

# COVID-19: How it accelerated the Future of Healthcare



A follow-up to the [World in 2040 series](#), this report, developed by futurist Ray Hammond, explores the unprecedented acceleration of healthcare and medical trends outlined in the original publication just three years ago as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Available to read in full [here](#), some key findings of the report are summarised below.



## Health Tech Adoption Accelerated

**Health technology now goes beyond the traditional smart watch.** Other sensors and monitors are providing information about the health and wellbeing of patients to medics. These include mats which can detect changes in a patient's gait, cameras for patient observation, motion sensors, electric plug and switch sensors, door sensors, humidity sensors and ambient temperature sensors.



## Remote Healthcare Delivery

Covid-19 accelerated the use of **telehealth, as telemedicine, virtual wards and health technology** became commonplace across the world, to treat patients remotely and reduce the risk of spreading the virus.



## The Vast Potential of mRNA Technologies

The technologies developed to produce the Covid-19 vaccines are now being used to **develop further treatments** which may benefit patients with cancer, heart disease and infectious diseases.



Researchers at the Yale School of Medicine are currently **tackling a vaccine for malaria**



Heart tissue damaged during heart attacks is now **being successfully regenerated** in animal trials by researchers at King's College London



This is a very welcome silver lining following a challenging few years for people around the world.

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