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Introduction

A smart healthcare system based on the Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) consists of a network of interconnected smart medical devices. This system operates through various stages within the IoMT framework. Initially, patient medical data is collected using smart sensors embedded in wearable or implanted devices, which are connected through a body sensor network (BSN) or wireless sensor network (WSN). The collected data is then transmitted over the internet to the next component for prediction and analysis.

The IoMT architecture comprises three layers: the things layer, fog layer, and cloud layer. The things layer, which directly interacts with users, includes components such as sensors, actuators, medical records, pharmaceutical controls, and diet plan generators. This layer collects information from wearables, patient monitoring devices, and remote care systems. Local routers connect these devices to the fog layer, enabling efficient access to patient data for medical professionals. The fog layer acts as an intermediary between the things and cloud layers, utilizing local computing power for real-time responses and ensuring system security and integrity. Data from the fog layer is routed to the cloud layer, where data storage and computational resources are available for further analysis. The cloud layer facilitates the integration of extensive medical and healthcare systems, enabling efficient management of daily operations. Additionally, cloud resources store the data generated by the medical infrastructure, allowing for future analytical work as needed.

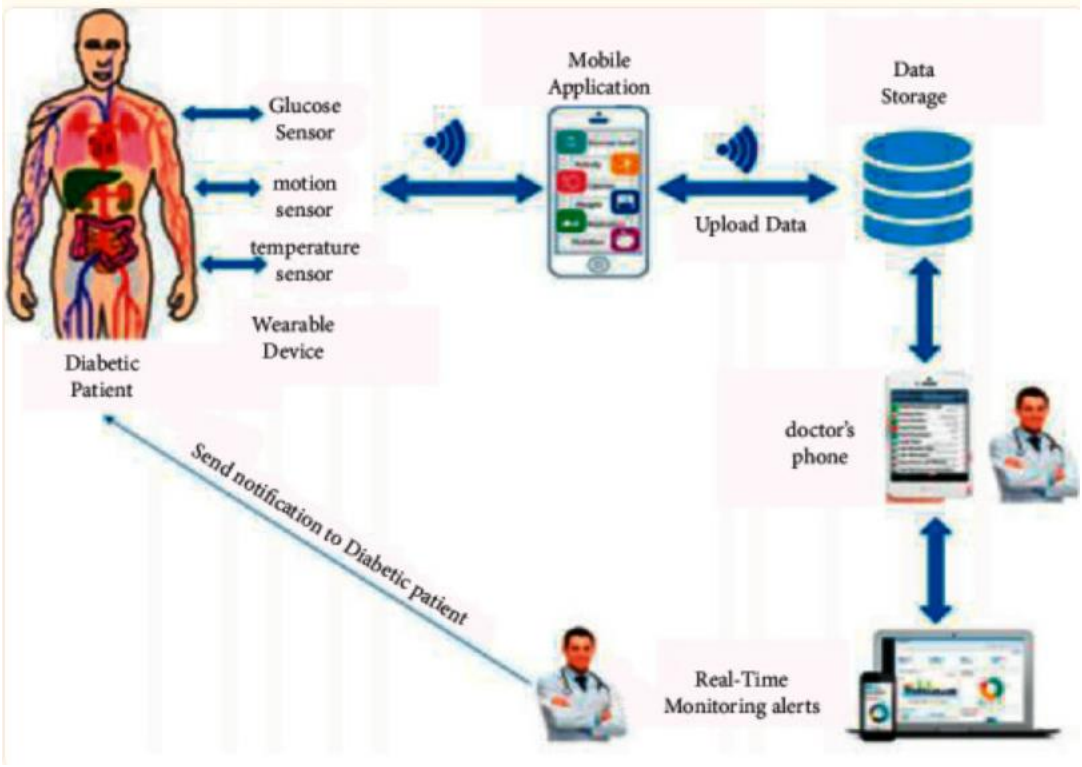
One notable component of advanced IoT healthcare software is a widely used remote patient management device that enables remote patient monitoring. This system, built on the Internet of Things, expands the capabilities of medical operations by offering a remote patient management solution. Through the utilization of IoT technologies, an IoT healthcare service has successfully developed and implemented this remote patient management system.

