8%)	73 (49.0%)	43 (28.9%)	6 (4.0%)	2 (1.3%)	$3.8 \pm 0.9$
Instruction of use	14 (9.4%)	30 (20.1%)	38 (25.5%)	57 (38.3%)	10 (6.7%)	$2.9 \pm 1.1$
Comprehensiveness	9 (6.0%)	36 (24.2%)	45 (30.2%)	50 (33.6%)	9 (6.0%)	$3.0 \pm 1.0$

\*(f & %) = Frequency and percentage



Table 6. The Frequency and Percentage of Satisfaction on EHR Utilization

(N=149)

<u></u>						(N=149)
Item:	Strongly agree *	Agree *	Neutral *	Disagree*	Strongly disagree *	Mean <u>+</u> SD
I feel EHR is useful	88 (59.1%)	54 (36.2%)	7 (4.7%)			$4.5 \pm 0.6$
I feel EHR is an important system for the primary health care level	88 (59.1%)	53 35.6%)	8 (5.4%)			$4.5 \pm 0.6$
I feel EHR is worth the time and effort required to use it	68 (45.6%)	70 (47.0%)	10 (6.7%)	1 (0.7%)		$4.4 \pm 0.6$
I feel the quality of my work has improved I feel the quality of information has been	59 (39.6%)	74 (49.7%)	14 (9.4%)	2 (1.3%)		$4.3 \pm 0.7$
improved due to EHR I feel my performance has been improved due	62 (41.6%)	66 (44.3%)	20 (13.4%)	1 (0.7%)		$4.3 \pm 0.7$
to EHR	42 (28.2%)	66 (44.3%)	37 (24.8%)	4 (2.7%)		$4.0 \pm 0.8$
I feel patient safety has improved due to EHR	77 (51.5%)	58 (38.9%)	14 (9.4%)			$4.4 \pm 0.7$
I feel the communication between health professional has improved due to EHR Quality improvement in providing health	60 (40.3%)	70 (47.0%)	19 (12.8%)			$4.3 \pm 0.7$
service	72 (48.3%)	67 (45.0%)	10 (6.7%)			$4.4 \pm 0.6$
I feel more comfortable to use EHR than paper-based	60 (40.3%)	66 (44.3%)	20 (13.4%)	3 (2.0%)		$4.2 \pm 0.6$
I think using the EHR would be proper for a						
doctor in my area	77 (51.7%)	55 (36.9%)	17 (11.4%)			$4.4 \pm 0.7$
Overall, I am satisfied with the EHR in primary health care	76 (51.0%)	63 (42.3%)	9 (6.0%)	1 (0.7%)		$4.4 \pm 0.6$

<sup>\*(</sup>f & %) = Frequency and percentage



#### 4.6. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SATISFACTION AND RELATED FACTORS

The participants result analyzed on the correlation test showed a very positively strong relationship correlation between participants rating of satisfaction on the utilization of EHR and the benefit perceived when implemented it (r = .708, p = < .001) and vice versa. There was significance correlation found on time spent using EHR (r = .178, p = .03) and place using computer (r = .211, p = .01).

However, negative relationship statistically resulted within satisfaction and barrier (r = -.210, p = .01) and other variables such as sex (r = -.028, p = .73), practice year (r = -.076, p = 0.36), and computer ability (r = -.064, p = .44).

There was no statistically relationship discovered within satisfaction and age (r= .007, p= 0.94), workplace (r= .004, p= 0.97), username (r= .055, p= .50), and have own computer (r= .016, p= .85)

The respondents revealed they had a weak significant negative correlation between benefit and barrier (r = -.14, p = .07), as shown in (Table 7).



