

## WHO WE ARE

**VOLUNTEERS AROUND THE WORLD** have come together to form the OpenMRS Community—a group of talented individuals from many different backgrounds including technology, health care, and international development. Together, we're building the world's largest and most flexible health technology platform to support the delivery of health care in some of the most challenging environments on the planet.

**OUR MISSION** is to improve health care delivery in resource-constrained environments by working together as a global community to create a robust, scalable, user-driven, open source medical record system platform.


### WE ENVISION A WORLD WHERE:


- Models exist to implement health IT in a way that decreases costs, increases capacity, and lessens the disparities between wealthy and resource-poor environments.
- Open standards enable people to use health IT systems to share information and reduce effort.
- Concepts and processes can be easily shared to enable health care professionals and patients to work together more effectively.
- Medical software helps ease the work of health care providers and administrators to provide them with the tools to improve health outcomes all over the world.


*"The OpenMRS community is really diverse—academics, software developers, and health care workers. Our interest in working together to save lives is what binds us together."*

— Suranga Nath Kasthurirathne  
Developer, Jembi Health Systems



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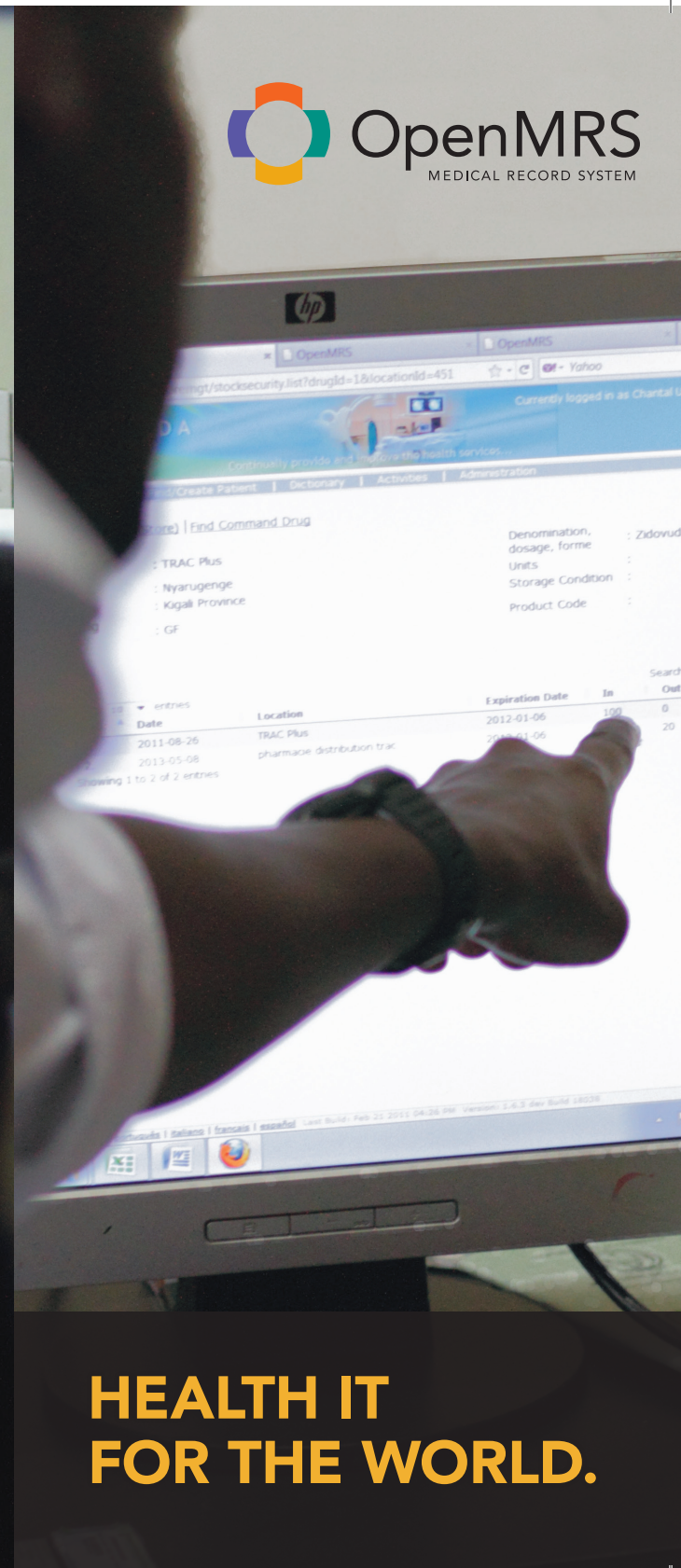
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**HEALTH IT  
FOR THE WORLD.**



## WHAT WE DO

*The OpenMRS community came together to specifically respond to those actively building and managing health systems in the developing world, where AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria afflict the lives of millions.*

OpenMRS is a patient-centric medical record application that records the details of interactions between health care providers and patients. Information is stored in a way that makes it easy to summarize and analyze, minimizing the use of free text and maximizing the use of coded information.

The software gathers a patient's treatment details into a single patient chart. Having this complete patient history available in one place empowers clinicians to make better decisions about care, while also enabling a deeper analysis of patient health in order to draw more meaningful conclusions on improving outcomes.

A clinician compares her paper records with OpenMRS in Rwanda.








## OUR COMMUNITY

Although we started out to fix a database system in a single clinic in Kenya, in the last few years OpenMRS has grown dramatically to be used in thousands of research and clinical settings in every corner of the planet. We're very proud of the innovators using OpenMRS to improve health care worldwide.

*We have a large, active community of volunteer developers and implementers and would be glad to have you join us!*



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED


-  **GET AN OPENMRS ID**  
Your key to participating in the community
-  **JOIN OUR MAILING LISTS & GROUPS**  
Learn the latest news about what's happening
-  **VISIT US IN IRC (INTERNET RELAY CHAT)**  
Chat live with other community volunteers
-  **CONNECT TO US AROUND THE WEB**  
Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and more
-  Get involved today: [openmrs.org/help](https://openmrs.org/help)

## OUR TECHNOLOGY

Today, connectivity and accessibility are critical pieces for health information systems. In most countries, this information is still in silos and is not accessible to those who need it—patients, clinicians, researchers, epidemiologists, and planners.

OpenMRS is a Java-based web application capable of running on laptops in small clinics or large servers for nation-wide use. Our platform improves health outcomes by providing a timely, comprehensive, and coordinated foundation for the delivery of health care.

OpenMRS add-on modules created by other users allow functionality to be easily added or removed from the system. This modular architecture allows users to customize OpenMRS to local health care needs, and reduces the need for custom programming.

 Explore real-world examples of OpenMRS:  
[openmrs.org/demo](https://openmrs.org/demo)

*“Our rapidly evolving program in Western Kenya is committed to fully integrated and comprehensive health care services extending from villages to hospitals. Every aspect of our work utilizes a single shared infrastructure—OpenMRS. It has become the indispensable backbone of every aspect of our future.”*

— Joe Mamlin, MD  
Field Director, AMPATH