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### **Foundational Architecture for National Digital Transformation: Special Collection led by G20 Digital Health**

### **Description of Special Collection:**

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of digital technologies and their potential in strengthening a health systems response. As part of its G20 presidency, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, aims to facilitate a dialogue on the foundations of digital health to advance universal health coverage. Worldwide, several governments are in the process of developing national digital health policies, governance, digital architecture and frameworks for standards and interoperability.

To strengthen the capacity of all G20 countries and promote south-south learning, we invite practice and implementation-based manuscripts focused on conceptualization and implementation of foundational architecture for digital transformation.

The special collection has a specific interest in planning and implementation of digital health infrastructure, including but not limited to the development of a national ID system; client, facility, and health worker registries; digital payment systems; privacy and cybersecurity; linkages to insurance systems and health claims exchange, etc.

Example areas of focus include, but are not exclusive to:

- Best practices in developing National Digital Health Architecture
- Governance structures to facilitate rollout of digital health strategies at national and subnational scale.
- Policies around implementation of standards and interoperability of national digital platforms
- Considerations for data privacy and security at national or subnational scale
- Adaptation of national architecture at the subnational scale
- Implementation challenges and the process of change management in facilitating digital transformation.

As part of this special collection, we invite commentaries from ministries of health that are engaged in developing and implementing digital transformation of their health systems.

For more information and input on relevance of certain topic areas within this special collection, please contact the editorial team with a 500-word abstract.

## **Guest Editors: TBD**

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## **Guidance for authors:**

If you would like to check the relevance of the planned manuscript to the special collection topic please send an expression of interest (EOI) to Liz Holwell liz.holwell@oup.com by 30 June 2023.

Please indicate in your cover letter that your paper is for consideration for this special collection. Where prompted in the submission system, please select the special issue 'Foundational Architecture for National Digital Transformation'.

**Submission deadline: 1st September 2023** 

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