**Table 7. Correlation Between Satisfaction and Related Factors** 

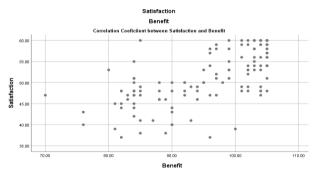
												N = 149
Item	Satisfac tion	Sex	Age	Practice Year	Workpl ace	Userna me	Time Spent Using EHR	Have Own Computer	Place Using Computer	Computer Ability	Benefit	Barrie
Satisfaction	1											
Sex	-0.028	1										
	0.734											
Age	0.007	276 <sup>*</sup>	1									
	0.936	0.001										
Practice	-0.076	-0.078	197*	1								
Year			0.016	1								
Wowlinkoo	0.357	0.343		262**	1							
Workplace	0.004	-0.034	0.045	262**	1							
***	0.965	0.681	0.586	0.001	0.450							
Username	0.055	0.026	0.125	-0.112	0.152	1						
	0.504	0.751	0.129	0.175	0.064	*						
Time Spent Using EHR	.178*	-0.038	0.042	-0.122	0.146	.182*	1					
J	0.030	0.650	0.614	0.137	0.075	0.026						
Have Own Computer	0.016	-0.096	-0.131	0.070	0.053	-0.077	-0.048	1				
•	0.848	0.245	0.110	0.396	0.525	0.349	0.562					
Place Using	.211**	166 <sup>*</sup>	-0.111	-0.015	0.127	.176*	0.159	.245**	1			
Computer	0.010	0.043	0.177	0.852	0.124	0.032	0.053	0.003				
Computer	-0.064	204*	-0.034	-0.006	0.051	0.028	.163*	0.016	0.037	1		
Ability	0.438	0.013	0.684	0.941	0.538	0.731	0.047	0.844	0.653			
Benefit	.708**	-0.018	-0.052	-0.108	0.096	-0.018	0.152	0.014	0.148	0.002	1	
	0.000	0.830	0.532	0.191	0.242	0.831	0.064	0.869	0.071	0.982		
Barrier	210**	0.034	-0.032	0.132	-0.022	-0.082	-0.144	-0.138	-0.095	-0.153	-0.144	
	0.010	0.679	0.696	0.108	0.790	0.322	0.079	0.094	0.249	0.063	0.079	

<sup>\*.</sup> Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

<sup>\*\*.</sup> Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

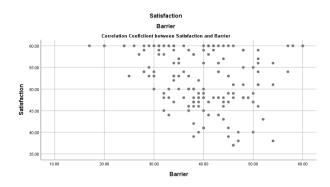


## 4.7. THE CORRELATION T BETWEEN BENEFIT, BARRIER, AND SATISFACTION



The participants' satisfaction and the benefit recognized were positively correlated, as shown in the figure above (Figure 3). The more benefit perceived; the higher satisfaction sensed on eHealth information employment.

Figure 3. The Correlation between Satisfaction and Benefit



The respondent's perception of satisfaction and benefit negatively correlated with the barrier utilizing HER, as shown in the figures above (Figures 4 & 5).

Figure 4. The Correlation between Satisfaction and Barrier

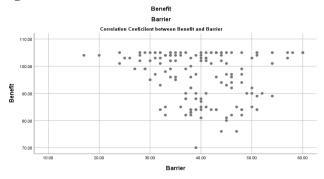


Figure 5. The Correlation between Benefit and Barrier



#### 4.8. FACTORS INFLUENCING EHR SATISFACTION

Multiple regression analyses were conducted to identify the factors that were independently related to satisfaction using EHR. The variance inflation factors (VIFs) were found not to be multicollinearity problem because the VIFs were 1.080- 1.242 (smaller than 10 but larger than 0.1 based on references value).

The participants satisfaction and others factor shown in (Table 8) where had a positive slope such as: age (B= .520; t= 0.656, p=0.51), username (B= 0.741; t= 0.634, p= 0.53), and time spent using EHR (B = 0.521; t= 0.991, p=0.32), place using computer (B = 0.980; t= 1.669, p=.09).

The variable benefit (B = .497; t= 11.361, p= <.001), was statistically significant impact on satisfaction on EHR implementation (R2= 51.0%).

