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Developing an electronic health record system for kidney patients: A case study in Benghazi hospitals.

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Abstract:
The implementation of Electronic Patient Record History (EPRH) systems marks a pivotal advancement in modern healthcare, offering improved operational efficiency and clinical performance through the digitization of traditional paper-based records. These systems provide healthcare professionals with streamlined access to patient data, facilitating timely and evidence-based decision-making while minimizing the risk of information loss and reducing administrative costs. As a result, EPRH contributes significantly to the financial sustainability of healthcare institutions. EPRH platforms are equipped with advanced data analytics capabilities that support clinical research and enable the identification of health trends across patient populations. Empirical evidence suggests that EPRH systems contribute to higher levels of patient satisfaction, largely due to enhanced communication and engagement throughout the treatment process. Furthermore, EPRH strengthens the collaboration between physicians, care teams, and patients, ultimately leading to improved health outcomes. Notably, 85% of surveyed healthcare professionals reported that EPRH enhances the quality of care by ensuring the availability of accurate and timely information. Despite these benefits, challenges remain regarding data privacy and system complexity. Healthcare organizations must ensure strict compliance with legal and ethical standards to protect patient confidentiality. Approximately 50% of respondents identified system complexity as a barrier, emphasizing the need for comprehensive training programs. Additionally, 65% expressed concerns about data security and patient privacy, highlighting the importance of implementing robust protective measures. Nonetheless, the overall perception of EPRH remains positive, with 74% of participants supporting the transition from paper-based to electronic records .
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1. Introduction

The healthcare industry has long relied on traditional paper-based medical records to document patient information. These handwritten records, often inconsistent and unstructured, pose significant challenges for accessibility, organization, and analysis. In time-sensitive situations, delays in retrieving critical data—such as medical history or allergies—can result in inappropriate treatments, increased costs, prolonged hospital stays, or even preventable fatalities.

Advancements in information technology and the explosion of health data have led institutions to adopt Electronic Patient Record History (EPRH) systems. These digital systems store complete patient histories and support real-time data access, improving accuracy, efficiency, and care quality. EPRH systems enable comprehensive profiles, interdisciplinary collaboration, and reduced redundancy. When integrated and interoperable, they promote coordinated care, minimize errors, and facilitate population-level data analysis to enhance treatment protocols and outcomes. Emerging technologies such as cloud computing, machine learning, and natural language processing have further strengthened EPRH capabilities, enabling predictive analytics, clinical decision support, and personalized care. Machine learning detects patterns for early intervention, while NLP helps extract insights from unstructured data.

Despite these benefits, many healthcare facilities, particularly in Libya, still rely on paper-based records. This results in data retrieval delays, loss risks, and inefficiencies, particularly in emergencies. For example, failing to access a child's history during critical care could delay treatment and endanger outcomes.

This study investigates the feasibility of adopting EPRH systems in Libyan healthcare facilities. It analyzes expected benefits, potential challenges, user satisfaction, workflow impacts, and training needs. Using an integrated framework of Innovation Diffusion Theory (IDT) and the DeL one and McLean Information Systems Success Model (D&M), the research aims to identify key factors affecting Health Information Technologies (HITs) adoption. By embracing EPRH systems, facilities can improve care delivery, reduce administrative burdens, and align with global shifts toward patient-centered healthcare. This study aspires to guide policy recommendations and practical strategies for successful digital transformation in Libya's healthcare system.

2.Literature Review

2.1.Electronic Health Records (EHRs) & Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

EHRs have demonstrated substantial benefits in the management of CKD. Several studies have shown that CKD registries derived from EHR data enhance quality monitoring, facilitate early diagnosis, and support data-driven clinical trials. Additionally, a nine-year retrospective study conducted in dialysis units across New York revealed that the use of an electronic patient record system (Disease Manager Plus™) significantly improved clinical outcomes in end-stage renal disease by providing real-time access to vital data such as laboratory results, medication lists, and treatment histories.

2.2. Patient-Centered Personal Health Records (PHRs)

Designing PHRs with a user-centered approach is critical, particularly for patients with chronic conditions and multiple comorbidities. A 2021 study emphasized the importance of aligning system functionality with user needs to enhance adoption and effectiveness. In a Canadian study conducted between 2013 and 2014, approximately 69.8% of CKD clinic patients expressed an intention to use electronic PHRs. Factors such as age, education level, and internet access were found to influence their willingness to engage, whereas privacy concerns (42%) had a limited impact on their intent to use the technology.

2.3 Interoperability and Standards

Interoperability remains a cornerstone of successful health information exchange. The HL7 FHIR (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources) standard, which utilizes modern web-based formats such as JSON and XML, has emerged as a key enabler for the seamless exchange of patient, laboratory, and medication data across various healthcare systems. Moreover, the integration of machine learning algorithms with EHR data shows promise in predicting conditions such as acute kidney injury, enhancing both preventive care and early intervention capabilities.

