

**TELE – MEDICINE – A WELCOME INNOVATION
IN RIVERS STATE OF NIGERIA**

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Abstract

The paper discusses a project between the University of Verona and the General Hospital, Verona, both in Italy on one part, and the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital in Nigeria on the other side. It is a project that is being pursued by the IEEE, ISOC and RAS (Robotic and Automation Society) Nigeria Chapters in collaboration with some Italian experts.

Due to the lack of equipment in most Nigerian hospitals and the inappropriate ratio of doctors to patients in the Nigerian society, it was thought that borrowing from advantages of the Internet, expertise could be sought from abroad to handle serious medical cases in Nigeria for the teeming population who cannot afford treatment overseas.

The paper also touches on other efforts by the ISOC Nigeria Chapter to provide necessary innovations through the use of the Internet in tertiary institutions, industry and banks.

The paper finally appeals to other individuals and groups who may wish to enhance these projects in one way or the other to join with the IEEE, ISOC and Robotic and Automation Society Nigeria Chapter to achieve better results.