Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

In today's rapidly growing world artificial intelligence is playing a key role in healthcare majorly in machine learning and data analysis. It has so far been able to aid in faster diagnosis of patient's conditions and this has led to healthcare practitioners making better informed decisions on patient's health. What actually differentiates AI from the traditional technology is the fact that it can gather more diverse and complex information, process it and produce a well-defined output for the end user.

We all witnessed how <u>telemedicine</u> was accepted since it could help healthcare providers render services even to patients in the rural areas without having proximity, that means technology is becoming better each day and with Artificial intelligence in the picture now, services being rendered will be even better.

Enhancing patient care through personalization

When patients visit hospitals, their information is stored in the hospital's digital system, which helps with future treatment of the illness. There are limitations in the information that can be stored by digital facilities in hospitals, and that's where AI comes into play. AI patients' records can be analyzed in seconds, depending on the content, and future predictions can be made. AI aids in the detection of diseases in their early stages, saving many patients from the agony of detecting a disease in its late stages, which can be difficult for both the patient and those around them.

Improving Efficiency

Traditionally, a healthcare practitioner could only handle one patient at a time, but with AI, much has improved; information from multiple patients can be analyzed simultaneously. This has increased operational efficiency in the healthcare sector. Patient care has greatly improved, and most patients no longer spend as much time in hospital corridors waiting to be served.

Another benefit is that patients can now take control of their health care journey in a variety of ways, including using wearable devices powered by artificial intelligence, such as Apple Watches, to monitor abnormalities that may lead to the diagnosis of various health issues.

Building a brighter future together,

As we embrace the power of artificial intelligence, we must recognize that its true potential lies in collaboration. As healthcare technology evolves, so should we. By bringing together healthcare providers and researchers, we can fully realize the potential of AI to address some of the most pressing healthcare issues today. For example, AI-driven technology can help healthcare professionals identify patient-specific risk factors and suggest personalized treatments, while also providing researchers with valuable insights into diseases. By leveraging AI-driven technologies, we can unlock new possibilities for medical

diagnosis, medical care, and data analysis, resulting in better health outcomes for individuals and communities worldwide.

Development of new medicines

Developing new drugs for the market takes time, and this is where artificial intelligence technology comes in. Pre-existing medicines are scanned and used to redesign medication in a way that allows them to treat specific diseases and this makes it cheaper to develop new drugs.

For example, artificial intelligence technology has been used to successfully redesign medications for diseases like cancer, Alzheimer's, and HIV/AIDS. By analyzing existing drugs and their mechanisms of action, AI algorithms can identify potential targets and create new compounds that specifically target the underlying causes of these diseases, leading to more effective treatments.

Pros and Cons of Artificial Intelligence in healthcare.

In everything there is a balance and AI is not an exception. While there are several benefits of Artificial Intelligence, there are flaws as well. Just like any technology, AI must be used responsibly to ensure its benefits outweigh its risks.

- While AI improves diagnosis, it can be challenging for healthcare practitioners to learn how to
 use its devices effectively. Artificial intelligence algorithms are already <u>complex</u>. The more
 advanced the technology, the more difficult it will be for the average human to understand the
 tools' decision-making processes.
- The rural community has benefited greatly from AI, as they are served virtually by healthcare
 practitioners and receive services such as telemedicine consultations, remote monitoring of
 chronic conditions, and access to specialized medical expertise via telehealth networks. These
 services have allowed rural residents to receive timely and convenient healthcare without the
 need for long-distance travel; however, adapting to this change is not easy.
- One of the most difficult challenges for virtual healthcare services in rural areas is getting people to use them. Many rural residents may be unfamiliar with the concept of virtual healthcare or are skeptical of its effectiveness. Furthermore, some rural residents may not have access to the technology required to make virtual healthcare work.
- Several processes in the healthcare space have been streamlined by AI, resulting in improved efficiency; however, this is only possible with the implementation of the appropriate AI platform. Human expertise is required to operate the AI platform, implying that it is still partially reliant on the human mind.

In conclusions, as much as there has been speculations that AI can replace healthcare practitioners, that is far from it. Rather it will complement what healthcare professional can do and provide additional resources in order to care for more patients and reach some who otherwise they wouldn't have been able to. Reducing healthcare practitioners' burnouts and healthcare costs while increasing access and quality healthcare are only the tip on the ice Berg. There is actually more change on the way with regards to the role artificial intelligence will play in healthcare.