

# Partner Toolkit: Leveraging Digital Health Tools to Advance Health Equity:

Digital Health Tools Study found that Adoption and Use are  
Widespread, but Health Equity Remains Elusive

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National Center for Primary Care

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You can find the report on Morehouse School of Medicine National Center for Primary Care's website under the "Reports" section:

[https://www.msm.edu/Research/research\\_centersandinstitutes/NCPC/DigitalTechnologySurvey/index.php](https://www.msm.edu/Research/research_centersandinstitutes/NCPC/DigitalTechnologySurvey/index.php).

Shortened link: [bit.ly/DHTstudy](https://bit.ly/DHTstudy) (this link is casesensitive)

This toolkit is intended to serve as a resource so that you can share this report broadly. The toolkit includes Key Social Media Handles, Suggested Tweets, Sample Newsletter Entry, and Additional Resources. Please reach out to Mitchell A. Blount ([mblount@msm.edu](mailto:mblount@msm.edu)) if you have any questions.

## Key Social Media Handles:

**National Center for  
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Alt text:

- Our partners at @NCPC\_Policy have released a new report describing how digital health tools can be leveraged to advance #healthequity. This report, developed in partnership with United Health Foundation, puts forth key policy recommendations. More info: [bit.ly/DHTstudy](https://bit.ly/DHTstudy)



Link to download image:

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Alt text: Key Policy and practice changes to support digital health tool use from the Digital Health Tools Study: 1) prioritizing equity in health care transformation efforts; 2) improving the interoperability of digital health tools; 3) improving access to telehealth; 4) increasing accessibility to culturally and linguistically tailored patient centered DHTs; 5) increasing support for both patients and health care professionals in the use of DHTs.

## Sample Newsletter Entry:

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- 1) prioritizing equity in health care transformation efforts;
- 2) improving the interoperability of digital health tools;
- 3) improving access to telehealth;
- 4)

## Additional Resources :

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