

Smart Healthcare and MIOT

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⋮ **ABSTRACT** Internet of Things is widely being used all around us in our day-to-day activities. We shall take a look at the implementation of IoT in the medical and healthcare field, also known as Medical Internet of Things or simply, MIoT. We shall take a look at the technological advancements in the field of MIoT and how it has had an overall impact on the medical industry as a whole, including the effects of MIoT during the Covid-19 period and the future scope of the medical technologies in curing rare and chronic diseases, as well as changing the lifestyle of the people towards a positive side.

⋮ **KEYWORDS** Smart Healthcare, Computational Intelligence, Medical IoT(MIoT)

I. INTRODUCTION

The Internet of Things is the implementation of software, sensors, responsive hardware and their network in day-to-day activities. Using the principles of Internet of Things in the medicine industry and healthcare will have a significant effect on the way hospitals and medical clinics run. MIoT has had a significant increase in its usage during the Covid-19 surge, to match the demand for the rising covid cases. Other than that, it is also used in medical record managing systems, remote patient monitoring, tracking and alerts and remote medical assistance [1]–[3].

Currently, IoT is being used for the efficient management of medical records in hospitals and clinics all over the globe. Instead of the old pen and paper method for managing records, electronic database management has made record handling more time-efficient and easier. Another benefit of electronically managed records is that there is credibility of information and security of data. Due to these reasons, treatment of patients has become much easier, saving lives of numerous people [4], [5], [7]. Remote Patient Monitoring is also one of the most significant uses of IoT in healthcare. It helps in monitoring the health of patients in terms of their dosage, recovery chances, required treatment, precautions needed and so on. This not only helps to provide the best treatment for the patients, but also cuts the unnecessary costs by providing accurate and best methods for treatment. Using past data, future outcomes can be predicted which is helpful in curing rare diseases, saving lives [6], [9], [11].

Nowadays, MIoT has become such an integral part of our daily lives that we may not even notice its existence. One such example is the health monitoring and tracking feature in smart devices. One can get to know their heartbeat rate, blood pressure, water intake and much more. All this data is stored, using which, more personalized healthcare routines can be created. This not only makes a significant change in

one's lifestyle, but is also a big step in the prevention of diseases and deficiencies [8], [12]. With constant research and improvement in existing technology, IoT will bring a huge change in the medical sector by incorporating Big Data as well as Edge Computing.

II. USE OF THE INTERNET OF THINGS IN MEDICAL SCIENCE

The use and growth of electronic devices in medical field have increased significantly as a result of information and computing advancements. Additionally, as the Internet of Things (IoT) has developed, the medical IoT has gradually but steadily ingratiated itself into people's daily lives. In order to use the new advancement in the model of modern medicine, the medical Internet of Things has now been defined as a method in which technology has assisted in the embedding of wearable networks in medical equipment [10], [13]. These wireless sensors are combined with the internet and interact with patients, hospitals, and medical equipment [14]–[16], [24]. Some of the key uses of the Internet of Things in health care and medical science include technical development in medical control of pharmaceuticals and equipment, telemedicine and mobile health care, as well as personal medical management and health data management [17].

III. CHALLENGES WITH IOT IN HEALTHCARE

The sensors, communication networks, and centralised servers that are used in IoT-based healthcare services present a number of difficulties. Here, we'll go through some of the biggest problems with IoT healthcare equipment [18], [19], [27].

(i) IoT Security for Medical purposes

As the number of IoT-connected devices grows daily, security is a critical area where we must make progress.

The Internet of Things is expanding quickly, and it is anticipated that IoT healthcare solutions will be widely used. Applications and devices used in the healthcare industry are expected to handle sensitive personal data like healthcare records. Additionally, these smart gadgets may be linked to international information networks to provide for 24/7 access. It is essential to prevent unauthorised access to the health data that multiple sensors and devices have collected [20], [30]. As a result, strict guidelines including technical security measures should be put in place before sharing health data with approved individuals, entities, and programmes. The most important element is the tradition of secrecy, according to which personal information must be collected for a specific purpose and must never be divulged to a third party unless it is in line with that goal. To stop an attack, a vulnerability, or data loss, a strong system security must be implemented [21], [36].

(ii) Energy Use by Internet of Things Medical Devices

In IoT healthcare settings, there are several devices, and these devices often exhibit heterogeneous sleep, deep sleep, receive, transmit, and composite states, among other characteristics. Each communications layer also has a barrier related to power needs in terms of service availability. Minimizing power consumption in an IoT product can be difficult, regardless of the type of connection used. However, achieving minimal energy and cost usage is equally essential. For IoT goods, radios play a significant role in the energy budget. Low-energy systems can be developed with the use of clever design and component selection in place of WiFi, cellular, or Bluetooth [22], [40].