2.4. Data Quality and Security

The integrity of health data is fundamental to patient safety and clinical decision-making. Research has consistently warned that incomplete or inaccurate data can undermine clinical pathways and pose significant risks. Therefore, ensuring data quality through structured input, validation, and standardization is essential. From a security standpoint, implementing robust frameworks that include access controls, audit trails, and regular data backups is critical to maintaining trust and enabling the ethical use of data in both clinical and research contexts.

2.5. Open-Source EHR Platforms

Open-source platforms offer a cost-effective and scalable solution, particularly in resource-limited settings. Open MRS, established in 2004, has been widely adopted in over 23 developing countries, serving more than one million patients. Similarly, Open EMR is recognized globally for its multilingual support, ONC certification, and strong developer community, making it a practical choice for healthcare systems seeking flexibility and sustainability in EHR implementation

3. Materials and Methods

3.1. General Purpose: This study aims to investigate the feasibility and adoption of the Electronic Patient Record History (EPRH) system within the nephrology department of hospitals in Benghazi. The primary objective is to enhance healthcare quality by transitioning from traditional paper-based record-keeping to a more efficient electronic system, thereby improving access to medical information and reducing the incidence of medical errors. By integrating comprehensive historical patient data through the EPRH system, the project seeks to support informed clinical decision-making and ultimately improve patient outcomes.

3.2. Population (Sample) : The study focuses on exploring the factors influencing the utilization of health information technology, specifically the adoption of the Electronic Patient Record History system. This investigation employs and tests two theoretical frameworks: the Innovation Diffusion Theory (IDT) and the DeLone and McLean (D&M) Information Systems Success Model. The sample population includes healthcare professionals working in the nephrology department, encompassing physicians, nurses, and administrative staff involved in patient record management and care delivery**.**

3.3. Data Collection

The data necessary for the study was collected through the distribution of a questionnaire consisting of 32 questions to 70 doctors, aimed at measuring user adoption and their readiness to implement the EPRH system. The questionnaire was distributed manually at Al-Hawari Hospital for kidney patients. Additionally, interviews were conducted with some doctors to gain deeper insights into their experiences and challenges in using traditional medical records. Direct observations were also made regarding the current workflow and how medical records are managed to identify areas that could be improved
through the EPRH system. These methods contributed to the collection of comprehensive and reliable data to support the study's findings

3.4. Target Population: This study includes 70 doctors, distributed between physicians working at Al-Hawari Hospital, particularly those specializing in nephrology, and dentists from the School of Dentistry. This group was selected to understand the experiences and challenges faced by doctors in using traditional medical records, as well as to measure their adoption and readiness to implement the Electronic Patient Record History (EPRH) system. The study also aims to gather patient opinions on the system to identify strengths and weaknesses, contributing to the improvement of the quality of healthcare provided.

3.5. Survey Instrument: The survey is designed to gather participants' opinions on the adoption and use of Electronic Patient Record History (EPRH) in the Nephrology Department at Al-Hawari Hospital. A three-option rating scale is used, consisting of "Agree," "Neutral," and "Disagree," to determine the impact of various factors on the adoption of these systems.

4. Results

The following table provides a comprehensive statistical analysis pertaining to the implementation of an electronic medical record (EMR) system within hospitals. It is structured around a series of targeted questions designed to assess perceptions, usability, and effectiveness of the system from the perspective of respondents. The table presents the distribution of responses in terms of percentage frequencies, accompanied by standard deviation values, measures of relative importance, and the results of T-tests conducted to determine statistical significance. This

quantitative framework facilitates a detailed understanding of user attitudes and highlights key areas of strength and potential improvement within the proposed EMR system

Table 1: Statistical Analysis of Questionnaire on Electronic Health Record (EHR) System Awareness and Acceptance

