



BLOCKCHAIN AND SMART CONTRACT FOR ACCESS CONTROL IN HEALTHCARE

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Abstract:

Blockchain technology is increasingly being recognized as a secure and reliable platform for data sharing in various industries such as finance, supply chain management, food industry, energy, internet of things, and healthcare. In this paper, we review existing literature and applications of blockchain technology in the healthcare sector. Additionally, we propose several blockchain-based workflows for improved data management within the healthcare eco system. These workflows include complex medical procedures such as surgery and clinical trials, as well as managing and accessing large amounts of medical data. We have also conducted a feasibility study to estimate the cost of implementing the medical smart contract system for healthcare management. This work aims to facilitate collaboration among stakeholders within the healthcare system to improve services and optimize costs.

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1. Introduction:

Blockchain technology has recently emerged as a key player in the digital revolution of the healthcare sector, according to several research studies [1-8]. This technology has the potential to transform the way traditional medical systems and businesses have been operating in the healthcare sector for decades[9-15]. Key Enabling Technologies such as Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and blockchain are driving the decentralization and digitalization of ,providing a modern and digitized healthcare ecosystem for both patients and service providers[16-19]. Blockchain applications for healthcare data management offer utilities for patients, doctors, and healthcare institutions in areas such as patient record access and control, claims and payments management, medical IoT security management, research data verification and exchange for financial auditing and transparency[20-28].In these applications, real-time updates to an encrypted, decentralized blockchain ledger are used to understand, monitor, and control medical information[29-33]. This also allows healthcare institutions to restrict un authorized access to sensitive information[34-38].

Health care management encompasses various processes, such as managing finances, personnel, patients, legal issues, logistics, and inventory, among others[39]. Medical work flows often involve repetitive tasks related to actual patient treatment that can be plotted as a series of conditional steps[40]. These steps are designed to enhance internal controls, improve efficiency, compliance, productivity, and reduce risk, work cycles, and overhead within hospitals and other healthcare service providers[41]. In this paper, multiple medical workflows are designed for different healthcare management application domains[42]. This work presents a healthcare smart contract system for medical data management and streamlining complex medical procedures[43]. We discuss the state-of-the-art blockchain research in the healthcare field implementation.

Ethereum-based solution for healthcare management. The purpose of this paper is also to indicate the potential use of blockchain in healthcare and to reveal blockchain research's challenges and possible directions. This systematic review includes only research that introduces an healthcare solution, algorithm, method, methodology, or architecture. Review type research, discussions of potential blockchain uses and applications, and other non-relevant publications are excluded. Using realistic clinical databases, the paper then studies the blockchain applicability to these healthcare workflows and the feasibility of current adoption of blockchain in different use cases[45-49].

2.Literature Survey:

Emerging block chain-based health care innovations ,including data sources, block chain technology, healthcare applications, and stakeholders, are conceptually divided into several layers. Gordon and Catalini [1] published a review on healthcare blockchain where they concluded their discussion on how block chain technology can enable patient-centric control of healthcare data sharing over institution centric control. In their study they examined how blockchain technology transforms the healthcare sector by enabling digital access rights, patient identification across the network, handling a large volume of healthcare data and data immutability. Daisuke et al. [2] worked on medical records using the Hyperledger fabric blockchain platform where they were sending medical data to the hyper ledger blockchain network. They have collected those medical records using smartphones. In their work, they were trying to make sure that healthcare data is registered to the Blockchain. Anuraag et al. [3] studied blockchain as a way to manage healthcare information e silently. In their study, they included various types of studies and most of the work among this study was discussing potential benefits and limitations of blockchain technology for healthcare without being provided any proof or system evaluation. They have concluded their discussion on how blockchain could be a better fit for managing health care records on the cloud system while maintaining security and privacy of data. Rouhani et al. [4] came up with an approach to address limitations of permission and permissionless blockchain. They have used an instance of Hyperledger platform for patient-controlled healthcare data management. Wu and Tsai [5] did a literature review on healthcare management systems and proposed two algorithms for providing network security. They also suggested using a distributed system for healthcare data management and establishing regulations for the healthcare data. Shen et al. [6] proposes a mechanism for sharing medical data using blockchain and peer to peer networks known as MedChain. They have designed this system for healthcare data generated via medical examination and the patient data collected from IoT sensors and other mobile apps. Khizretal.[7]discussed various issues of the healthcare management system and how it could be resolved using blockchain technology. They have presented the current research on healthcare using distributed ledger technology with some possible medical use cases where blockchain technology can play a significant role to make the process e client. They have also proposed the IoMT delivery system using networking protocols. Litchfield et al. [8] have discuss the disuses regarding healthcare data security and privacy and suggested blockchain to overcome the issues besides doing a survey on healthcare issues. Vora et al.[9]discussed breaching of patient information such as name, address etc. on a regular basis. They proposed blockchain mechanism to handle electronic health records.