Multiple linear regression was calculated to predict the satisfaction of end-users based on the predictors. The multiple linear analysis result revealed that those predictor variables were not statistically significant predictors to the model (p> .05). The R<sup>2</sup> for the overall model was 54% with an adjusted R<sup>2</sup> = 51%; a large size effect was reported by the model of variation in satisfaction on EHR utilization by the linear combination of predictors variables. We can conclude that the participants' satisfaction was not statistically impacted by other variables except the benefit perceived.



Table 8. Factors Influencing E	ľ	N= 149				
		Std.				
Item	В	Error	β	t	Sig.	VIF
(Constant)	6.879	7.200		0.955	0.341	
Gender	-0.055	0.836	-0.004	-0.066	0.948	1.242
Age	0.520	0.794	0.042	0.656	0.513	1.242
Practice Year	0.157	0.877	0.011	0.179	0.858	1.179
Workplace	-0.920	0.654	-0.086	-1.406	0.162	1.126
Username	0.741	1.168	0.039	0.634	0.527	1.128
Time Spent Using EHR	0.521	0.526	0.061	0.991	0.323	1.133
Have Own Computer	-0.242	0.817	-0.018	-0.296	0.768	1.136
Place Using Computer	0.980	0.587	0.106	1.669	0.097	1.220
Computer Ability	-1.143	0.758	-0.091	-1.508	0.134	1.108
Barrier	-0.086	0.048	-0.109	-1.794	0.075	1.105

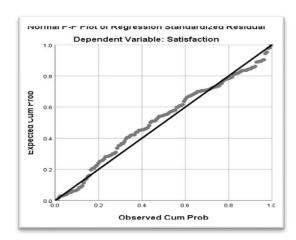
0.044

 $R^2 = .545$ .

0.680

Adj.  $R^2 = .508$ 

Benefit



0.498

The respondent's satisfaction toward the electronic health record was positively distributed, as shown in the figure above (Figure 6), analyzed by Multi Regression Analysis; adjusted  $R^2 = 51\%$ .

11.361

0.000\*

1.080

Figure 6. Scatter P Plot of Regression Standardized Residual

<sup>\*</sup> Statistically significant



#### **CHAPTER V:**

#### DISCUSSION

The implementation of the electronic health record is a pathway to achieve universal health coverage. Based on the report shared by WHO, the developed and upper-middle countries are most likely in a higher percentage to adopt the EHR compare to the lower-income countries [147]. However, both have the same purpose for a better-quality health care service delivery [148-150].

The EHR must not compromise the quality of service, patients' center, and the security of patients' information, which were crucial that could be monitored and regulated by the law and policy [151].

Timor Leste is a developing country that adopted EHR in 2015. According to the WHO 2015 e-health report, Timor Leste has no EHR implementation record in the primary health care level [152].

This research was a cross-sectional study utilized an online questionnaire survey using google form between 21<sup>st</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Various studies were conducted concerning the utilization of EHR in diverse countries, however not in Timor Leste. Hence, this study was conducted after the first-time implementation of EHR in Timor Leste to understand the primary health care physicians' perception on eHealth application.

## 5.1. THE SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

The total participants of this investigation were 149. M represented= 51.1% and F= 48.3%, and the majority have young ages between 31-35 years. The average years of practicing as a medical doctor were 6 years.

The respondents were most likely worked in the Community Health Center (CHC) compare to the Health Post and District Health Service. However, the respondents spent on average in using EHR was 1.75. the majority had their computer and most frequently used the computer in the home and workplace. The respondents had good computer ability, such as writing ability, internet explorer, and installation of the application.



This finding indicated that the participants were mostly in the young age (71.8%) and young medical doctor tent to accept innovative changes differ from elder age as found in the study done by Gagnon et al., 2014 [153].

