An Analysis of the Effects of Crowdsourced Medicine and the Human Diagnosis Project

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Background

The usage of crowdsourced medicine is increasing as technology becomes more accessible, and quality healthcare becomes less accessible. This research project will evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of crowdsourced medicine and Human Dx to determine if these platforms have the potential to improve healthcare practices.

Methods

The research methodology of this project included gathering relevant articles through EBSCO, PubMed, and Google Scholar and performing an in-depth analysis on each article. Afterwards, an annotated bibliography and a table of benefits and drawbacks were created.

Results

The results showed that these online platforms provide a mechanism for increased accessibility of medical advice and higher diagnostic accuracy for specific cases. However, misuse of crowdsourcing platforms can hold detrimental effects not only for the patient but for other individuals as well. Furthermore, the elimination of face-to-face contact leaves room for possible diagnostic errors due to the lack of subjective observations and physical examinations.

Conclusions

In summation, the aspects of increased accessibility to medical advice and higher diagnostic accuracy for specific cases portray crowdsourced medicine and Human Dx as beneficial tools. However, there are still opportunities for misuse to occur. Furthermore, the elimination of essential aspects exclusively found during an in-person visit increases the risk of misdiagnosis.