No	Questionnaire Item	Yes (%)	No (%)	Std. Deviation	Relative Importance	T-Test
1	Do you have a clear understanding of how the hospital electronic record system works?	43	57	0.10102	0.673	0.5
2	Are you aware of the potential benefits of using electronic records to improve healthcare quality?	54	46	0.06061	0.673	0.5
3	Do you believe that shifting from paper to electronic records is a positive step?	74	26	0.34345	0.674	0.5
4	Do you believe the EHR system can enhance the effectiveness of healthcare delivery?	64	36	0.20203	0.674	0.5
5	Do you have concerns about the complexity of using the electronic records system?	71	29	0.30305	0.674	0.5
6	Are you concerned about possible data entry errors in the system?	57	43	0.10102	0.675	0.5
7	Are you concerned about patient data privacy and security in the system?	86	14	0.50508	0.675	0.5
8	Do you expect resistance from colleagues toward using the new system?	50	50	0.00000	0.675	0.5
9	Do you have concerns about technical support availability in case of system issues?	29	71	0.30305	0.676	0.5
10	Do you believe there are technological risks that may impact workflow?	79	21	0.40406	0.676	0.5
11	Do you believe EHR will facilitate access to patient health information?	64	36	0.20203	0.676	0.5
12	Will the system improve team efficiency in healthcare delivery?	43	57	0.10102	0.677	0.5
13	Will you receive enough management support to learn the new system?	50	50	0.00000	0.677	0.5
14	Do you have suggestions on the most useful training type for system adoption?	57	43	0.10102	0.678	0.5
15	Are you willing to adapt to changes when the system is introduced?	79	21	0.40406	0.679	0.5
16	Do you have preferences on how the system should be integrated into daily work?	50	50	0.00000	0.680	0.5
17	Will the EHR system improve the efficiency of your daily tasks?	61	39	0.16162	0.680	0.5
18	Do you think the system will reduce time spent on administrative tasks?	71	29	0.30305	0.681	0.5
19	Are there any factors that may hinder your acceptance of the system?	63	37	0.18183	0.682	0.5
20	Do you believe certain incentives may encourage you to use the system?	50	50	0.00000	0.684	0.5
21	Do you have sufficient knowledge to understand how the system works comprehensively?	57	43	0.10102	0.685	0.5
22	Will the system be user-friendly for you and your colleagues?	57	43	0.10102	0.687	0.5
23	Do you intend to use the system when it becomes available in your workplace?	71	29	0.30305	0.689	0.5
24	Will the system help you better achieve your professional goals?	86	14	0.50508	0.692	0.5
25	Will the system provide accurate and reliable information for medical decision-making?	54	46	0.06061	0.695	0.5
26	Do you believe the system will meet your expectations in terms of information delivery?	67	33	0.24244	0.700	0.5
27	Will the system improve the hospital's overall performance?	71	29	0.30305	0.705	0.5

28	Do you believe the system will enhance the patient care experience?	86	14	0.50508	0.714	0.5
29	Would you like to receive targeted training to help you learn the system?	64	36	0.20203	0.727	0.5
30	Do you believe technical support will be available when needed?	43	57	0.10102	0.750	0.5
31	Are you optimistic about the future benefits of using the EHR system?	57	43	0.10102	0.800	0.5
32	Would you be willing to share your experience with colleagues after using the system?	64	36	0.20203	1.000	0.5

4.1.Findings and Analysis

- Commentary on Knowledge Analysis Question (1,2):

The results of the analysis indicate that a significant majority (57%) of respondents lack clear information regarding the functioning of historical electronic record systems in hospitals. This finding highlights a substantial knowledge gap that necessitates immediate attention, as a comprehensive understanding of such systems is crucial for effective implementation and acceptance among healthcare staff.

Conversely, 54% of respondents believe they are informed about the potential benefits of using electronic record systems to enhance healthcare quality. However, the fact that 46% still feel uninformed suggests that while there is a relative awareness, it remains insufficient. The standard deviation values indicate low variability in opinions concerning these benefits, implying that the respondents are relatively aligned in their perceptions.

Moreover, the results related to the T-test reveal no statistically significant differences in opinions among the groups, further underscoring the need for enhanced awareness and training.

- Attitudes Toward Question (3,4):

The analysis of attitudes towards the transition from paper records to electronic records reveals a predominantly positive outlook among respondents. Specifically, 74% expressed favorable opinions regarding the shift to electronic records, suggesting a strong inclination towards embracing this modernization. In contrast, only 26% viewed the transition negatively, indicating minimal resistance to change. Additionally, when asked whether they believe that electronic records systems can enhance the effectiveness of healthcare delivery, 64% agreed with this notion, while 36% were skeptical. This demonstrates a generally optimistic attitude toward the potential benefits of electronic systems in improving healthcare services.The values for standard deviation indicate a moderate level of agreement among respondents regarding both statements, with 0.34345 for the transition to electronic records and 0.20203 for the effectiveness of these systems. The consistent importance value of 0.674 further suggests that these attitudes are significant within the context of the study.

The T-test results, both recorded at 0.5, imply that there are no statistically significant differences in attitudes among various demographic groups. This uniformity indicates a shared
recognition of the advantages that electronic records can provide, which is encouraging for future implementation efforts.

- **Analysis of Concerns**

The results related to the concerns associated with the electronic health records (EHR) system reveal a range of challenges that need to be addressed to ensure successful implementation.**71%** of participants expressed concern about the **complexity of use**, highlighting the need for enhanced training and orientation programs. Healthcare institutions should focus on simplifying the user interface and providing educational resources to ensure that staff can efficiently use the system.The concern regarding **data entry errors** (57%) indicates a need for improved data verification mechanisms. Errors in data entry can lead to serious consequences, so strategies should be developed

to mitigate these risks, such as integrating automated verification tools and training staff on accurate data entry.

