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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ORTHODONTICS: REVOLUTIONIZING TREATMENT OUTCOMES

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ABSTRACT

Artificial intelligence (AI) has been widely recognized as a transformative force in various areas, including orthodontics, in recent years. The aim of this study is to provide a thorough examination of the current state of AI applications in orthodontics. The categories include diagnosis, which includes cephalometric analysis, dental analysis, facial analysis, and skeletal maturation stage determination and upper airway obstruction assessment. Treatment planning encompasses making decisions about extractions and orthogenetic surgery, as well as predicting the outcome of treatments. Practice guidance, remote care, and clinical documentation are part of clinical practice. The application of AI in orthodontics has been broadened, with advancements in its performance. Furthermore, this research outlines the current limitations within the field and provides future perspectives.

INTRODUCTION:

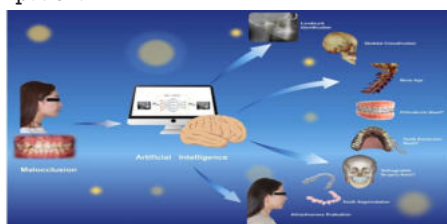
The development of computers and programs that have the ability to perceive information is the focus of artificial intelligence (AI), which is a subfield of computer science (1). The use of AI processes has experienced significant growth in all medical disciplines in recent decades (2). The purpose of this study is to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the current state of AI applications in orthodontics.

Applications Of Artificial Intelligence In Orthodontics:

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in orthodontics has caused a major shift in recent years. Significant advances in diagnosis, treatment planning, and overall patient care in orthodontics have been facilitated by the use of this revolutionary technology. Automating landmark detections is a key application of Machine learning in orthodontics, and a recent systematic review found that it can achieve a 5–15% accuracy rate (4). Let's delve into the recent trends of artificial intelligence in orthodontics and explore how this cutting-edge technology is transforming the landscape of orthodontic practice.

Diagnosis And Treatment Planning:

Orthodontics is experiencing a significant improvement due to AI's impact on the diagnosis and treatment planning process. AI algorithms can analyze a large amount of patient data, including digital images, X-rays, and patient records, to accurately pinpoint a problem and predict treatment outcomes. Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSSs) are computer programs that are designed to help healthcare providers make expert decisions concerning the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of health ailments (3). This not only helps orthodontists in making more informed decisions but also enables them to provide personalized treatment plans for each patient.



Predictive Analytics:

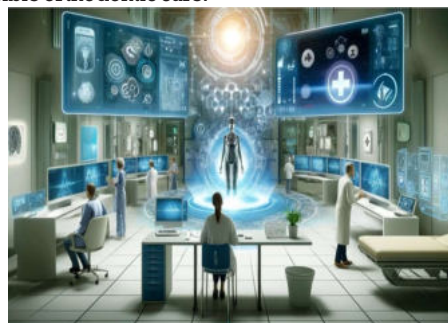
AI-powered predictive analytics tools are being used to forecast the progress and outcomes of orthodontic treatments. The selection of the correct treatment modality

and appliance is a challenge for orthodontists with less experience. A system was put together to assist orthodontists in choosing the correct headgear. The system correctly identified the correct headgears in 95.6% of cases (6). By analyzing historical patient data and treatment outcomes, these tools can predict how a patient's teeth will move over time, allowing orthodontists to adjust treatment plans accordingly. This proactive approach to treatment planning has been shown to improve treatment efficiency and patient satisfaction.



Virtual Consultations:

With the rise of telemedicine, virtual consultations have become increasingly popular in orthodontics. AI-powered virtual consultation platforms allow patients to upload photos and videos of their teeth, which are then analyzed by AI algorithms to provide preliminary treatment recommendations. This not only saves time for both patients and orthodontists but also allows for more convenient and accessible orthodontic care.



Automated Treatment Monitoring:

AI technologies are also being used to automate the process of monitoring orthodontic treatments. Orthodontic devices equipped with AI sensors can track the movement of teeth in real-time and provide feedback to orthodontists on a patient's progress (9). This continuous monitoring allows for early detection of any issues and enables orthodontists to make timely adjustments to the treatment plan.

Enhanced Patient Experience:

The integration of AI in orthodontics has led to a significant improvement in the overall patient experience. From personalized treatment plans to virtual consultations and automated monitoring, AI technologies are streamlining the orthodontic process and making it more efficient and convenient for patients (10). This personalized approach to care has been well-received by patients and has resulted in higher patient satisfaction rates.



Limitations Of Artificial Intelligence In Orthodontics:

Lack of Emotional Intelligence: While AI algorithms can analyze data and make recommendations, they lack the human touch and intuition that orthodontists bring to patient care. Building trust and rapport with patients is essential in orthodontic practice, something that AI cannot fully replicate.



Limited Scope of Data Analysis: AI algorithms rely on the data they are fed, which may not always capture the full complexity of an individual's orthodontic needs. Human judgment and experience are still crucial in making the final treatment decisions. **Security and Privacy Concerns:** The use of AI in orthodontics raises concerns about patient data privacy and security. The protection of patient information is dependent on ensuring compliance with regulations such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).



Overcoming Limitations:

While there are limitations to the application of AI in orthodontics, there are ways to overcome these challenges and maximize the benefits of this technology.

Hybrid Approach: Integrating AI tools into orthodontic practice while retaining the human element can provide a balanced approach that leverages the strengths of both AI and human expertise.

Continuous Training And Education: Orthodontists must stay updated on the latest advancements in AI technology and undergo training to effectively utilize AI tools in their practice. **Ethical Considerations:** Maintaining ethical standards in the use of AI in orthodontics is essential. Orthodontists must ensure that patient data is protected and that the use of AI is in the best interest of patient care.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, while the application of artificial intelligence in orthodontics offers numerous advantages, identifying and dealing with the limitations of this technology is imperative. By comprehending and taking steps to overcome these limitations, orthodontists can use AI to enhance patient care and treatment in an ethical and effective manner.

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