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REIMAGINING HEALTHCARE

THE CLOUD REVOLUTION LED BY ASHISH GUPTA

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Imagine a world where no matter where you go, your doctor has instant access to your entire medical history, securely, efficiently, and in real time.

Thanks to cloud computing, that future is no longer distant. Across healthcare, cloud-based solutions are redefining how patient care is delivered and managed. Yet despite clear benefits, full-scale cloud adoption in healthcare still faces hurdles.

CURRENT STATE AND CHALLENGES OF CLOUD ADOPTION

In an in-depth conversation, cloud computing and healthcare technology expert **Ashish Gupta** shares insights into this transformation. From the current state of cloud adoption to the promise of artificial intelligence and the role of scalable solutions, Gupta paints a compelling picture of the opportunities and challenges ahead.

According to Gupta, cloud computing in U.S. healthcare is gaining traction, but progress remains uneven. A major barrier is integrating critical workloads while ensuring compliance with strict data privacy laws like HIPAA. The industry currently spends an estimated \$70 billion annually just to meet regulatory demands—much of which supports outdated legacy systems slowing cloud transition. These ageing infrastructures often slow the transition to cloud-based platforms, despite growing interest from the sector.

Challenges extend beyond compliance: data security, breach risks, and fear of disruption weigh heavily on decision-makers. Around 70% of healthcare organisations cite compliance and security as top concerns when considering cloud tech. However, the pandemic proved a turning point,



revealing the need for agility and resilience—traits naturally aligned with cloud platforms.

CLOUD'S GROWING IMPACT AND AI SYNERGY

Today, cloud adoption goes beyond cost savings. Healthcare organisations prioritise **agility, scalability, and data-driven care**. Cloud computing streamlines data management, enabling centralised, real-time storage and access that helps physicians make quicker, informed decisions and improve patient outcomes. A powerful aspect is its synergy with artificial intelligence. Gupta notes that the cloud provides the computing power to deploy AI tools at scale—unlocking insights from massive datasets, supporting predictive analytics, and personalising treatment plans. AI powered by cloud infrastructure is shifting healthcare from reactive to proactive.

Cloud computing's impact is visible in **telemedicine, remote patient monitoring, and electronic health records (EHRs)**. During the

pandemic, cloud-enabled telehealth ensured continuity of care, especially in underserved areas. These systems now allow integrated care with easily shared data, enhancing collaboration and reducing errors.

OPERATIONAL ADVANTAGES

Operationally, cloud technology reduces the need for hospitals to maintain expensive, space-consuming data centres. It allows healthcare systems to scale resources dynamically, whether during seasonal outbreaks or public health emergencies. Providers pay only for what they use, making it a cost-effective and flexible solution.

For hesitant organisations, Gupta advises starting small, moving non-critical workloads to the cloud. A detailed migration roadmap, a strong governance framework, and partnerships with cloud providers experienced in healthcare can ease the transition. Most importantly, involving clinical and IT staff early in the process ensures the technology aligns with patient care goals.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

Looking ahead, Gupta envisions a healthcare ecosystem driven by hybrid and multi-cloud strategies. He sees cloud computing playing a central role in **personalised medicine, preventive care, and collaborative networks** that transcend individual hospitals or regions.

The future is clear: cloud technology isn't just an IT upgrade—it's a fundamental enabler of smarter, more connected, and patient-centric healthcare. As Gupta aptly concludes, the ability to share, protect, and act on data across providers will be the game-changer in shaping the healthcare landscape of tomorrow.