By leveraging IoT devices, medical experts can measure a wide range of vital signs and other measurements, enabling comprehensive monitoring and continuous evaluation of patients. This capability allows medical personnel to provide timely guidance and improve the quality of care delivered.

In traditional healthcare settings, data collection and interpretation from multiple devices and sources typically require manual effort. However, the integration of IoT devices in healthcare operations offers a solution by enabling real-time evaluation of data. This feature reduces the need for extensive storage of raw data and streamlines the overall data management process.

Furthermore, the use of IoT devices in healthcare operations facilitates faster decision-making by providing enterprises with access to crucial healthcare statistics and data-driven insights. By harnessing real-time data from medical IoT devices, doctors can track and analyze patient information more effectively, leading to improved treatment outcomes and personalized care.

Overall, the integration of IoT technologies in remote patient management and healthcare operations brings numerous benefits, including enhanced patient monitoring, streamlined data management, and improved decision-making processes (2).



Predicting the optimal allocation of doctors and nurses in hospitals can be challenging due to their frequent engagement in paperwork and patient visits. However, the use of telemedicine enables doctors to provide reliable guidance to patients, and real-time patient tracking allows medical professionals to respond swiftly to critical developments. This real-time monitoring is especially beneficial for remote care and has become crucial during the COVID-19 pandemic, with various technology applications readily available to support telemedicine services(6).

The Internet of Things (IoT) has significantly improved people's lives, particularly those of senior patients, by enabling them to track and monitor their health concerns. These IoT-enabled devices can be programmed to monitor various aspects such as blood pressure, calorie intake,

exercise routines, and appointments. By leveraging wearables and IoT-enabled home monitoring devices, doctors can focus more on their patients' health and well-being (8).

IoT technology also presents an opportunity for cost reduction in healthcare operations. By incorporating the best available IoT medical equipment, there is a great potential for lowering costs and improving patient outcomes. IoT healthcare applications offer comprehensive functionalities that can lead to cost savings. The healthcare sector is embracing IoT-enabled facilities to enhance the user experience. With IoT-connected healthcare apps, remote control becomes feasible, creating smarter and more integrated environments. This enhances the overall efficiency of procedures and resource management, resulting in a better patient experience. IoT applications in healthcare aid physicians in diagnosing, treating, and preventing illnesses (9).

Improved patient condition analysis and continuous automated monitoring with IoT medical equipment result in precise and error-free treatment. The highly reliable data collected by IoT devices empowers doctors to make informed decisions, evaluate patient histories swiftly, and present data to a board of healthcare professionals through cloud platforms. AI-powered medical IoT devices provide clear judgments or recommendations based on evidence, leading to better patient outcomes. Additionally, IoT healthcare applications contribute to illness prevention by offering ubiquitous control systems, reducing the demand for healthcare experts.

The IoT operates through five distinct phases, starting from data collection and extending to data delivery. Data collectors are employed based on the characteristics of objects, ranging from static and immovable chips and sensors to wearable devices like radio-frequency

identification (RFID) tags. Data storage occurs either within objects' internal memory or in cloud platforms when using low-memory and low-processing-power IoT components.

In data processing, IoT analyzes data stored in cloud data centers, providing intelligent services and controlling objects. The transmission of processed data without errors or changes is a crucial task that IoT handles at every level, ensuring accurate delivery to objects.

The rapid growth and popularity of IoMT-based apps have contributed to the emergence of the fifth generation (5G) network. 5G technology integrates IoMT, big data, cloud computing, and artificial intelligence, enabling precise, automated, and intelligent operations. 5G-enabled IoMT applications offer real-time, repeatable information instantly, enhancing the overall healthcare experience.

Smart implants, such as cochlear implants, heart implants, joint implants, and smart dental implants, incorporate microchips and wireless sensors to gather specific information about the monitored region. This data can be transmitted to a server and forwarded to a mobile app or device, triggering the need for immediate treatment.