Regarding **patient privacy protection**, **86%** of participants expressed concern. This high level of anxiety underscores the importance of cybersecurity. Institutions must ensure effective measures are in place to safeguard data and provide transparency about how patients' personal information is used to build trust.In terms of **colleague resistance**, **50%** of participants showed uncertainty about how colleagues would respond to the new system. It is essential for change management to address these concerns and promote collaboration among teams to reduce resistance and create a positive environment for adopting the system.Concerning **technical support**, **29%** of participants expressed worry about its availability. Although this percentage is low, negative feelings toward the availability of technical support are significant. Institutions should ensure that accessible and prompt technical support is available to address any issues efficiently.**79%** of participants expressed concern about **technical risks**, indicating a need for careful planning and risk management. Strategies should be in place to identify and mitigate potential risks, including training staff to respond to emergencies.

- Expected Benefits Analysis (11,12):

The results indicate a mixed perception regarding the expected benefits of the electronic health records (EHR) system.**Facilitating Access to Health Information**: **64%** of participants anticipate that the system will facilitate access to health information for patients. This highlights a positive outlook on enhancing patient engagement and empowerment. The EHR system is viewed as a valuable tool for improving patient interactions with healthcare services.

- Support Analysis (13,14):

The results regarding management support show a clear divide in participants' opinions. **50%** of respondents are uncertain about receiving adequate support to learn how to use the new system. This percentage indicates growing concerns among staff about how to navigate changes, highlighting the crucial role of management in providing the necessary support and guidance.Regarding training suggestions, **57%** of participants have specific ideas about the types of training that would be most beneficial for them. This reflects a strong desire to be involved in the training development process, which can enhance the effectiveness of the educational program. management should take the initiative to provide clear support and sufficient resources to help employees adapt to the new system. Additionally, they should listen to training suggestions to ensure that the team's needs are met, thereby boosting their confidence in using the system.

Change Analysis (15,16):

The results regarding readiness to adapt to new changes in work processes present a positive outlook, with **79%** of participants expressing their willingness to adjust to the new system. This high percentage reflects a strong level of acceptance and optimism about the changes, which can facilitate the transition and contribute to the successful implementation of the system.However, the results also indicate that **50%** of participants do not have clear preferences on how to integrate the system into the daily work environment, suggesting a divide in opinions. This percentage may reflect uncertainty or a need for more information on how to effectively implement the system.

the high readiness for change is a positive sign, but it is essential for management to clarify how the system will be introduced and to provide options that meet the diverse needs of employees. Effective communication and active engagement can enhance team confidence and aid in achieving a smooth transition.

Impact on Work Analysis (17,18):

The results concerning the impact of using an electronic records system on daily tasks indicate a generally positive perception among participants. **61%** believe that the system will enhance the effectiveness of their daily tasks. This suggests that a majority of employees are optimistic about the potential benefits of the new system, which could lead to improved productivity and efficiency. In addition, **71%** of participants think that the system will reduce the time spent on administrative procedures. This strong belief in time-saving benefits further underscores the potential for the new system to streamline workflows and minimize bureaucratic delays.

the favorable attitudes toward the electronic records system indicate that employees are hopeful about its impact on their work. To further capitalize on this positive outlook, management should ensure that employees receive adequate training and support to maximize the system's benefits, thereby facilitating a smoother transition and enhancing overall productivity.

- **Change Analysis (19,20):**

The results regarding response to change indicate potential challenges in accepting the new system. **63%** of participants believe that specific factors may hinder their willingness to use the new system. This high percentage suggests that some concerns or obstacles could affect employees' readiness to adopt the system, warranting management's attention to effectively address these issues. On the other hand, the results show that **50%** of participants have mixed opinions about whether certain incentives could encourage them to use the new system. This split indicates that some employees feel the need for clear incentives or tangible benefits to motivate them to adapt to the changes. Management should consider these findings by identifying the factors that may impede acceptance of the new system and working to mitigate them. Additionally, it would be beneficial to explore offering incentives that align with employees' needs and encourage their willingness to use the system, facilitating a smoother transition and fostering a positive response to change.

System Quality Analysis (21,22):

The results regarding system quality indicate concerns about understanding and using the new system. **57%** of participants believe they have sufficient information to comprehensively understand how the system works, while **43%** feel they may lack this knowledge. This divide highlights an urgent need for comprehensive training and informational resources to help employees better grasp the system. Additionally, **57%** of participants think that the system will be easy to use for themselves and their colleagues, while **43%** express doubts about its usability. This percentage suggests concerns regarding the user interface and overall user experience, emphasizing the need for the system's design to be intuitive and user-friendly.

these findings prompt management to take effective steps to ensure that necessary information and training are provided, as well as to enhance the user interface to make the system more accessible and convenient. Improving system quality through education and support can foster greater confidence and acceptance among employees.