This study also found that 65.8% of the participants had a good ability to manage computers. This result was similar to the study done by Zayyad & Toycan, 2018, and a systematic review by Gesulga et al., 2017 [116, 118] mentioned that IT literacy had a significant influence on the EHR adoption. Thus, the need for more capacity building training to enrich their ability and alongside the need for continuous IT support was an essential factor, as suggested by Samadbeik et al., 2020 [154].

# 5.2. THE PERCEPTION OF BENEFIT, BARRIER, SATISFACTION ACCORDING TO SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS.

Our finding indicated that not all sociodemographic characteristics associated with the perception of the benefit, barriers, and satisfaction. However, there was a statistically significant difference in age among participants' perception of benefit. This coherent with Jung, S. Y., et al. (2020) study was indicated that users with young ages had a more positive attitude toward technology changes than older professionals [117].

Regarding the barriers, our finding signaled statistically difference in the ability to use computers such as writing, internet explorer and installation of the application were consistent to the rapid umbrella review by Fennelly, O. et al. (2020) revealed that technology literacy as one of the major factor which influenced in the EHR implementation [32] also the training provided before the EHR utilization would be helpful for the successful implementation [126]

Another finding in this study suggested a statistical difference in the place using computers toward satisfaction. This research discovery was consistent with the investigation of Mills, S. (2019), declared that the place of using computer used to be factor that affect professional's satisfaction toward the EHR utilization. The application can be accessed and managed everywhere and anytime, which provides patients data readiness and comprehensive information for better patients aiding [101]. This result may be influenced by the more diversity of place using HER, and the benefit perceived more satisfaction using EHR.



#### 5.3. THE BENEFIT OF EHR ADOPTION

The positive behavior toward electronic health record (EHR) adoption among medical doctors because of the benefit perceived revealed by this study and supported by Shiferaw& Mehari, 2019 findings [30].

The respondents were strongly agreed and agreed in the benefit provided using eHealth decreasing paper-based documentation (76.5%) were parallel with the results of the research applied by Zandieh et al., 2008 [155]. However, this study found that the electronic record enabled easy access to information from past medical records (73.2%), provided access to patients' data, and analysis (69.1%) where supported by Strudwick & Booth, 2016 and Ganiga et al., 2020, indicated that the EHR could be utilized as a tool in supporting access to patients health documentation for better quality care delivery outcome [62, 156].

Moreover, the finding of this research cited that EHR enabled patients to follow- up (67.1%). The same results also found by Kight et al., 2020 and Rayner et al., 2020 indicated that EHR facilitated continuum care of patients in primary health care after being attended in a health facility where provided evidence-based plans for future care [74, 157].

Another finding in this study showed that EHR benefits the reduction of duplication of the patient health information (67.1%). Thus, consistent with Mills', 2019 investigation, and Oyugi et al., 2020 described that EHR in the improvement of patients' documentation while reducing repetition and improving data gathered [101, 158].

Our study resulted that the EHR provided better data and made it easy to transfer data that represented 65.8% and saved time in documenting health data. These results were coherent as research was done by Casey, Turner, Edwards, & Williams, 2020, and Ganiga et al., 2020 and others suggested EHR data sharing and documenting indicated to be quicker compared to paper-based report [62, 159, 160]

Half of the participants agreed that using EHR reduced medical error found in this study supported by the previous study done by King, Patel, Jamoom, & Furukawa, 2014, and Y.-T. Park & Han, 2017 mentioned that EHR was a warning system and sent notification to the health professional if there were inaccurate prescriptions of the medicine to the patients [7, 161].



This study also found that EHR enabled the following test results consistent with the study of Deeds et al., 2020, and Petersen et al., 2020 [97, 162] indicated that EHR made easier on laboratory test result collection and reporting for better in aiding patients. This survey had a similar finding to a study done by Kauppinen, Ahonen, & Timonen, 2017, the eHealth system made e-prescribing easier and faster, safer, and better supervision [163].

Somehow, some studies resulted from different findings. The study of Momenipour & Pennathur, 2019 suggested that EHR consumed more time in health data recording and increased medical error, according to Furlow, 2020 [125], [127]. These findings may be due to users' perception, which may be affected by an external factor and internal factor (attitude, acceptance of use, etc.)

