

# The Internet of Things in Healthcare: A Review

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**ABSTRACT:** *The use of different technologies, such as information technology, to complement and improve current healthcare services has always been the subject of much study. The Internet of Things, in particular, has been extensively used to link existing medical resources and offer dependable, effective, and smart healthcare to the elderly and chronically sick patients. The purpose of this article is to review Internet of things in the healthcare sector, as well as to evaluate the intelligentization movement and future research prospects in this area. The advancement of IoT in healthcare systems has been explored from the points of view of enabling technologies and methodologies, Internet - of - things smart devices and systems, and wide range of applications of Technology in the health industries, begins with a comprehensive literature review and discussion of the researchers' achievements. Finally, the difficulties and opportunities of developing Internet - of - things healthcare systems are thoroughly addressed.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Internet of Things is a network of physical items or "things" loaded with software and sensors that gather and transmit data between them and central servers with little or no human involvement. The Internet of Things enables remote control and access to these devices over an existing infrastructure. This allows the real world and computer-based systems to be integrated, resulting in increased efficiency, accuracy, and economic gain. "Things" may be anything with a physical presence, ranging from a Nano chip to a huge structure. Sensors, actuators, and sophisticated software are integrated in these objects, allowing them to transmit and receive data[1]. The Internet of Things is a new technology with a broad range of applications. According to statistics, the number of linked devices has been growing rapidly over the last several decades. It is predicted that the number of linked gadgets would outnumber the global population. The rise of linked gadgets demonstrates the significance of the Internet of Things in our everyday lives. Because of its revolutionary development rate, IoT will be the area of technology where the greatest investment will be made in the next five years[2].

The aging population has created a slew of new difficulties for healthcare providers. For example, providing older people with post-stroke rehabilitation is a new issue that will need a long-term investment of medical and human resources. Medical rehabilitation is a relatively new topic, having been introduced in the middle of the twentieth century, and has been regarded as a new area of treatment aimed at relieving or curing physical or mental dysfunctions via the remediation or reconstruction of impairments. It has been shown to be a useful way to improve physical functioning in a variety of illnesses. However, there are a few roadblocks in the way of expanding the scope of medical rehabilitation[3]. To begin with, the bulk of rehabilitation treatments require long-term, intense treatment. Second, more assistive facilities are needed to make rehabilitation services more accessible to patients. Third, due to the rapidly growing pool of the elderly population in today's society, rehabilitation resources are becoming more limited. Adoption of Internet of Things technology and intelligentization of medical care systems is one potential approach for alleviating the aforementioned issues. After the introduction of certain

new ideas, such as Smarter Planet and Smart City, using Internet-based technology for rehabilitation services has grown popular in recent years[4].

Third, since the present society's ageing population is increasing at a faster rate, accessible alleviation services are relatively limited. The IoT requires knowledge of the Patient Care Networks ems. Api internet-based recovery facilities technologies have become more widespread in recent years as a result of certain innovative concepts, such as Smarter Smart City and Earth. Multinational Business Machines Corp. proposed the "Intelligent Planet" definition. It was designed to fulfill real-time requirements sensing, efficient information exchange, energy consumption reduction, productivity enhancement, and corporate performance[5]. A similar phrase, 'Smart City,' has been introduced in accordance with the 'Smarter World' concept and has sparked considerable interest. Keep your eyes peeled. Several Chinese towns, for example, see the creation of an intelligent IoT city as a long-term strategic goal. In cities, the Internet of Things enables a transparent network of public access and services.

There are many links between things, people, or both in this manner. RFID and in-person digital assistants have made real-time data collection and decision-making ubiquitous in the Internet of Things. Intelligent cities will improve public service efficiency and private networks' capacity to collect and analyze real-time data readily, as well as accountability and response to unexpected and developing crises, and prompt administration and control of capital in cities. In the case of emergency care, such as rehabilitation, an IoT-based system enables a simple, even "one-stop" service to residents' distant locations[6]. There have been many advancements in the areas of health monitoring and regulation, interoperability, and safety inspection, to name a few. The following are some examples: IoT-based healthcare gadget tomorrow. future has demonstrated efficiency and potential results[7]. Despite the recent performance, the issue of how to rapidly build and programs as deployment of an intelligent IoT health infrastructure control of Big Data remains confusing and technical. The aim of maximizing the capabilities of IoT in health systems is for more researchers and organizations to produce IoT technology for medical devices[8].