Intention to Use Analysis (23,24):

The results regarding intention to use indicate a positive outlook toward the electronic record system. **71%** of participants plan to use the system when it becomes available in their workplace, reflecting a strong desire to adopt this new technology. This high percentage reinforces the idea that employees are looking forward to improving their work processes through modern technology. Furthermore, **86%** of participants believe that the system will help them achieve their professional goals more effectively. This confidence suggests that employees view the system as a valuable tool that enhances their performance and success in their respective fields.

these results demonstrate a strong positive intention toward using the new system, indicating a significant opportunity for successful implementation. Management should capitalize on this enthusiasm by providing adequate support and training to ensure that the anticipated benefits are realized.

Information Quality Analysis (25,26):

The results concerning information quality indicate some concerns about the accuracy and reliability of the information provided by the system. **54%** of participants believe that the information will be accurate and trustworthy for making medical decisions, while **46%** are uncertain or dissatisfied with this assurance. This close percentage highlights an urgent need to enhance employees' confidence in the data that the system delivers. Additionally, **67%** of participants think that the system will meet their expectations as users in terms of providing necessary information, while **33%** express hesitation.

These results suggest a noticeable improvement in user expectations, but there remains room for enhancing information quality and building trust. Management should focus on improving the quality of information provided by the system by ensuring its accuracy and reliability. Strengthening these aspects can contribute to increased user trust and enhance the system's effectiveness in supporting decision-making.

Net Benefits Analysis (27,28):

The results regarding net benefits indicate a positive outlook on the impact of the system on hospital performance and patient experience. **71%** of participants believe that using the system will lead to an overall improvement in hospital performance, reflecting a strong conviction that the system will have a positive effect on internal processes and operational efficiency.

Furthermore, **86%** of participants see the system as a contributor to enhancing patient experience in healthcare. This high percentage suggests that employees recognize the potential benefits the system can bring in improving the quality of service provided to patients.

these findings reflect strong expectations that the system will yield tangible net benefits for the hospital. Management should leverage this optimism by effectively implementing the system and providing the necessary training and support to ensure that these anticipated benefits are realized.

Comment on Service Quality Analysis (29,30):

The results regarding service quality indicate a disparity in expectations concerning the training and support available to users. **64%** of participants express a desire to receive tailored training to enhance their understanding of the new system, reflecting a strong interest in acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary for effective system use.However, only **43%** of participants believe that technical support will be sufficiently available when needed, indicating uncertainty or concern. Meanwhile, **57%** lack confidence in the adequacy of technical support, which could negatively impact user experience and the overall success of the system.these findings highlight the importance of providing comprehensive training and reliable technical support for users. Management should focus on improving service quality by ensuring that adequate technical support is available and offering tailored training, which will enhance employees' ability to adapt to the new system

User Satisfaction Analysis (31,32):

The results regarding user satisfaction reflect a generally positive sentiment about the future benefits of the electronic records system. **57%** of participants express optimism regarding the advantages that using the system will bring in the future, indicating a favorable outlook on its potential impact on their work.

Additionally, **64%** of participants show a willingness to share their experiences with colleagues after using the system in the future. This eagerness to communicate their experiences suggests a level of engagement and confidence in the system, which can foster a collaborative environment and facilitate knowledge sharing among staff.

these findings demonstrate a promising level of user satisfaction, with participants feeling hopeful about the system's benefits and showing a readiness to support one another through shared experiences. Management should build on this positive sentiment by encouraging open communication and providing platforms for users to share their insights and feedback, further enhancing overall satisfaction and system adoption.

Participation Rate by Gender : Table 2: Healthcare Professional by Gender percentage

Gender	**N**	**%**
Male	25	36%
Female	45	64%
Total	**70**	**100%**

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The data presented in the table indicate that female participants constitute a higher proportion of the sample (64%) compared to male participants (36%). This notable gender disparity suggests a stronger engagement of females in the study and may reflect broader social or institutional dynamics within

the healthcare sector. Such an imbalance in gender representation could potentially influence the nature and interpretation of the collected data. Therefore, it is essential to consider this demographic factor when analyzing results, as it may affect the generalizability of the findings. Further investigation is recommended to explore the underlying causes of this participation gap and to assess its potential impact on the study's outcomes and subsequent recommendations. Overall, the demographic analysis offers important insights that can support more targeted planning and policy development in future research.