Expanding healthcare concerns, such as the rise in chronic diseases and an ageing global population, require healthcare providers to deliver high-quality care and enhance patient outcomes. The IoT addresses these needs by enabling real-time surveillance, reliable patient data collection, and tracking of patient and employee activities. By utilizing data from

wearables and other medical devices, doctors can monitor their patients' health, determine the best treatment course, ensure treatment adherence, and achieve desired results.

In the future, the healthcare ecosystem will encompass IoT in personal healthcare, the pharmaceutical sector, healthcare insurers, healthcare construction facilities, robotics, biosensors, smart beds, smart medications, and other healthcare specializations. Sophisticated healthcare equipment like activity trackers helps improve patient conditions, and data collected before and after treatment aids medical professionals in gaining a better understanding of the underlying issues.

The integration of IoT into the healthcare ecosystem encompasses various areas, including personal healthcare, the pharmaceutical sector, healthcare insurers, healthcare construction facilities, robotics, biosensors, smart beds, smart medications, and other specialized healthcare domains. Through the aid of medication and advanced healthcare equipment like activity trackers, doctors can enhance the medical conditions of patients. For instance, activity trackers can be used to monitor the movements, activity level, and other factors of a cancer patient both before and after treatment, providing valuable data for medical professionals to gain a better understanding of the patient's situation.

IoT in healthcare will revolutionize collaboration and data exchange by enabling improved connectivity and leveraging cutting-edge technologies. Utilizing features such as Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, and other capabilities will facilitate easier and faster disease tracking and recognition, ultimately saving time and money for patients. This technological innovation also has the potential to reduce healthcare costs. The implementation of IoT in healthcare involves storing extensive data related to a patient's medical history. Moreover, the IoT system must ensure

seamless communication of data with other devices. Cloud-based platforms play a crucial role in this process, as IoT devices can gather, analyze, monitor, send, and receive data through the expansive capabilities of the cloud.

Aim:

To explore the potential concerns faced by IoMT providers.

Objective:

- To identify the potential concerns faced by IoMT providers as well as suggest any technological interventions that can help overcome this gap in future.

Review of Literature

Most of the people's information may be utilised for a variety of things without their knowledge. The following issues may arise:

Confidentiality: Safeguarding the confidentiality of data gathered online demands different approaches and precautions than safeguarding the confidentiality of data collected on paper. Data transmission is safe when using secure sockets layers (SSL) while sending data to servers. Encryption and other security tools can be effective safeguards for the server's data. With these safety precautions, data obtained online will likely be just as secure as data locked up and kept in research labs (9).

Data security: Participants' private information and private data should be carefully stored, guarded, and disposed of. Passwords, actual locks, and limiting the number of employees that have access to the identified data can all help achieve this.

Anonymity: Individuals' consent and agreement must be demonstrated by identifying information, which should also be maintained apart from the study's data. Contact information should be presented for the purpose of receiving data or payment. These data, for

instance, could be stored in a different database. Therefore, the data will at least be anonymous in the event of an error or if they are made available to others without their consent (10).

The right to withdraw from medical research should be protected for both samples and participants. Before choosing to contribute their data for research applications, participants should be fully informed about who will have access to their data, why, and to what extent.

Informed consent may be difficult because participants in online data collecting may never really meet the researchers. Obtaining informed permission before to any diagnostic or therapeutic procedure will have favourable ethical and clinical outcomes because it is one of the most essential concepts in medical ethics and patient rights worldwide (11). In healthcare facilities, informed consent is seen as a key element of patient rights. The patient or their legal representative must first comprehend and approve the treatment plan in this process.

Methodology

This research study includes secondary research that tries to assess the potential concerns faced by IoMT providers, and the type of technological interventions that can help address these concerns. The review focuses on identifying and synthesizing the available evidence. The methodology described below adheres to the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) standards to ensure a comprehensive and transparent approach.

Research Question: The research question is formulated as follows: “What are the potential concerns faced by IoMT providers, and what technological interventions can help address these concerns?”