Therefore, the result of this investigation signaled the respondents' positiveness toward EHR implementation that will have a massive impact on Timor Leste's health data information system.

#### 5.4. THE BARRIER OF EHR IMPLEMENTATION

This research found several obstacles to eHealth record implementation that found uniform the various study cited. For instance, respondents were agreed on the needs of frequent revision to technological development 51.0% were coherent with the study applied in Russian far East by Jung et al., 2020, found that an insufficient system development environment as one of the obstacle in EHR adoption [59, 117, 164].

This survey finding indicated that the compatibility of web browser (49.0%) as one of the barriers which had the same results as a study done by Tavares & Oliveira, 2018 survey on "New Integrated Model Approach to Understand the Factors That Drive Electronic Health Record Portal Adoption" in Portugal [165]. Therefore, the web application browser influenced by user-centered design, and device type were crucial in eHealth's appropriateness [166, 167].

Another barrier found in this study was the EHR cost (37.6%). This result was coherent to Gesulga et al., 2017, and a rapid umbrella review by Fennelly et al., 2020a [32, 118], concerned about the financial resource. This barrier is one of the biggest challenges detected since primary EHR was adopted. Nevertheless, the Austrian et al. 2020 study found that the EHR's had a positive clinical and financial impact [168].



Additionally, the connectivity (42.3%) was selected as the obstacle of the EHR implementation. This finding was found similar finding to the result of Dave et al., 2020, Alsohime et al., 2019 mentioned that the EHR's downtime due to the internet connection would affect patient care. This issue was the major concern for the developing country in the adoption of EHR as a result found in a systematic review by Leonard, E. et al. (2020). [169, 170].

This study signaled considerable attention on the user-friendly application, as found by Aldosari et al., 2018 suggested that the ease to use application reduced the negative attitude to adopt the system, which could elevate the benefit perceived by the users [31].

However, the study found disagreement on EHR cannot provide patients data confidentiality with the rate of finding (42.3 %) This had constant study found by Keshta & Odeh, 2020 [49], where the legislation application and policy could prevent this disaster and by applying the blockchain system to the software [32, 171, 172].

The uncertain of EHR guideline (38.3%) found in this research to be one of the barriers to EHR adoption was had a coherent result with the study done by Murphy, D. R., et al. (2019) was the unclear information to manage and to access were included in the barrier of EHR usage [150]. This survey also found that the EHR decrease interaction between patients and health professionals (37.6%) and increase health professional workloads (34.9%) were similar, as mentioned in Furlow's (2020) article and Hayes, D., Jr. (2019) [127, 173].

This result may influence by the short time of EHR implementation, less time spending on EHR utilization, and respondents' technology literacy. Consequently, the continuum of the capacity-building support on electronics necessarily needed to be offered. The application of EHR during medical school would be very advantageous in reducing paper- based health status documentation [174-176].

#### 5.5. THE SATISFACTION OF EHR UTILIZATION

The significance discovered related to the respondent's satisfaction using the eHealth system found that the use of EHR and as a crucial application for primary health care level (59.1%) were coherent with Messino, P. J. et al. (2020) mentioned that EHR increased the coverage of basics service provided in primary health care level [177], and the same result by Deeds, S. A., et al. (2020)



signaled that the system utilizations was proper for a medical doctor in the basic level care and improve patient safety (51.5%) which important in special cases like COVID-19 pandemic was the EHR template prompts categorization of patients by stability and suspicion and reduction of 40% of the medical error prescription according to Fernández-Oliveira, C. et al. (2020) in their investigation [97, 178]. Another finding was the EHR improved quality of health service (49.7%) as found by Alsohime, F. et al. (2019) on their research were indicated that the EHR utilization had an impact on increased health care performance [126], and overall, the respondents satisfied with the eHealth system represented 51.0%. Based on the study by Sieja, A. et al. (2019) confirmed that the physicians found satisfaction on EHR adoption in their clinic due to an excellent service provided by them in their facility [136].