The purpose of this article is to describe the history and development of advanced Internet - of - things health systems research, as well as to comprehensively evaluate these enabling IoT breakthroughs and intelligent healthcare networks. The history of IoT technology applications is briefly presented. The field of medicine. Section 3 delves into Internet of Things (IoT) technologies, such as identification, connection, and location, as well as sensing and service-oriented technological architecture. All smart medical devices and systems are shown. As well as systems. Contributes to the application of methods such as wealth and information control, big data analytics, and telehealth growth strategies and tele-rehabilitation programs. provides a case study of an IoT-based intelligent rehabilitation system. Comments will be accepted in the future.

Several sophisticated healthcare technologies based on Internet of things have been suggested in recent years for the convenience of patients, physicians, and carers. When used in application areas, IoT helps to enhance features of current healthcare systems by allowing for real-time monitoring of patient information, medical emergency management, blood information management, and other functions, thus improving the quality of healthcare apps. Patients may collect their health data using a variety of mobile apps and wearable devices. IoT is also used by hospitals to offer real-time health care and maintain track of its patients and staff. Blood

pressure monitoring, blood glucose monitoring, heart function monitoring, and physical fitness monitoring are some of the IoT healthcare technologies used to monitor various health characteristics.

### *1.1. Development of IoT in healthcare:*

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has created an Auto-ID Center (MIT). The term 'auto-ID' may be used to a variety of applications using identification technologies, such as error reduction, performance improvement, and mechanization. The AutoID Center launched the Electronic Product Code network during its Executive Symposium in 2003. (EPC). May things be followed by moving from one location to another? According to a report published in 2002 by the National Science Foundation, convergent technology, or integration-based data and networking technology nanotechnology (ICT), can improve the quality of life of people and countries. The Internet of Things was suggested in the International Telecommunications Union's initial report in 2005. (ITU). Combined with target recognition systems, cellular to connect the world's things to networks, sensors, embedded devices, and nanotechnologies, to tag, sens, and regulate the internet To allow broad-based interaction and engagement networked supplies and machinery, the Internet of Things needs a range of technologies. IoT business solutions have been created for a variety of purposes. There is a lot of interest in underdeveloped nations as well. A national IoT research center, for example, was established in 2009 by the previous Chinese Prime Minister. Since then, more than 90 Chinese cities have established smart city development strategic plans as well as other strategic plans. China Unicom, China Mobile, and other national big businesses China Telecom has established a strong link between its operations and the development of smart cities.

### *1.2. Internet of Things in Healthcare:*

As of late, Internet - of - things brilliant recovery has been associated with decreasing the problem of scarce assets as a result of an aging population. It's often thought of as a sub-framework to the Shrewd City. An IoT-based medical care framework connects all of an organization's available assets to conduct medical care tasks such as diagnosing, watching, and performing remote medical treatments via the internet, which is where the IoT-based restoration framework emerges. The front-end of coordinate checking devices, which is regarded as a network manager, has seen widespread use of remote innovation. The framework connects patients to all of the available medical services assets in the networks. An integrated information base is provided to the employee. Information inspection, combination, identification of fundamental events, and creation of recovery processes are the responsibilities of a middle person handling intermediary. Everything is coordinated on the Internet and supported by initiatives that rely on RFID innovation. A automated asset allocator is designed to quickly sort out restorative arrangements in order to satisfy a set of specific requirements from individual patients. The worldview of IoT for medical services has been gradually defined; experts include specialists, medical attendants, and patients, all of whom have given their permission to the framework via end-client gadgets. Cut off serves as the focal point of the whole medical care system. It is in charge of the age of the remedy, data base administration, data inspection, subsystem creation, and data base administration. Things refers to all of the real articles that are connected with WAN, multi-media innovation, or Short Message Administration on the other hand. Furthermore, commonplace devices that aren't connected to the organization but are often used in current recovery situations are remembered

for the smart restoration framework and made accessible to the organization. A few pioneering exoskeleton applications have proven the suitability of the suggested concept.

### *1.3. Medical equipment and systems that are smart:*

Many sophisticated healthcare devices and systems based on the Internet of Things are now available for purchase. This product has made a significant contribution to activities such as patient management, physician touch continuity, recuperation performance, and so on.