Protocol development: A comprehensive protocol was developed to guide the systematic review process. The protocol included the objectives, search strategy, inclusion and exclusion

criteria, data extraction methods, quality assessment criteria, and data synthesis plan. Emphasis was placed on minimizing bias and ensuring reproducibility.

Search strategy: A systematic search strategy was devised in collaboration with a medical librarian to identify relevant studies. Multiple electronic databases, including PubMed, Scopus, Embase, and Web of Science, were searched using a combination of keywords and MeSH terms related to Internet of Medical Things, remote patient monitoring, healthcare smart devices, smart hospitals, telemedicine, AI-powered IoMT device, wearables, and related concepts. The search strategy was augmented by manual searching of reference lists and pertinent journals to identify additional studies.

Study selection: The titles and abstracts of the identified articles were screened by two to determine their eligibility based on predefined inclusion and exclusion criteria. The criteria included study design (e.g., randomized controlled trials, cohort studies, observational studies), population (IoMT providers), intervention (Internet of Medical Things), outcomes (Identification of concerns, categorization and prioritization, evaluation of technological interventions, recommendations for IoMT providers, knowledge gap and future research **directions), and publication language.**

Data extraction: A standardized data extraction form was utilized to extract relevant information from the included studies. Data extraction was performed for each selected study, encompassing study characteristics (e.g., author, year, study design), participant characteristics (e.g., sample size, demographics), details of the IoMT interventions, outcome measures assessed, and key findings.

Data synthesis: A narrative synthesis approach was employed to analyze and summarize the findings from the included studies. The extracted data were thematically organized and synthesized, focusing on key outcomes, types of interventions, and their effects on homebound

patients. Subgroup analyses were performed, if applicable, to explore heterogeneity among the studies.

Interpretation and reporting: The findings of the systematic review were interpreted in the context of the research question and the quality of the included studies. The implications of the results were discussed, considering the limitations and strengths of the evidence. Recommendations for future research, policy, and practice were also provided.

Peer review: The secondary research of this study underwent a rigorous peer review process to ensure its quality and validity. Valuable feedback and suggestions provided by the reviewers were thoroughly evaluated and integrated into the final version of the review.

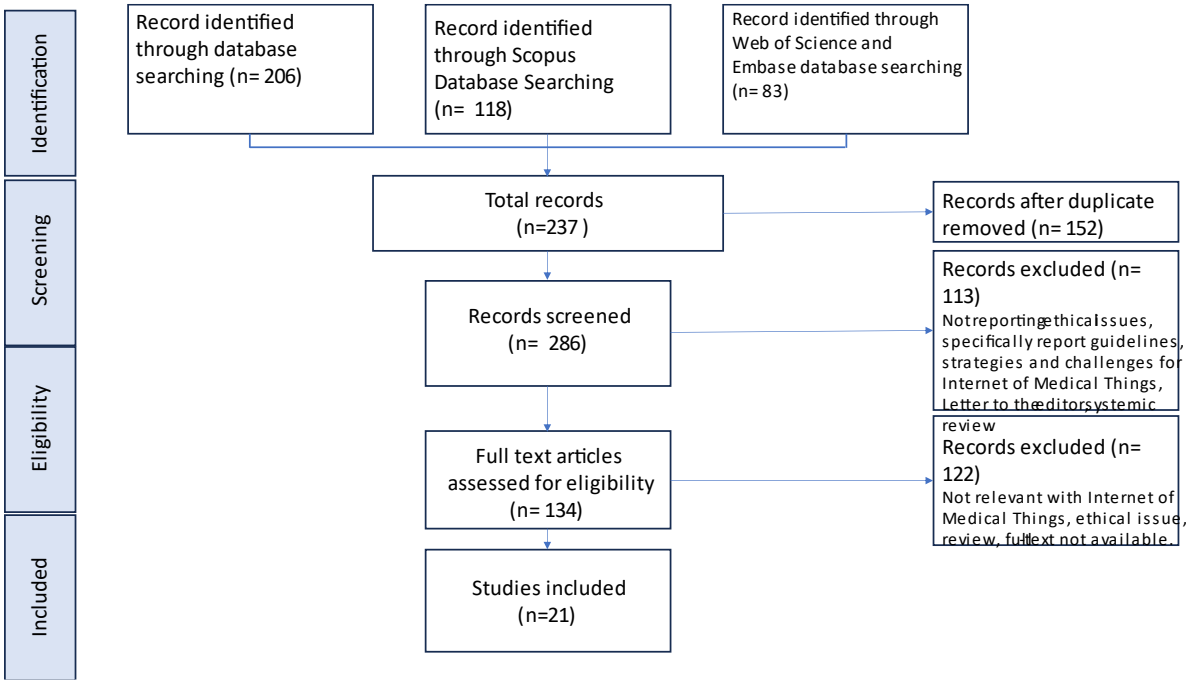
During the reporting of the research findings and the development of the research structure, authors worldwide adhere to the PRISMA statement 2015. This statement serves as a guide for conducting systematic literature reviews (SLRs) and meta-analyses, aiming to enhance the reliability of such studies. The PRISMA statement outlines the overall research procedure for selecting and excluding articles in a systematic review.