The main goal of their paper was to analyse their system performance to see how their proposed framework handles the needs of a patient, doctors and third parties. Zhang et al. [10] wrote a book chapter proposal where they have discussed di event use cases of healthcare blockchain. They have highlighted the importance of the blockchain-based system for healthcare and how blockchain technology provides active healthcare design, Siyal et al.

2. Proposal Methodology:

Blockchain Based Smart Contracts for Healthcare

We use smart contracts from Ethereum to create smart representations of existing medical records that are stored on the network within individual nodes. We build contracts to contain record ownership metadata, permissions, and data integrity. Our system's blockchain transactions carry crypto graphically signed instructions for managing these properties. State-transition functions of the contract carry out policies, only by legitimate transactions forcing data alternation. These regulations can be structured to enforce any set of

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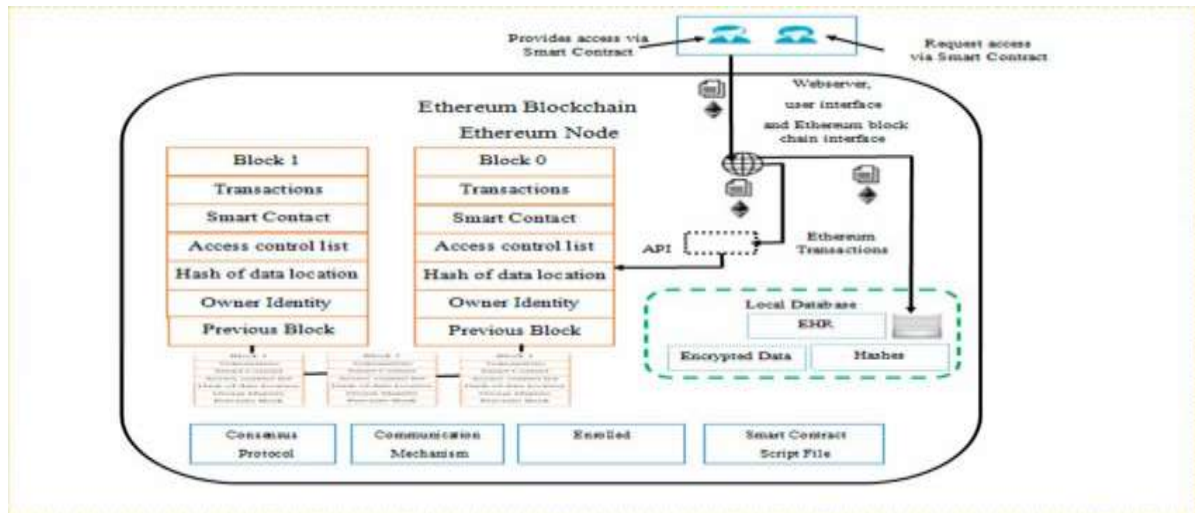


Figure1. System workflow with smart contract controlled access.

Outpatient Surgical Procedure Basic

Our workflow consists of various activities that are involved throughout the surgical patient process. This includes pre-approvals, medical clearance, surgery scheduling, pre-operative testing and recording consent. Throughout the process, the visit is recorded, treatment is reported and paid. This would be useful to review past surgical cases or surgeries that have been cancelled. Algorithmic workflow and the solidity smart contract components can be seen in Figure2 and Figure3 respectively.