(iii) Network of Communication

The physical architecture of the IoT-based healthcare network consists of a variety of networks, from short-range networks to long-range networks. Low-energy medical sensor devices and communication protocols can also benefit from the usage of ultra-wideband (UWB), Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE), near field communication (NFC), and RFID technology

IV. INCREASING IOT TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19 TO DRIVE DEMAND

The global use of MIoT was valued at roughly USD 70 billion in 2021 and is expected to exceed USD 200 billion by 2028, with a CAGR of 30% between 2022 and 2028

Based on their WHOOP strap, which tracks respiratory rate using resting heart rates (RHR) and Rate Variability (HRV), WHOOP Inc. has developed a COVID-19 identification system (HRV). The WHOOP system receives the data from the WHOOP strap after it has been sent to a mobile application. Their approach detected 20% of COVID-19 positive people two days before symptoms appeared, and 80% of people on the third day of symptoms [28] [29].

IoT in Healthcare Medical Size, 2020-2028 (USD Billion)

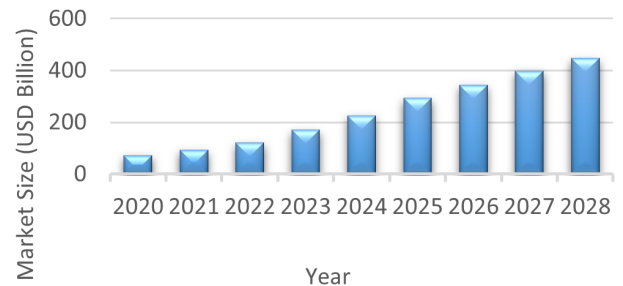


FIGURE 1: Increasing IOT Technology Adoption in the Context of COVID-19 to Drive Demand

V. LITERATURE REVIEW

Devices and software will be utilised to generate a "health selfie" in the age of sophisticated technology. The Myo, which began as a motion controller for video games, is now utilised in orthopaedics for patients that need to exercise following a fracture. Patients may track their development and doctors can assess the angle of movement using the Myo. This aids in assessing the response of the skeletal muscles and avoiding joint and limb issues [31]. Currently, the majority of MIoT institutions store acquired medical data on the cloud and host their application servers there. The gadgets may then outsource their healthcare functions to the cloud. Through their flexibility and ability to access shared resources and common infrastructure widely and continuously, cloud services provide a viable option for the effective administration of pervasive healthcare data [32]. To create smart clothing systems intelligent, a communication infrastructure including cellphones, mobile apps, cloud computing, and big data analytics is necessary. Despite the fact that multiple research methodologies in the field of health monitoring have been developed and implemented, existing solutions for long-term health monitoring have failed in several respects [33]. IoT and smart health sensors make patients and physicians' lives easier. Where physicians may now electronically and automatically monitor the condition of a patient. Whereas these medical embedded systems provide many new chances to improve the health-care system, they also pose new security vulnerabilities since they are network-connected. More crucially, these devices are severely hardware- and power-constrained, making security more difficult [34] [35] [37].

VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE OF MEDICAL INTERNET OF THINGS

Now that we have discussed the applications of Internet of Things in the current medical scenario, we will take a look at the scope of IoT in the future and its improvements in the upcoming time. Although with the current technology, healthcare has made a drastic improvement as compared to the traditional medical techniques, there is still a lot of scope for the improvement of existing technology and invention of new technologies [38] [39]. Smart Glasses: One of the improvements that can be made in the existing technology is the concept of Smart Glasses. It is a new and improved version of laser guns which are used to measure the temperature of a person. It works on the principle of detection of heat emitted by the body using IR sensors and then creating an image of the IR rays on the glasses, which can be viewed by the person wearing them. The glasses can detect temperatures that are higher than the normal human temperature and can give a warning on this basis. This can become a very good substitute to the laser temperature detectors, firstly because whenever the laser guns are used to measure temperature, there is a rather close distance between the two people involved, which may lead to an airborne infection. On the contrary, smart glasses work at a longer distance, thus greatly reducing the chances of infection [41]. Smart glasses, on the other hand, can record the patient's data and save it in a database, allowing it to be accessed later. The database may be stored on the cloud, which can be accessed remotely. The smart glasses can also be used to track the movements of the potentially infected person by checking their location history through their phones. Despite their benefits, smart glasses have their drawbacks too. First, because of their initial stage of production, these may have unwanted errors or malfunctions. Secondly, these are costly to maintain, since the design is complex and hard to handle. And due to this reason, smart glasses may not even be as much available as the normal thermometers, hence, limiting its usage [42].

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