#### **5.6. LIMITATIONS**

In fact, in the process of investigation related to this topic, the researcher recognized some limitations:

- 1. Among 193 questionnaires distributed, 7 respondents replied late, and 44 not replied.
- 2. The EHR literature that was found mostly focused on the medical health data only; there has not been abundant literature found on EHR that incorporates the public health aspect.
- 3. Low participation rate from a medical doctor with an age range from 25-30 and 36-40.
- 4. Overall, participants had a young age may have health ICT partialities.

#### 5.7. DIRECTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

- After implementing the EHR in all stages it is necessary to apply research to other health professionals in different categories to identify their perception of electronic health record implementation.
- After 5 years of EHR implementation, the reinvestigation of medical doctor perception on EHR will be necessary for better understanding.

#### 5.8. RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the finding revealed by this study, we would like to suggest to the government as
the decision-maker, the commitment to sustainability, and the continuum implementation
of EHR as an excellent decision taken to achieve the Universal Health Coverage.



Nevertheless, addressing all the barriers mentioned on the results is crucial for better impact [32, 179].

- 2. The creation of the patients' data security Act.
- 3. The adoption of EHR is vital for health organization [62]
- 4. We recommend maintaining the EHR's positiveness on their professional performance for better services provided to the Timorese population.
- 5. Optimization of the application was the first step toward higher-quality data and usage.



#### **CHAPTER VI:**

### CONCLUSION

The research among general physicians' perception of electronic health record implementation in primary health care level in Timor Leste suggested that the EHR decreased paper-based documentation as a way leading to a quality health care, enabling easy access to the patients' health records, enabling patients follow-up, reduction of duplication of the patient health information and allow faster data transfer.

However, the barrier to the implementation of EHR remains existed. The biggest challenges found in this study were the frequent revision of the application, the compatibility of the web browser, internet connectivity, and the application sustainability cost.

The positive outcome revealed in this study was the satisfaction of the end-users experiencing the application usefulness as an essential system in the primary health care level and proper to implement. The EHRR adoption improved health professionals' communication, elevated patient safety, and quality health service improvement. Overall, the general physician was satisfied with the EHR in their level of care.

The sociodemographic characteristics such as age, place using the computer, and the ability to use computers were different among factors influenced by EHR adoption.

Finally, we conclude that the end-user's higher satisfaction and benefit perceived reduces the barrier to the EHR implementation.



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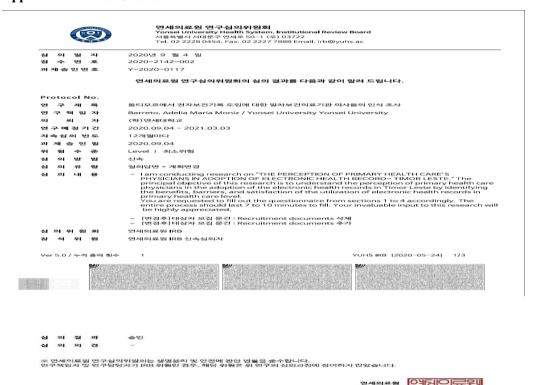
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#### **APPENDIX**

### **Appendix 1. Ethical Clearance**



연구심의위원회 위원장

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결과보고 종료보고 이후, 자료분석 결과에 대해 보고하여야 합니다.









### **Appendix 2. Informed Consent**

#### **Inform Consent**

Principal Investigator: dr. Barreto. Adelia Maria Moniz

Co-Principal Investigator: Prof. Sunjoo Kang Organization: Yonsei University, South Korea

Title of Study: THE PERCEPTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE'S PHYSICIANS IN ADOPTION OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD- TIMOR

To fulfill one of the criteria to complete my Master's Degree, it is recommended to write a thesis, therefor, I would like apply a research related to the topic mentioned above. Firstly, my high appreciation and my gratitude to all colleagues who voluntarily to participate in this survey. This survey will take 7-10 minute to fill all the questionnaire. All the information we obtain will remain strictly confidential, that only can be accessed by principal and co-principal investigator and your answers and name will never be revealed. Your seriousness in responding is highly recommended.