For this specific SLR focused on industry 4.0 healthcare systems and Homebound patients, the Scopus database and Pubmed were utilized for literature mining. The search was conducted using specific keywords, namely "Internet of Medical Things" AND "providers." The initial search yielded a total of 433 results from the databases.

Several critical inclusion and exclusion criteria were applied to select relevant articles for this review, including the requirement for articles to be published in English and related to IoMT.

Review papers and articles were included in the screening process. Subsequently, a meticulous screening process was carried out for each identified category to identify the most relevant records, resulting in the selection of 21 studies to be included in the synthesis of the review.

Figure 1 provides a comprehensive depiction of the selection and rejection process of the current study, in accordance with the PRISMA statement 2015.



Result:

Potential concerns faced by the Internet of Medical Things providers are:

- Data Security and Privacy Concerns

Data has developed into a significant asset in today's more interconnected world, spurring innovation and fostering economic progress. However, worries regarding data security and

privacy have been raised because of the widespread collecting, archiving, and use of private and sensitive information. The challenges, ramifications, and steps necessary to protect data in the digital era are examined in this article's exploration of the changing landscape of data security and privacy.

Furthermore, a significant quantity of personal data is being gathered and processed every day due to the widespread use of smart devices, social media platforms, and online services. This includes private data like medical records, financial records, and biometric identification numbers. It is essential to protect this information in order to avoid abuse, discrimination, and violation of individual rights (12).

1) Emerging Threats and Challenges

Technology's quick development has created new dangers and difficulties for data security and privacy. Malicious actors are constantly coming up with innovative methods to take advantage of flaws and access sensitive information without authorization. among the frequent risks are:

i) Cyberattacks: Advanced hacking methods, such phishing, ransomware, and malware, present serious hazards to the protection of personal data. Cybercriminals target businesses and people to steal personal information or damage vital infrastructure.

ii) Insider threats: Individuals who have been granted access to confidential information may misuse that access, either knowingly or unknowingly, leading to data breaches. Insider threats may result from careless personnel, compromised accounts, or shoddy internal controls.

iii) Data breaches: Companies that keep a lot of data are appealing targets for hackers. Sensitive information may be exposed in breaches brought on by weak security measures, software flaws, or human error (13).

iv) Regulatory Compliance: The pressure on organizations to maintain compliance has increased because of the introduction of stronger data protection legislation, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). If you don't follow these rules, you risk paying expensive fines and harming your reputation.

2) Implications for People and Organisations.

Concerns about data security and privacy have wide-ranging effects on both people and organisations.

i) Individuals: Identity theft, financial fraud, and unauthorised surveillance are all possible outcomes of privacy violations. People may feel emotionally distressed and lose faith in internet services. People must be aware of their rights, comprehend privacy regulations, and practise best practises such using strong passwords, turning on two-factor authentication, and exercising caution when disclosing personal information online (14).

ii) Businesses: Data breaches can have serious repercussions for businesses, such as financial losses, legal responsibilities, harm to their brand's reputation, and loss of client trust. Organisations must take important efforts to limit risks, including putting in place strong security measures, performing frequent audits, and investing in employee training (15).