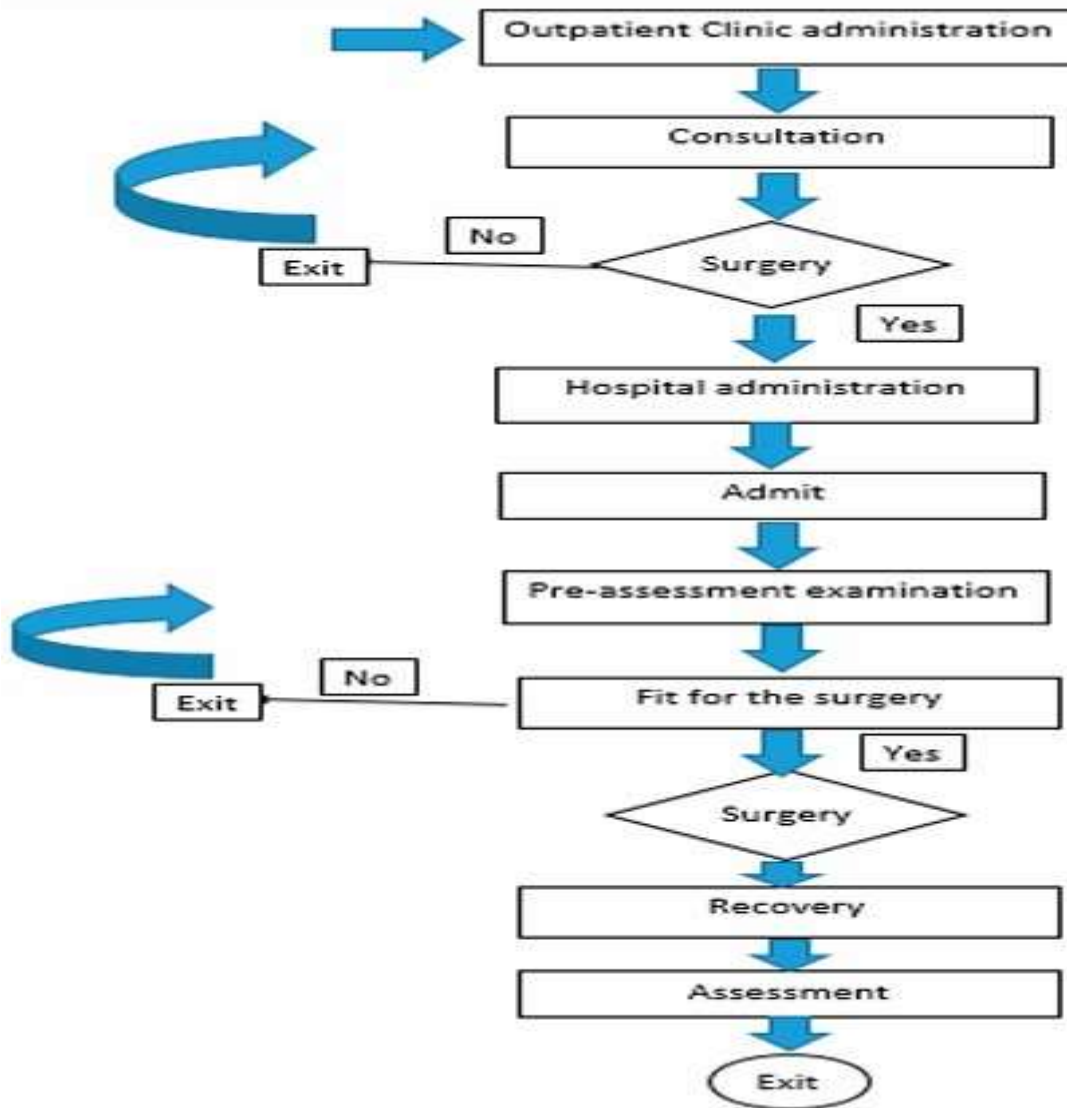


Figure2. Algorithmic workflow for a smart contract with surgery patients.