If you consent voluntarily to be a participant in the study, please click "Agree

Thank you for your collaboration!

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Informed consent of the research in Tetum



# Appendix 3. Questionnaire

# 1. Sociodemographic Characteristics

Charact	eristics	Subitem
1.	Sexo	M, F
	Gender	M, F
2.	Idade	
	Age	
3.	Tinan graduasaun	
	Year of graduation	
4.	Tinan hala'o pratika nudar mediku	
	Year Practicing as Medical doctor	
5.	Area servisu atual	Posto Saude, Sentru Saude Komunitariu,
		Servisu Saude Munisipal
		Health Post, Community Health Center,
	Area of workplace	District Health Servide
6.	Naran fatin servisu atual	
	Current workplace Name	
7.	Iha '' username''	Sim, Lae
	Has s a username	Yes, No
8.	Tempo uza RSE lor-loron	Ituan (-2h), naton, barak
	Time spent using EHR daily	Little (-2h), Enough (2-4h), Many (4-6 or +)
9.	Iha esperiensia uza RSE antes	Sim, Lae
	Previous EHR use experience	Yes, No
10.	Iha komputadora rasik	Iha, Laiha
	Has own computer	Yes, No
11.	Fatin uza komputadora	Uma, servisu fatin, uma & servisu fatin
	Place using computer	Home, Workplace, Home & Workplace
12.	Simu treinamentu uza RSE	Sim, Lae
	Training in EHR system	Yes, No
13.	Abilidade uza komputadora (ejemplo:	Ladiak, Naton, Diak
	hakerek, explora internet, instalaun	
	aplikasaun)	
	The ability using computer (writing, internet	Bad, Enough, Good
	explorer and installation of application)	

# 2. Benefisiu adopta/ uza Rejistu Saúde Electroniku

The statements for the barriers of the electronic health record implementation



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Sistem Rejistu Saúde Electroniku: Elecronic Health Record System:	Aceita tebes Strongly Agree	Ace ita Agr ee	Neu tral <i>Netr</i> al	La Aseit a Disag ree	La aseita liu Strongly disagree
Fornese asesu lais no seguru ba studo sientifiku					
Provides quick and reliable access to scientific research					
Fornese asesu facil ba informasaun rejistu mediku					
pasado nian					
enables easy access to information from past medical					
records					
Fornese asesu ba data paciente nian no analiza					
provide access to patients' data and analysis					
Fornese dadus nebeé diak liu					
provides better data					
Fasilita atu transfere dadus entre nivél atensaun					
(primaria, sekundaria e tersiaria)					
make it easy to transfer data between health care levels					
(primary, secondary, and tertiary)					
Fornese dadus hodi pratica ho standar					
provide access to practice standards					
Permite 'follow-up' ba pasientes					
Enabling Patients follow up					
Permite paciente hala'o visita regular					
patients regular visit					
Permite ´´follow-up´´ rezultadu teste ijame					
enables following test results					
Habadak tempu iha dokumentasaun dadus Saude nian					
saves time in documenting health data					
Hamenus dokumentasaun ho surat-tahan					
decreases paper-based documentation					
Melhora kualidade de atensaun					
improve the quality of care					
Hasa'e sentidu profesionalismo					
improve the feeling of profesionalism					
Kontribui ba professional saude nia abilidade atu foti					
desizaun relasiona ho paciente nia saude					
contributes to health professionals' ability to make					
patient care decisions					
Melhora komunikasaun entre profesional Saude no					
pasiente					
improve communication between health professional					
and patients					
Melhora komunikasaun entre professional Saude rasik					
improve communication between health professionals		<b>_</b>			
Hamenus erro médiku					
reduces medical error		<b>_</b>			
Reduz duplikasaun ba informasaun Saude paciente nian					
Reduction of duplication in patient health information		<b></b>			
Akuradu no bele assesu iha kualker tempo					
Accuracy and timely access		ļ			
Benefisia iha vigilancia no monitorizasaun moras					
Disease surveillance and monitoring		<u> </u>			
Facil liu no lais liu atu prescribe ai-moruk					
Made e-prescribing easier and faster		<u> </u>			