3) Safeguarding data: best practices and solutions

To address data security and privacy concerns effectively, a multi-faceted approach is required:

i) Strong Encryption: Implementing end-to-end encryption ensures that data is secure during transmission and storage, making it inaccessible to unauthorized parties.

ii) Robust Authentication: Employing multi-factor authentication adds an extra layer of security, reducing the risk of unauthorized access to sensitive information (16).

- Inter-operability challenges

Interoperability has become more important in the age of digital transformation for establishing smooth data interchange, collaboration, and communication between various systems and platforms. This article examines the ramifications, underlying causes, and prospective solutions to close the gap in the digital environment to better understand the difficulties connected with interoperability (17).

1) The Importance of Interoperability: Interoperability is the capacity of various systems, gadgets, and applications to share and successfully understand data. In a variety of industries, including healthcare, finance, transportation, and government services, it is crucial for increasing efficiency, lowering costs, and fostering innovation.Achieving interoperability is essential for ensuring smooth information flow in today's interconnected world where organizations depend on a variety of technologies and systems (18). Businesses can use it to better share data, create cross-functional collaborations, and link different systems. Interoperability also encourages innovation and competition by facilitating the creation of complementary and integrated solutions (19).

Inter-operability challenges:

Despite its importance, interoperability still faces several obstacles that prevent widespread adoption and deployment. The following are a few of the main difficulties

1) Technical heterogeneity: Disparate systems' use of multiple technologies, standards, and protocols hinders interoperability. Data interchange and integration are hampered by incompatibilities in data formats, communication protocols, and interfaces (20).

2) Lack of Standardisation: One of the biggest obstacles to establishing interoperability is the lack of widely agreed standards and frameworks. The creation of interoperable solutions is hampered by conflicting interpretations, proprietary technologies, and a lack of consensus among stakeholders (21).
3) Data Security and Privacy Issues: Maintaining interoperability while ensuring secure and private data sharing is a difficult task. Data sharing for interoperability needs to be balanced with safeguarding private data from unauthorized access or breaches by organizations (22).
4) Issues with governance and policy: Interoperability adoption is hampered by the lack of clear governance models, regulatory frameworks, and policies addressing it. To address governance issues, uniform rules and industry-wide cooperation are required (23).

- Regulatory Compliance: Ensuring conformity for organizational success.

Regulatory compliance has developed into a crucial component of organisational operations in the complex corporate environment of today. Companies in a wide range of industries are required to abide by a plethora of laws, regulations, and standards established by governmental agencies and professional organisations. Making sure businesses act morally, responsibly, and within the bounds of legal and regulatory frameworks is the goal of regulatory compliance. This essay examines the value of regulatory compliance, its difficulties, and the advantages it offers businesses (24).

Regulation Compliance's Importance

The integrity of enterprises and the development of stakeholder trust both depend on regulatory compliance. Organisations show their dedication to moral behaviour by abiding by the law, protecting the rights of customers, employees, and the environment. The legal repercussions, reputational harm, and financial fines that could result from non-compliance are shielded by compliance. Furthermore, compliance initiatives support fair competition, transparency, and responsibility within industries, all of which help to long-term sustainability (25).

Problems with Obtaining Regulatory Compliance

Despite being essential, regulatory compliance has its difficulties. When negotiating the regulatory environment, organisations must deal with a variety of difficulties. Some of the typical difficulties include:

1) Changing Regulatory Environment: Regulations are frequently changed, necessitating organization-wide updating and practise modifications. It can be difficult to comprehend and efficiently execute new requirements given this continual change (26).

5) Silos of compliance: Businesses frequently operate under several different laws, each of which has its own set of requirements. This leads to the formation of compliance silos, which makes it challenging to streamline procedures and guarantee uniform adherence across all sites (27).
6) Ambiguity and Interpretation: Some laws are vague and subject to different interpretations. This ambiguity may cause organisations to follow inconsistent compliance procedures and face legal uncertainty (28).