Algorithm:

Input: Access request: AR

Output: policy result

Get Doctor's **Identity Information** from Blockchain;

if identity information is legal **then**

for each Risk $H(di)$ in **Access History** **do**

 Risk $H(di) = \sum \sum_{j=1}^k E(tj)$ Risk $j(di)$;

end

 Risk $(di) = \{0, (H^{wt}(di) - H_{\mu}^{wt}(di))\}$;

 Total Risk $(di) = \text{Risk } H(di) + \text{Risk}(di)$;

for each $R^{\mu}(d)$ in **Malicious Doctor's Access History** **do**

$\varphi(t+1) = [(\mu + \sigma), (\mu + \sigma)]$;

end

if Total Risk $(di) \leq \varphi(t + 1)$ **then**

 policy result = allow;

end

else

 policy result = deny;

end

else

 policy result = deny;

end

return policy result;

3. RESULT:

It is widely known that patient information is stored in various formats across traditional healthcare delivery models, including providers, laboratories, payers(i.e., insurance companies),and drug companies. Furthermore, there is no standardized record-keeping system in place, leading to data breaches and the current disarray in health record exchange. The inadequate infrastructure for data sharing has also hindered progress in drug discovery and public health research. Efforts to resolve this issue have primarily focused on implementing a shared standard throughout the ecosystem, but these attempts have been unsuccessful due to factors such as regulation, lobbying, and patient apathy. As a result, the wide spread adoption of personalized medical treatment, which takes into account a patient's attributes, desires, and expectations, has been prevented. The healthcare industry has invested substantial resources in developing personalized healthcare options, but the current system has impeded progress in this area.

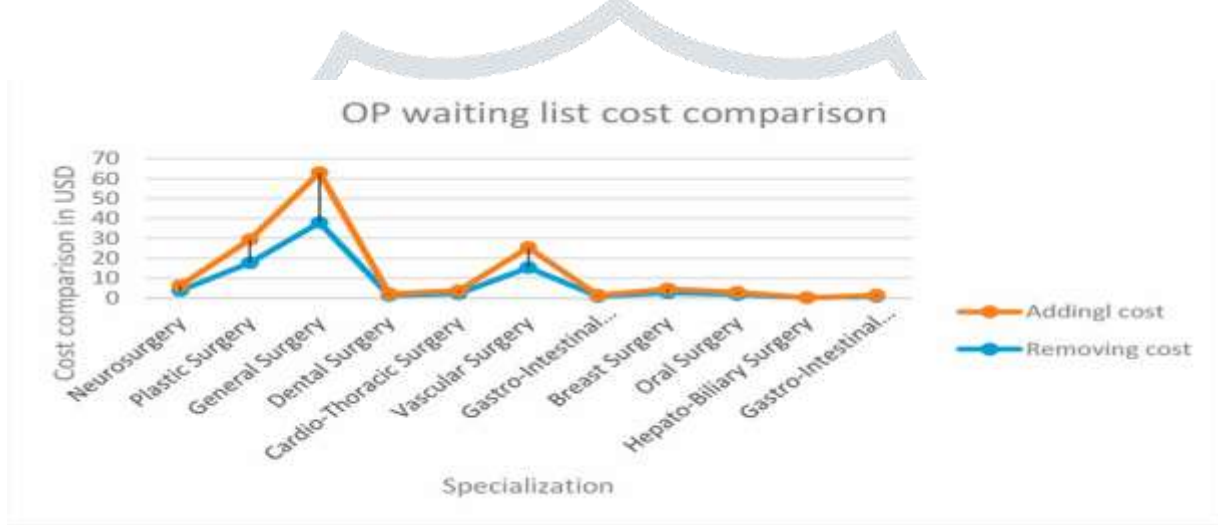


Figure4 .Smart contract deployment cost for Inpatients and Day cases (surgery) across direct departments/specialty



Figure5. Cost comparison among different smart contracts and entities.



Figure 6. Cost comparison among different smart contracts and entities.

4. CONCLUSION:

The primary goal of incorporating block chain technology, as described in this paper, is to improve healthcare processes and ultimately lead to better patient outcomes. Blockchain offers several advantages, including reducing transaction costs by using smart contracts with embedded with general-purpose protocols to streamline procedures, minimize administrative burdens, and eliminate intermediaries. Other blockchain initiatives focus on enhancing the collection, use, and sharing of health data from patients, researchers, and data sub-processors. Our proposed system employs blockchain technology to create an iterative, scalable, secure, accessible, and decentralized healthcare ecosystem. This would enable patients to freely and securely exchange their medical records with physicians, hospitals, research institutions, and other stakeholders while maintaining complete control over the privacy of their medical data. This solution would address several current issues in the healthcare system, such as data siloing, legacy network incompatibility, unstructured data collection difficulties, prohibitively high administrative costs, insufficient data security, and unaddressed privacy concerns.

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