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ABSTRACT

Advanced technology in the medical profession has had a significant impact on the access, efficiency, and cost of health care delivery services over the past decade. Technological advancements in the medical profession can be bucketed into two main categories: mobile and biological/physiological. Some examples of mobile technology include web apps that can monitor a patient's vital signs remotely and mobile phone attachments that can provide medical imaging data for doctors in the most remote areas of the globe. Remote patient monitoring and the use of mobile health apps to deliver timely, useful information to the patient about their health decision represent a significant shift in health care information delivery. Research conducted with a biological/physiological intent ranging from nanotechnology to molecularly modified proteins and genes designed to provide personalized medicine based on the "context of a patient's unique biological state."

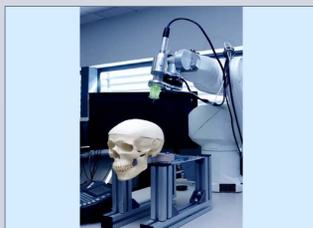
The health care industry is among the first to develop the semantic web through WC3 which launched the Health Care Life Sciences Interest Group to improve interaction and collaboration through adaptive data mining using the semantic web. "Connected devices" refers to the premise that the semantic web will make the meaningful connections between disparate bits of information through smart and connected devices. EHRs already use APIs (application programming interfaces) to securely share clinical content.

OBJECTIVES

- To research current and up-and-coming advances in medical technology
- To identify how changes and trends in medical technology will impact management in the healthcare industry
- Identify ways in which mobile technologies improve health
- Identify changes to web technology with the introduction of Web 4.0
- Identify new ways to link advances in medical technology to improved healthcare management capabilities

METHOD

This research study conducted a meta-analysis for 23 articles and online resources. The articles were scanned for reoccurring themes and key information that provided insight on the use of advance technology in the healthcare industry.



CONCLUSIONS

Advances in technology are having a significant impact on patient care. We see mobile devices being used to collect vital information about a patient's condition remotely. Nanotechnology and genetically modified organisms are providing treatment to patients at a molecular level, while we also see advancements with social media and patient support. Below are a few examples of how advanced technologies are impacting healthcare:

- Advances in technology aim to make healthcare accessible, efficient, and cost-effective
- Medical care can be effectively administered in the comfort of the patient's home
- Social media allows physicians to consult with each other globally
- Social media also allows patients to seek out support groups for their particular condition
- Many advances in diabetic care will allow for continuous glucose monitoring and automatic insulin dosing
- Improved electronic methods of providing informed consent will reduce the number of malpractice claims

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