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ABSTRACT

This study aims at establishing a medical consultation system using web-based tools such as PHP and MYSQL. The development of the system will be associated with the linking the website to a knowledge base rather than an ordinary database, using some popular framework like MYSQL. In addition, some expert system techniques are included through the application of intelligent database terms during the matching process of the symptoms provided by users. Features of the system include providing survey-based online diagnoses for patients, such as that produced by doctors. Furthermore, the system will provide information about various diseases, presenting them in the format of online materials. Moreover, it will also provide an online forum where specialists, trainees and patients can interact with each other using questions-answers information sharing technique. On the other hand, users of the system will be able to take advantage of online system-access. Consequently, the system will be meeting the user needs through better understanding of system requirements from the developers' perspectives according to the user needs in the correct and proper way.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Since human beings are all potential patients. Unfortunately, none of them can assume that good health is indefinitely granted. Their visits to the doctor can be either planned on a regular basis or unplanned as in cases of unexpected health conditions. Whatever the case, sooner or later all of them will need to communicate with a physician regarding their health state. Their well-being relies, to a variable extent, on the successful accomplishment of such communication. Therefore, to gain high quality communication with doctors, already available recent technologies should be utilized.

The dialogue between the physician and the patient during the consultation has always been fundamental in the practice of medicine. With the introduction of Internet, new opportunities have been provided for communication between a physician and a patient through internet-based consultation. Internet-based medical consultation might have an impact on individuals as well as on health care providers. Thus, it is important to understand the opportunities and the limitations of this new method, the usability of such a service, and the perspectives of the physicians carrying out the consultations.

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