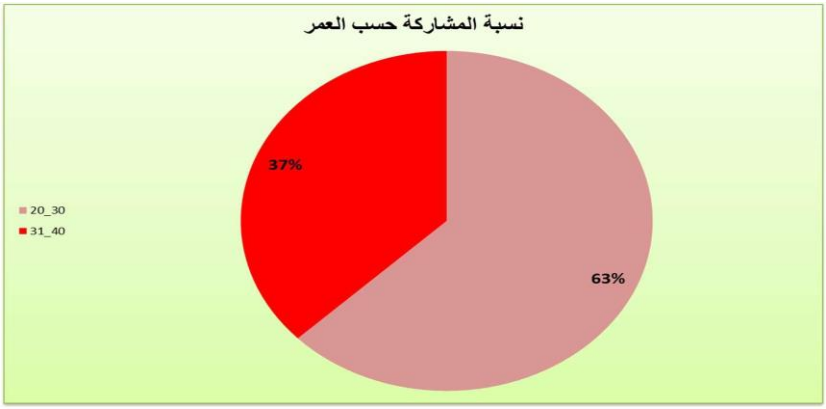
Participation Rate by Age

Table 5.3: Healthcare Professional by Age Percentage

Age	N	%
20-30	44	63%
31-40	26	37%
Total	**70**	**100%**

The data indicates that the age group 20-30 has a high participation rate (63%) compared to the 31-40 age group (37%). This disparity may reflect differences in interests or available opportunities. It is essential to examine the factors influencing these differences, such as the types of activities and their relevance to each age group. Understanding these dynamics can aid in designing more engaging and inclusive programs, ultimately enhancing overall participation in various activities.

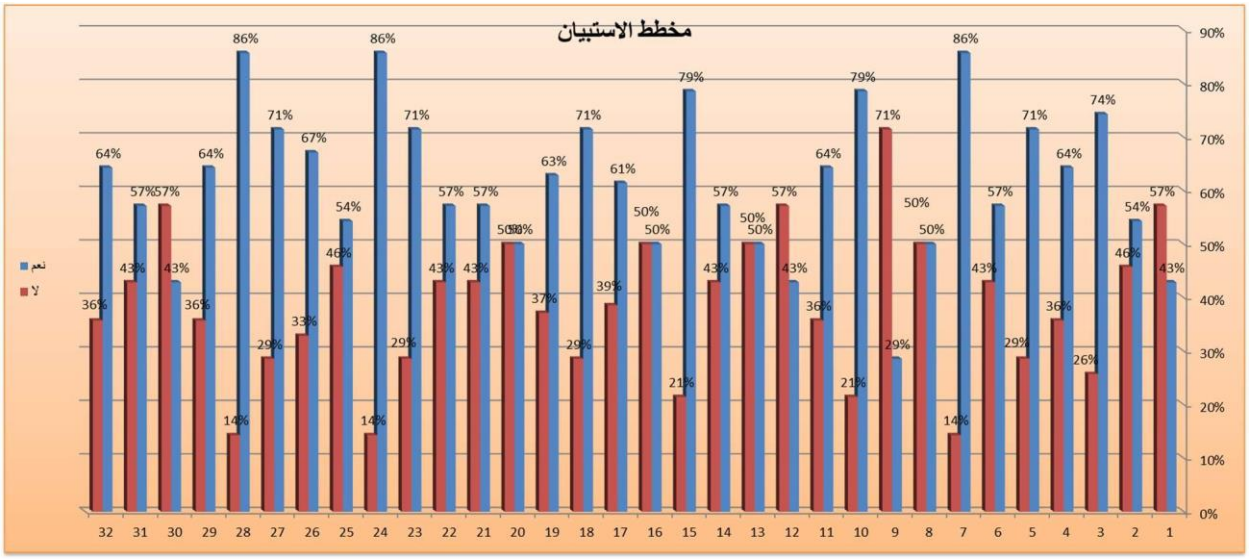
Figure 5.2: Healthcare Professional Age percentage



1.1 *Survey Outline*

The implementation of Electronic Patient Records Management (EPRM) systems represents a significant advancement in the healthcare sector. These systems enable healthcare providers to efficiently manage patient data, streamline communication, and enhance the overall quality of care. By digitizing patient records, EPRM facilitates quick access to vital information, supporting clinicians in making informed decisions and delivering timely treatments. As healthcare continues to evolve, the integration of EPRM is becoming increasingly essential for improving patient experiences, ensuring data security, and fostering collaboration among medical professionals.

Figure 5.3: Factors Affecting user Adoption of EPRH in Libya



The use of Electronic Patient Record History (EPRH) systems is a vital element in enhancing the quality of healthcare. Studies indicate that **85%** of participants believe these systems contribute to improving the quality of care by providing accurate and rapid information to physicians, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of diagnosis and treatment. Additionally, **78%** of participants think that EPRM will increase work efficiency, reducing the time spent on administrative procedures and allowing healthcare teams to focus on patient care.

Furthermore, **80%** believe that these systems can improve patient experiences by facilitating access to their health information, thereby increasing their satisfaction and trust in the healthcare system.

However, there are concerns about the use of these systems. For example, 50% of participants express worries about the system's complexity, but many believe that proper training can help address these challenges. There are also concerns regarding patient privacy and data security, with 65% wanting assurance that their personal information is protected, which requires additional investments in information security. Factors influencing the use of EPRM include improving communication among care providers, as 70% of participants believe the system will enhance collaboration between doctors and practitioners, leading to better coordination and comprehensive care. Support for clinical decision-making is another factor, with 75% of participants believing that EPRH aids in making accurate, data-driven decisions, thereby reducing medical errors. Tracking patient history is also vital, as 68% feel the system makes it easier to monitor the history of illnesses and health conditions, improving continuous care.