# 3. Barreira utiliza Rejistu Saude Electroniku The statements for the barriers of the electronic health record implementation

Sistem Rejistu Saúde					La aseita
Electroniku:	Aceita tebes				liu
Elecronic Health Record	Strongly	Aceita	Neutral	La Aseita	Strongly
System:	Agree	Agree	Netral	Disagree	disagree
Formlariu iha sistema dijital		1-8	1		
komplikadu liu e la fácil atu					
uza					
is too complicated and not					
user friendly					
Compromete seguridade					
pasiente nian					
compromises patient safety					
Hamenus interaksaun entre					
pessoal Saude no pasiente					
decrease interaction between					
health professional and					
patient					
Amenta servisu ba pessoal					
saude					
increase health professional					
workloads					
Defisil atu fornese seguridade					
dadus iha RSE					
it is dificult to provide data					
security in EHRs					
Konsumu tempu barak liu					
kompara ho surat-tahan					
comsume more time than					
paper-based system					
Dala barak ´´down´´ (lakon					
koneksaun)					
is "down" frequently					
Kustu makaás liu					
is costly					
Presija revizaun frekuente ba					
dezemvolvimentu teknolojía					
needs frequent revision to					
technological development					
Compatibilidade ba web					
browser					
compatibility of web browser					
Instrukasaun atu uza la klaru					
instruction of use not clear					
Iha difikuldade atu					
komprende lalais sistema					
dijital					
Comprehensiveness					



4. Satisfaksaun Wainhira Utiliza Rejistu saude Electroniku Statements for the satisfaction of utilization of electronic health record

Satisfaksaun husi utilizador Rejistu	Aceita				La aseita
Saúde Electroniku	tebes			La	liu
User satisfaction on electronic	Strongly	Aceita	Neutral	Aseita	Strongly
health record utilization	Agree	Agree	Netral	Disagree	disagree
Ha'u senti RSE neé útil tebes					
I feel EHR is usefull					
Ha'u senti RSE ne'e sistema					
importante ba nivel atensaun primaria					
I feel EHR is an important system for					
primary health care level					
Ha'u senti RSE valoriza tempo no					
rekere esforso atu uza					
I feel EHR is worth the time and					
effort requiered to use it					
Ha'u senti kualidade prestasaun					
saúde ha´u nia melhora					
I feel the quality of my work has					
improved					
Ha´u senti katak kualidade					
informasaun melhora tamba RSE					
I feel the quality of information has					
been improved due to EHR					
Ha'u senti ha'u nia performansia					
servisu nian melhora tamba RSE					
I feel my performance has been					
improved due to EHR					
Ha'u senti seguridade dadus paciente					
nia melhora					
I feel patient data safety has					
improved due to EHR					
Ha'u senti komunikasaun entre					
pessoal Saude nian melhora					
I feel the communication between					
health professional has improved due					
to EHR					-
Melhora kualidade ba prestasaun					
saude					
Quality improvement in providing					
health service		+			1
Ha´u senti comfortable liu uza RSE					
compara ho surat-tahan					
I feel more comfortable to use EHR					
than paper-based		+			<del> </del>
Ha'u hanoin uza RSE apropiado liu					
ba Médico hotu iha haú nia área					
(atensaun primaria)					
I think using the EHR would be					
proper for a doctor in my area					
(primary care)	J		1	1	I



En jerál, ha'u satisfaz ho RSE iha			
atensaun primaria			
overall, I am satisfied with the EHR			
in primary health care			