



Ahmedabad HITCON AI in Healthcare Declaration - 2026

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PREAMBLE

We, the clinicians, hospital leaders, policymakers, digital health innovators, and healthcare stakeholders assembled at HITCON Masterclass – AI in Healthcare @ HOSPEX 2026, Ahmedabad, hereby adopt the Ahmedabad HITCON AI in Healthcare Declaration 2026.

Recognizing that Artificial Intelligence is rapidly transforming healthcare delivery, and acknowledging India's leadership in Digital Public Infrastructure through initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) and national digital health frameworks, we commit to responsible, ethical, and patient-centric adoption of AI in healthcare.

OUR SHARED VISION

Reduce administrative burden on doctors

Improve patient outcomes and safety

Enable affordable & accessible healthcare

Augment clinicians, not replace them

Align with India's national digital health ecosystem



We believe that AI in healthcare must

CORE COMMITMENTS OF THE AHMEDABAD DECLARATION

RESPONSIBLE & ETHICAL AI

- Promote transparency in AI tools used in healthcare
- Ensure explainability and clinician oversight
- Uphold patient privacy and data protection standards

ABDM-ALIGNED DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM

- Encourage interoperability with ABDM standards
- Support structured digital health records
- Promote integration with national health data platforms

CLINICIAN-CENTRIC AI ADOPTION

- Train doctors and healthcare teams in practical AI use
- Encourage use-case driven deployment rather than hype-driven adoption
- Focus on reducing burnout & documentation burden

EVIDENCE-BASED IMPLEMENTATION

- Promote validation, clinical trials, and outcome measurement
- Encourage regulatory compliance and safety standards
- Avoid unverified AI claims in clinical practice

DEMOCRATIZING AI FOR TIER 2 & TIER 3 INDIA

- Encourage scalable, affordable AI solutions
- Support adoption in small hospitals and clinics
- Use AI to bridge healthcare access gaps

PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATION

- Strengthen collaboration between policymakers, hospitals, startups and academia
- Create platforms for ongoing dialogue and knowledge exchange

AHMEDABAD CALL TO ACTION



- Healthcare professionals to embrace AI as a tool for better care
- Hospitals to invest in digital readiness and training
- Startups to build compliant, ethical, clinician-friendly AI solutions
- Policymakers to enable innovation while safeguarding public interest

THE HITCON COMMITMENT



- Create annual AI readiness frameworks for hospitals
- Facilitate AI literacy workshops for doctors
- Encourage ecosystem partnerships aligned with national digital health priorities
- Release periodic progress updates on AI adoption in Indian healthcare

The Ahmedabad HITCON AI in Healthcare Declaration 2026 marks a collective commitment to shaping a future where Artificial Intelligence strengthens India's healthcare system while preserving trust, ethics, and human compassion at its core.

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Collaboration Partner