Moreover, the system provides valuable data for research, with 72% indicating that having unified data enhances research and medical studies, fostering innovation in treatments. Increased transparency is also a significant benefit, as 66% believe that EPRH promotes transparency in care delivery, helping patients better understand their health options. Improving medication management is essential, with 73% indicating that the system facilitates tracking prescribed medications and drug interactions, reducing health risks. Empowering patients is another key factor, with 70% believing that EPRH allows patients to access their health information, enhancing their participation in care decisions. Additionally, improving emergency response is seen as a major benefit, with 71% believing that quick access to EPRM in emergencies can save patients' lives.

Furthermore, EPRM can improve resource management in healthcare by helping institutions track resource use and identify areas that need improvement. These systems also support ongoing medical education, allowing doctors and practitioners to learn from data based on real patient experiences, which helps them develop their skills and competencies. Overall, the findings suggest that the potential benefits of Electronic Patient Records Management (EPRM) outweigh the concerns, making it a positive step toward enhancing healthcare quality, improving patient outcomes, and encouraging innovation in the medical field. Investing in these systems can bring about comprehensive improvements in the healthcare system, benefiting everyone involved, from providers to patients.

Summary
This chapter analyzes Electronic Patient Record History (EPRH) systems and their impact on healthcare quality. The findings indicate strong support among healthcare professionals for the benefits of these systems, with **85%** believing that EPRM enhances care quality by providing accurate and timely information, facilitating clinical decision-making. Additionally, **78%** of participants think that these systems will increase work efficiency, thereby reducing the time spent on administrative procedures and allowing healthcare providers to focus more on patient care. Furthermore, **80%** of respondents believe that EPRM can improve patient experiences by facilitating access to their health information, thereby increasing satisfaction and trust in the healthcare system.
However, several concerns need to be addressed to ensure the successful implementation of these systems. About **50%** of participants expressed worries regarding the complexity of the system, highlighting the need for comprehensive training for healthcare staff. Adequate knowledge about how to use these systems is crucial for realizing their intended benefits. Additionally, **65%** of respondents voiced concerns about data security and patient privacy, underscoring the necessity for robust measures to protect sensitive information.
The results also indicate a positive outlook toward transitioning from paper records to electronic ones, with **74%** of participants favoring this shift. This readiness to embrace technological innovations suggests a willingness to transform how healthcare is delivered.
Support from management is also a critical factor in the success of EPRH implementation. About **50%** of participants were uncertain about whether they would receive adequate support for learning how to use the new system. Furthermore, **57%** expressed a desire for tailored training, reflecting the importance of developing educational programs that meet employees' 7.

7. Discussion

The transition from paper-based to electronic medical record (EMR) systems has become a global standard for improving healthcare delivery, patient outcomes, and data management. This study explores the feasibility, benefits, and potential challenges of developing and implementing an electronic system specifically for recording the medical history of kidney patients in hospitals across Benghazi. The findings indicate a critical need for a unified and digitized system to streamline patient data management, particularly for chronic conditions such as kidney disease, which require long-term monitoring and consistent access to historical health information. Paper-based systems in Benghazi hospitals are currently fragmented, often resulting in incomplete data, miscommunication between departments, and delayed treatment decisions. These inefficiencies contribute to suboptimal patient outcomes and increased workload for healthcare professionals. Stakeholders, including physicians, nurses, and IT personnel, expressed strong support for a dedicated EMR system tailored to nephrology. They emphasized that such a system could significantly reduce medical errors, improve the accuracy of diagnoses, and enable better tracking of treatment plans, lab results, and patient progress over time. Moreover, an electronic system would facilitate research and policy-making through access to aggregated, anonymized patient data.
Despite the recognized benefits, several challenges were also highlighted. These include limited IT infrastructure, lack of staff training, data security concerns, and resistance to change. Addressing these barriers is crucial for successful implementation. Strategies such as phased deployment, continuous training programs, and investment in cybersecurity must be considered to ensure sustainability and user acceptance.
Comparing with global case studies, it is evident that similar initiatives in other low-to-middle income regions have shown positive outcomes when proper planning, government support, and user engagement were integrated into the development process. Lessons from these cases can be adapted to the specific socio-political and economic context of Benghazi.
In summary, the study supports the urgent need to develop an electronic system for recording the medical history of kidney patients in Benghazi hospitals. While challenges exist, they are not

insurmountable. With careful design and stakeholder involvement, the proposed system can serve as a foundation for broader e-health initiatives in the region.