#### *1.3.1. Medical gadgets that are smart:*

IoT sensor technology is often used in intelligent healthcare or programs to activate the healthcare system and monitor patients. Two examples of such systems are Withings Modules and Nike+ fuel band.

- Withings gadgets

A Withings computer is a wireless body scale interface that connects to the internet through Wi-Fi. It calculates the user's weight, muscle mass, and body weight index %. You should wirelessly transfer the collected data to the organization's location. For instance, health may be linked to 2.0 Google Health care. It has been heavily focused on the technological press because to its higher efficiency. It also has a method for measuring blood pressure. The relationship between an Apple computer, such as an iPad, iPhone, or iPod Touch, and the Body Size is similar to what it would utilize if Wi-Fi data transmission is also accomplished.

- Fuel band Nike+

The Nike+ Fuel Band is a fitness tracker that may be worn with the ring. The Fuel Band will monitor your steps and the number of calories you consume over time. The bracelet will send data to the Nike+ online community. This allows users to establish their own fitness goals, monitor their progress, and share their achievements with other community members.

- Other auxiliary aids:

Video surveillance is also a good method to keep track on a patient's health. Different methods for monitoring utilize the phone (IP) video Internet protocol. Data may be sent and received by a computer network camera. It can also monitor patients in real time and provide video communication between patients and physicians whenever necessary. Smartphones and laptops, as well as other portable devices, may be utilized as contact aids for online healthcare events.

#### *1.3.2. Intelligent healthcare system:*

Intelligent healthcare usually includes intelligent sensors, a remote location, and networking. It is capable of multidimensional monitoring as well as basic therapeutic recommendations. An intelligent health care system may be utilized in the home, in a group, or even globally, depending on the needs of any intelligent systems with various applications. The preceding is addressed to researchers from across the world. In 1998, Body Media began pioneering research on wearable gadgets. Since then, Body Media has been working on wearable surveillance technologies. The company creates a publicly accessible database on human

physiology and data modeling methods. Hundreds of clinical studies were successfully conducted using Body Media's methodology. The results of high precision and durability have been shown. The average absolute difference in daily calories eaten was less than 10% of the total. Personal medical records are also available via Google Health. Google filed it in 2008, but it was halted in 2011. The Scheme gives Google users a place to share their health data with one another on a voluntary basis. Until the data is entered, Google Health can offer a service to the client. Full patient reports, medical conditions, and possible drug-allergy interactions. In order to increase awareness, Google Health has partnered with television networks to provide coverage that allows consumers to electronically sync their health data.

#### *1.4. Healthcare applications using internet of things*

##### *1.4.1. An ingestible sensor for measuring medication adherence*

One of the most recent Internet applications in healthcare is an ingestible sensor or smart pill. The drug intake and adherence habits of a patient, as well as other important health indicators, may be monitored with this technology. Medication non-adherence is a complicated and multifaceted healthcare issue that may lead to severe complications and worsening of patient health. This technology comprises a method for detecting tablet or capsule consumption. Ingestible sensors integrated in tablets, a tiny wearable sensor patch, a mobile application, and a portal are all part of the system. A signal is sent after the pill enters the stomach, which again is detected by the sensor patch connected to the human body. The signal is transformed to a digital record, which is then transmitted to the patient's mobile device, and subsequently to a cloud system, where physicians and caregivers may access medical data via their portals.

The active layer generates a charge and powers the gadget when it comes into touch with stomach juices. The reactions of the various components in the tablet result in a current flow, which generates an electric field. The insulating skirt shapes and amplifies the electric field that the wearable receiver patch on the human skin detects. The gadget transmits a binary code that contains information about the medicine and dosage. The receiver patch is an FDA-approved sensor that can monitor medicine administration, steps, activity, rest, and heart rate. The patch is made in such a manner that it is comfortable to wear and causes no pain to the patients. The patch's data is subsequently transmitted to a mobile device and ultimately to a cloud system, where health professionals and caregivers may review the patient's health record. As a result, they may monitor whether the patient follows the doctor's medical orders.

##### *1.4.2. Assisted Living in a Natural Setting*

The aging population has necessitated the development of technology and services to enhance older people's health, independence, and quality of life. Ambient assisted living refers to sophisticated systems of support that help older people live a happier, healthier, and safer life in their chosen living environment. In other words, AAL seeks to use Internet of Things ideas to make the world a better place for the elderly. Researchers have looked at ways to improve the quality of life of the elderly, as well as their caregivers and doctors. This approach uses wearable and mobile technologies to warn caretakers of potentially dangerous situations for older persons in a home or at a facility.