7) Resource Restrictions: Compliance initiatives demand substantial financial, human, and technological resources. Many organisations, especially smaller companies with tighter budgets, struggle to assign enough resources to meet compliance obligations (29).
8) Cultural and organizational change are frequently required in order to achieve regulatory compliance. Implementing compliance measures inside an organization might be hampered by change aversion, ignorance, and insufficient training (30).

- Reliability and accuracy: The pillars of trustworthy information

The Value of Accuracy and Reliability

Information that can be trusted needs to be accurate and reliable. While accuracy relates to the correctness and precision of the information presented, reliability refers to the continuity and dependability of information throughout time. These qualities work together to support the reliability and accuracy of data, research, news, and other types of information (31).

Reliability and accuracy are crucial in the digital age since fake news and misinformation are commonplace. They make it possible for people to differentiate between fact and fiction, to make wise choices, and to create judgements based on reliable information. For organizations, precise and reliable information is essential for risk assessment, strategic planning, and retaining a competitive edge (32).

Information accuracy and reliability are hampered by several issues:

1) Misinformation and Disinformation: There is a serious problem with the spread of false and misleading information in the media. It can be challenging for people to distinguish between trustworthy and accurate sources when false or misleading information is readily disseminated and causes confusion (33).

2) Subjectivity and Bias: Bias, whether conscious or unconscious, can affect how information is presented and interpreted. Subjectivity can result in distorted viewpoints, inaccurate representations of the facts, and subpar accuracy. Critical thinking, a variety of viewpoints, and a focus on evidence-based research are all necessary for overcoming bias (34).
3) Rapid Information Dissemination: Fact-checking and verification procedures may not be able to keep up with the rate at which information flows on social media and other internet platforms (35). Before adjustments can be made, this quick dissemination may cause the spread of faulty or inaccurate information (36).
4) Lack of Ability to Critically Evaluate Information Sources: Many people lack the ability to critically assess the quality and dependability of information sources. This may lead to the acceptance of erroneous or deceptive information, continuing the misinformation loop (37).
5) Limited Accountability: In some circumstances, efforts to preserve accuracy and reliability are hampered by a lack of accountability for the dissemination of erroneous or misleading information. It is crucial to hold those responsible for disseminating false information accountable, both individually and collectively (32).

Discussion:

The Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) providers confront considerable obstacles when implementing and adopting this game-changing technology, as revealed by the theme analysis of their issues. Data security and privacy, interoperability issues, regulatory compliance, and dependability and accuracy are among the issues that have been discovered (27). A more secure and effective IoMT environment is possible thanks to technological advancements, which also provide promising answers to these issues.

Given the sensitive nature of patient health data, data security and privacy have become a top priority for IoMT providers. To solve this, additional security methods like encryption and

authentication can protect data transmission and guarantee that only people with the proper authorization can access sensitive data(29). Utilizing blockchain technology can also improve data security and privacy by offering clear and immutable records, enabling safe data sharing, and managing patient consent.

The smooth integration of IoMT devices with current healthcare infrastructure and electronic health record systems is hampered by interoperability issues. To promote interoperability, data formats and protocols must be standardized. IoMT devices and healthcare systems can communicate and exchange data effectively because to open data standards and application programming interfaces (APIs). Health information exchanges (HIEs) can additionally act as centralized platforms for data sharing, promoting interoperability between patients, IoMT devices, and healthcare providers (34).

In the healthcare industry, regulatory compliance is essential, and IoMT providers must traverse challenging frameworks like HIPAA and GDPR. By incorporating privacy controls, consent management, and data anonymization strategies from the design stage, a privacy-by-design strategy ensures compliance with IoMT systems. Clear ethical standards for IoMT providers should be established to encourage responsible data processing, patient consent, and open data utilization (32).

IoMT devices must be accurate and reliable to protect patients and promote technology confidence. Functional testing, interoperability testing, and cybersecurity assessments are just a few of the rigorous device testing and certification programmes that can improve the dependability and functionality of IoMT devices prior to deployment. These initiatives give patients, healthcare professionals, and others peace of mind about the reliability, safety, and regulatory compliance of the devices.

Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) algorithms are also a part of technological interventions. Predictive analytics can be made possible by the integration of AI and ML, which can spot patterns, identify abnormalities, and offer insightful information. This can improve decision-making, raise patient satisfaction, and spur new developments in the healthcare industry (28).

The thematic analysis concludes by highlighting the various issues that IoMT providers may encounter, including issues with data security and privacy, interoperability, regulatory compliance, and accuracy and reliability. However, technological advancements provide practical answers to address these worries and close the gap in the future. IoMT providers can address these issues and build a more secure, effective, and patient-focused IoMT ecosystem by implementing enhanced data security measures, establishing standardization and interoperability frameworks, ensuring regulatory compliance, conducting rigorous device testing and certification, and integrating AI and ML algorithms.

Collaboration and the prioritization of these interventions by stakeholders, such as technology providers, healthcare organizations, legislators, and regulatory agencies, is essential. They can do this to facilitate the wider acceptance and application of IoMT, which will ultimately revolutionize healthcare delivery, enhance patient outcomes, and stimulate industry innovation (33).

Conclusion:

The Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) providers may confront several issues, according to the thematic analysis, underscoring the complicated difficulties in integrating and utilizing this game-changing technology in the healthcare industry. Data security and privacy,

interoperability issues, regulatory compliance, and the dependability and accuracy of IoMT devices are among the issues that have been recognized as problems. To facilitate the successful implementation and integration of IoMT into healthcare practices, certain issues must be addressed (30).

Data security and privacy have become major issues for IoMT providers. Strong security measures are necessary due to the sensitive nature of patient health data to guard against unauthorized access, data breaches, and online threats. Techniques for encryption and authentication can be used to safeguard data transfer and guarantee that only authorized users have access to sensitive data. By providing clear and immutable records, enabling secure data sharing, and managing patient permission, the use of blockchain technology can also improve data security and privacy (29).

Another significant issue for IoMT suppliers is interoperability problems. Data sharing and integration are hampered by the absence of standards and compatibility between various IoMT devices and the current healthcare infrastructure. Implementing standardized application programming interfaces (APIs) and common data standards and protocols can promote interoperability and enable efficient data sharing and communication between various systems. By acting as centralized platforms for data sharing and integration, health information exchanges (HIEs) can also be crucial in fostering interoperability (36).

Given the strict healthcare rules like HIPAA and GDPR, regulatory compliance is a major problem for IoMT providers. To make sure that patient data is managed in line with privacy and security regulations, providers must navigate complicated regulatory frameworks. Adopting a privacy-by-design strategy that incorporates privacy controls, permission

management, and data anonymization techniques from the planning stage can help to ensure compliance. Also encouraging appropriate data processing, patient consent, and open data utilisation are defined ethical standards for IoMT providers (35).

The effectiveness of IoMT devices' application depends critically on their accuracy and dependability. Patient safety may suffer if there are worries about device malfunction, unreliable readings, or corrupted data. These issues can also undermine confidence in technology (33). It is possible to assure the dependability, accuracy, and functioning of IoMT devices by implementing stringent testing techniques, including functional testing, interoperability testing, and cybersecurity assessments. Creating certification programmes specifically for IoMT devices can give patients, providers, and other stakeholders additional assurances about the reliability, security, and regulatory compliance of these devices.

Technology-based solutions, such as combining machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms, have a major potential to allay the worries that IoMT providers have. Huge amounts of patient data can be analysed by AI and ML to find trends, spot abnormalities, and provide predictive insights, which can help with decision-making and improve patient care (32). These technologies can support personalised treatment approaches, early illness identification, and better patient outcomes.

The theme analysis concludes by highlighting the potential issues IoMT providers may encounter and reiterating the importance of technological solutions to these problems. Critical topics that need attention include data security and privacy, interoperability, regulatory compliance, and device reliability (37). IoMT providers can allay these worries and prepare the way for the effective adoption of IoMT into healthcare practices by introducing increased

security measures, standardization efforts, regulatory compliance strategies, rigorous testing methods, and adding AI and ML capabilities.

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