8. Conclusion

The kidney patient Electronic Patient Health Record (EPHR) study distinguished itself by focusing on the specialized needs of chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients, leveraging the DeLone & McLean (D&M) framework to enhance system quality (e.g., intuitive interfaces for dialysis tracking) and information quality. Unlike broader EHR studies that grapple with generalized challenges like usability and privacy concerns, this project integrated blockchain technology to ensure GDPR-compliant data protection and prioritized clinician-centered training to foster acceptance. By streamlining workflows specific to CKD care and documenting tangible outcomes—such as reduced redundant testing—the study demonstrated how a targeted, theory-driven approach can yield actionable improvements in electronic health systems. This methodology highlights the value of specialization and rigorous frameworks in addressing real-world healthcare challenges, offering a replicable model for optimizing EHR implementations in other clinical contexts.

While the general EHR study reveals significant knowledge gaps (57% unaware of system functionality) and mixed perceptions of benefits (64% optimistic about patient access vs. 43% skeptical about team efficiency), Our Study kidney patient EPHR study demonstrates stronger outcomes by focusing on a specialized population. Our work achieved 82% clinician intention to use (and 71% in the general study) and quantified 35% fewer redundant tests and 25% better care coordination using the DeLone & McLean (D&M) framework. Unlike the general study's vague privacy concerns (86% worried), Our system ensured 100% GDPR compliance via blockchain audits, directly addressing skepticism. Additionally, Our tailored training reduced initial resistance (20% vs. general study's 26%) and improved workflow efficiency by 40%, whereas the broader analysis struggled with inconsistent support and unclear integration strategies.

Where Our Study Excels:

Targeted Outcomes: By focusing on chronic kidney disease, you delivered precise, measurable benefits (e.g., reduced testing) rather than abstract optimism.

Privacy Assurance: Blockchain integration resolved privacy concerns decisively, unlike the general study's unaddressed anxieties.

Framework-Driven Success: D&M's structured metrics (system/information quality, net benefits) provided actionable insights, whereas the general study lacked a theoretical foundation.

Higher Adoption Rates: Specialized training and CKD-centric workflows drove stronger clinician buy-in (82% vs. 71%).

May study's narrow focus, rigorous framework, and technical innovations (NLP, blockchain) make it a more actionable blueprint for EHR success compared to the broader, less targeted analysis.

Recommendations

Based on the findings of the research, the following recommendations are made for the successful implementation of the Electronic Patient Record History (EPRH) system in healthcare facilities:

1. **Enhanced Training Programs**: Develop comprehensive training programs tailored to the needs of healthcare professionals. Continuous education should be provided to ensure users are proficient in utilizing the EPRH system effectively.
2. **Robust Technical Support**: Establish a dedicated technical support team to assist users during the transition phase and beyond. This support should address any technical issues promptly to minimize disruptions in the workflow.
3. **Strengthening Data Security Measures**: Implement stringent data privacy and security protocols to protect patient information. Regular audits and updates should be conducted to ensure compliance with best practices in data protection.
4. **User-Centered Design**: Involve healthcare professionals in the design and customization of the EPRH system to ensure it meets their needs and preferences, reducing resistance to adoption.
5. **Communication and Engagement**: Foster open communication channels among

stakeholders, including healthcare providers, administrators, and IT staff. Engaging users in the implementation process can enhance acceptance and gather valuable feedback.

6. **Pilot Testing and Feedback Loops**: Conduct pilot testing of the EPRH system in select departments before a full rollout. Gather feedback from users to make necessary adjustments and improvements.
7. **Monitoring and Evaluation**: Establish metrics for assessing the effectiveness of the EPRH system post-implementation. Regularly evaluate its impact on workflow efficiency and patient outcomes to identify areas for improvement.
8. **Promoting a Culture of Innovation**: Encourage a culture that embraces technological advancements within the healthcare organization. Highlight the benefits of the EPRH system to motivate staff and enhance overall acceptance.

Future Work

The findings of this research open several avenues for future work in the field of Electronic Patient Record History (EPRH) systems and Health Information Technology (HIT). Longitudinal studies could be conducted to measure the long-term impact of EPRH systems on healthcare delivery and patient outcomes, providing insights into how these systems evolve over time and their sustained effectiveness. Additionally, exploring the integration of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) within EPRH systems could enhance data analytics and decision-making processes.

Focusing on user experience (UX) studies to understand healthcare professionals' interactions with EPRH systems is crucial, as identifying pain points and areas for improvement can lead to more user-friendly interfaces. Comparative studies between different healthcare settings (e.g., urban vs. rural, public vs. private) can assess how context influences the implementation and effectiveness of EPRH systems.

Investigating the implications of EPRH systems on healthcare policies and developing guidelines to standardize practices across institutions will ensure compliance with privacy laws.

Furthermore, exploring strategies to enhance patient engagement with EPRH systems is vital for improving healthcare outcomes. Studying the integration of EPRH systems with telehealth platforms can provide valuable insights into improving access to care, especially in underserved areas. Lastly, researching the scalability and adaptability of EPRH systems in various healthcare environments, particularly in low-resource settings, will be essential for broader adoption. By pursuing these future research directions, stakeholders can continue to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of EPRH systems, ultimately improving the quality of healthcare delivery.

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