



Digital Nepal
Telemedicine

Video conferencing has been around for a long time but in Nepal this established technology provides crucial support for the medical profession and its doctors with real time communications.

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I am the chief of surgery in Kathmandu Model Hospital and I am also the director of academic affairs and telemedicine. What we were trying to do is to make health service available to less fortunate section of the people in the country. It started with real time videoconferencing.

Our friend, Mahabir Pun, he's trying his best to cover the whole country with the blanket of this wireless networking. And wherever he reaches we carry our bag of e-health, of which telemedicine is an important component. In the beginning we were very much concerned about the technological aspect of this connection: good quality of signals or not; you know, how much of bandwidth they can use or they can save, you know. I found that very few people are talking about other non-technical, really important, human aspects.

In the past in remote areas it was difficult for us to retain a doctor, even for three months. Now, they have been working there for years. So they can continue their study; they are in touch with the centre, so their growth is not stopped anywhere. And they have a feeling that they are not abandoned and they are just, you know, at another room.