



China is expected to become the largest telehealth market in the world, growing at 15% a year; it has three major nationwide telemedicine networks.



Telehealth will help doctors better monitor a greater number of patients, at the same time, reducing the strain on China's healthcare infrastructure investment.



- In 2014, in order to utilize telehealth, China started to place emphasis on telemedicine operational standards, accountability determination, incentive mechanisms, pricing standards, and costs. The government has also issued legal guidelines which provided a more comprehensive framework, including:
 - A definition of telemedicine services
 - Requirements imposed on medical institutions which provide telemedicine services
 - Guidelines in the implementation of telemedicine practices
- Experts see a few key market drivers that motivate the domestic telehealth market such as:
 - Government turns to telehealth to deal with the stress on the current system
 - Technological advancements provide adequate platforms for telehealth development
 - Increasing healthcare spending thanks to economic growth and lifestyle
 - Demographic changes, especially with fast aging population



- In China, due to the overload of stress in the healthcare system, patients usually have to wait for a long time in hospital before being served. Therefore, advanced telehealth platforms can help hospital staff to quickly capture patient's need, prioritize care delivery, recommend the best treatment and identify additional information resources.
- At present, China has three major telemedicine networks, including the Golden Health Network, the International MedioNet of China network and the People's Liberation Army telemedicine network.
- In recent years, China has been focusing on facilitating the development of platforms for telehealth by increasing availability of wireless data transmission networks. Rising up with the trend, the market for remote monitoring devices is believed to continue growing and adoption will increase.