To create the systems, a number of key criteria were gathered and evaluated, including System ubiquity:

- System portability should allow caregivers to be supported regardless of where they are in the assisted living facility.
- The gadgets should be lightweight and easy to carry throughout the assisted living facility; device robustness – the device should be water and shock resistant; and automatic detection.
- The system should be able to identify potentially dangerous circumstances automatically, with assistance delivery confirmation.
- The system should ensure that the caregiver provides the required help for each request made by residents, while being unobtrusive.
- Residents' requests should not be disruptive to other residents in any manner; emergency service option for caregivers
- Caregivers should be able to call for quick assistance in an emergency, and the system should be reliable and stable.
- The system should be secure, stable, and dependable, with Internet access.
- The system is an IoT solution that communicates through the internet.

### *1.5. Smartphone Medicine (C)*

Smart phones play a significant part in our daily lives, yet they are not widely utilized in healthcare and medicine. Smartphone Medicine seeks to utilize smart phones to help individuals with their healthcare and medical requirements. Wearable gadgets, such as smart watches, smart bands, and smart shoes, may now be connected to a smartphone to monitor personal biometrics such as blood pressure, heart rate, respiration rate, and blood oxygen saturation. These gadgets allow patients to collect data on their own and use their smartphones to keep track of vital signs and other information. Smart phones are also capable of real-time data streaming, and they serve as a hub for linking a variety of medical diagnostic equipment, such as Lumify, which utilizes sophisticated imaging technology to offer hospital-level diagnoses[9]. This technology may be utilized by qualified experts in a distant location, allowing many people to receive their regular exams while avoiding having to meet with doctors in person. These diagnostic data may be submitted to physicians for additional study at a later time.

### *1.6. Diabetic Interactive M-Health System*

Diabetes is an incurable illness that requires long-term therapy and care from the patient and his caregivers. Using Internet of Things technology, this innovative system allows for two-way communication between patients and health providers. This technology allows patients to submit their blood-glucose measurements to the system database, where health experts and caregivers can monitor any anomalies. The system consists of a glucometer that uses the General Packet Radio Service, a blood-glucose monitor that takes readings from the patient, a telecare android and iOS app for caregivers that allows communication between the patient, health professional, and caregiver, and a cloud server that keeps track of all of these readings. The cloud server, which maintains patient data and permissions from approved caregivers, is at the heart of the system. It also features a Proactive Notification Engine and Abnormal Blood-Glucose Level Recognition[10].

## **2. DISCUSSION**

All factors must be taken into account standardization in order to achieve a good treatment regimen. Many research groups and organizations have aided in the deployment and

standardization of IoT technology. The Auto-ID Laboratories, for example, were copied all over the world. The Internet of Things (IoT) has been standardized. Machine-to-machine inputs have had a significant impact on the European Telecom Standards Working Party Institute of Internet Engineering and other military secrecy and security functional units. The implementation of IoT-based solutions must meet the requirements of utility and consumer safety. In an IoT system, all data is collected, mined, and distributed through Twitter. The World Wide Web. There are many tools available for the illegal storing of personal information. Patient safety must be ensured and maintained in order to prevent undesired discovery. Further difficulties will arise in the areas of sovereignty and intelligence, as well as identification and privacy rights. IoT-based applications, on the other hand, are very susceptible. Wireless, which makes it extremely easy to avoid eavesdropping, is one of the most important aspects of most communication. High and low energy characterize IoT components, but they can't enforce complex systems to ensure security on their own. Computational abilities

### 3. CONCLUSION

The fast-expanding information technologies and rising IoT technology have offered tremendous possibilities for the development of smart healthcare information systems, it may be concluded. Despite this, establishing safe and successful tele-healthcare applications remains a problem. It is reasonable to expect that the material will develop quickly, and that new IoT technologies will open up a world of possibilities for implementing intelligent information systems in the health-care sector. However, the obstacles to telehealth deployments that are both safe and dependable continue to exist. Future fields have been recognized by some, and the following modifications have been listed: Self-learning and self-improvement: Given the vast amount of information and complexity, the Internet of Things cannot provide rehabilitation or medical services. Rapidly effective treatments rely on two factors: quick medical diagnosis and the development of diagnostic-based recovery strategies. The symptoms differ from one person to the next.

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