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and therapy and evolves in the brains of health care professionals.  
Hence, in all domains data, information and knowledge play a key role.  
As these three processes evolve, dealing with individuals - patients,  
doctors and nurses - because

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