Today's networked society demands change at a speed we have not seen before. This change has been called the ‘fourth industrial revolution’ which was widely debated at the recent Davos meeting as one of today’s key global challenges.

This fourth revolution follows the first, water and steam power; the second, electrification and mass production and the third, the digital age. It reflects how people and technology combine in new ways to transform how we relate, organise, work and live. The world is changing: climate is changing, business is changing, politics and war are changing and healthcare is changing too. Yet healthcare is still by large being organised around the ideas of mass production, utilizing scientific-rationality with the aim of running the ‘factory hospital’ more efficiently. This model sucks in huge resources (money and people) and offers a healthcare focusing on illness rather than well-being, on treatment rather than prevention, and on episodes of care rather than continual complex social-health care solutions.

Unless we re-imagine healthcare itself, we will fail to address the challenges or take advantage of the opportunities we are now facing. This takes a new form of leadership we call Eco-leadership (Western 2013).

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