

## Doctoral dissertation on eHealth

D Johanna Castren's doctoral dissertation on *E-mail in patient communication and a web based health advice service among Finnish University students* has been published in the University of Tampere. The body of the dissertation is in Finnish including abstract in English. There were two journal articles in English: Castren J, Niemi M, Virjo I (2005): *Use of email for patient communication in student health care: a cross sectional study. BMC Med Inform Decis Mak 5:2*, and Castren J, Kunttu K, Huttunen T (2008): *Users and non-users of web-based health advice service among Finnish university students – chronic conditions and self reported health status (a cross-sectional study) BMC Med Inform Decis Mak 8:8*.

Castren found that the majority of the physicians had positive attitudes towards using e-mail for patient communication, They estimated that only 2% of patient visits could have been replaced by e-mail consultation. Students generally had positive attitudes towards eHealth and were willing to substitute eHealth for some of conventional health services.-IW

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