Intelligent Medical Applications Blockchain-Powered 6G Networks

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Abstract

The demand for intelligent, effective, and secure medical applications has increased due to the quick development of healthcare technologies. In order to provide complicated medical services, 6G networks promise ultra-high-speed communication, minimal latency, and huge interconnectedness. 6G networks can offer a strong and secure framework for intelligent medical applications when combined with blockchain technology, guaranteeing data accessibility, privacy, and integrity. By facilitating decentralized, transparent, and impenetrable medical data management, blockchain improves data security. By enabling smooth real-time data exchange between medical devices, patients, and healthcare professionals, this integration can provide more precise diagnosis, effective treatment, and individualized healthcare solutions. With a focus on important use cases including telemedicine, remote patient monitoring, and AI-based diagnostics, this paper examines how blockchain-powered 6G networks have the potential to transform healthcare by offering intelligent, scalable, and secure medical services..

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Introduction

This article examines how blockchain technology can be incorporated into healthcare systems, emphasizing how it can be enhanced when paired with 6G networks.
Blockchain is a secure, decentralized ledger technology that improves healthcare efficiency, privacy, and data integrity. It functions over a network of computers, or nodes, in which a cryptographic hash connects each transaction. A highly safe and transparent system is produced as a result of this decentralization, which does away with the need for a central authority to supervise transactions. Because of its revolutionary potential, blockchain makes it possible to securely store and exchange patient records, treatment histories, and other private medical data, which lowers expenses and boosts productivity [1–3]. The influence of the technology is further increased by smart contracts, which automatically activate predetermined conditions.

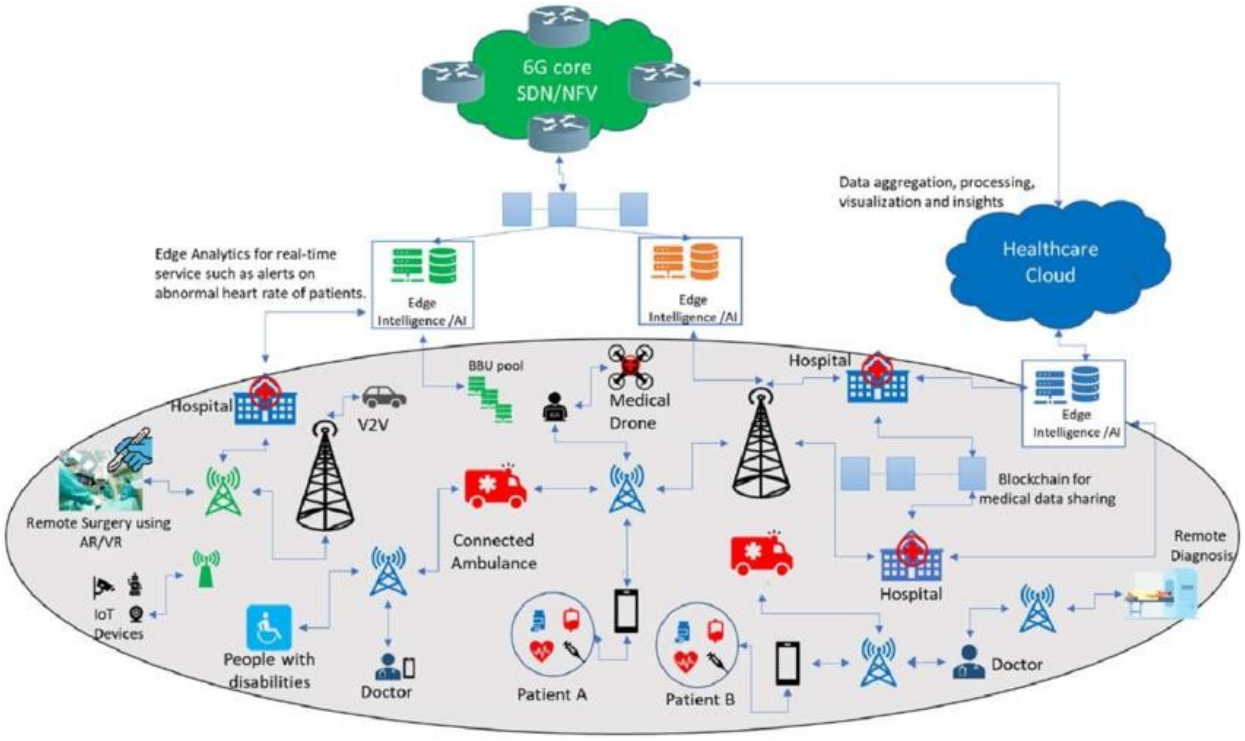

Figure 1. 6G Enabled-IoT for future Smart healthcare.

1.1. Using Blockchain Technology in Medical Practice

The essay explores the ways in which blockchain technology might be used in healthcare to address persistent issues including data security, transparency, and interoperability. The investigation of its possibilities prepares the ground for the discussion of 6G networks that follows. Blockchain integration in healthcare signifies a revolutionary change in the way the sector handles, preserves, and disseminates private medical data. The various facets of how blockchain smoothly becomes an essential part of the healthcare ecosystem are explored in this section. The safe and compatible transfer of patient data across different organizations, including clinics, hospitals, and insurance companies, is one of the biggest problems in the healthcare industry. Blockchain solves this by providing a distributed, decentralized ledger that guarantees the accuracy and unchangeability of medical records. There is only one source of truth for all parties involved because every network participant has an identical copy of the ledger [4,5].

1.2. Strengthening Security via Dispersion

The decentralization of blockchain ensures safe data distribution throughout the network by removing a central point of vulnerability. In addition to improving security, this gives people more authority over their health information, protecting privacy and adhering to HIPAA rules.

1.3. Streamlined Interaction

Blockchain overcomes interoperability issues by offering a standardized, secure framework for data sharing, enabling automated transactions between healthcare systems.

1.4. Audible and Clear
By safely recording transactions, lowering errors, fraud, and illegal access, and encouraging a more dependable and accountable environment, blockchain improves the trust in the healthcare system.

1.5 Supply chain management and medication traceability
Blockchain improves pharmaceutical and medical device traceability across the supply chain, guaranteeing authenticity and enabling quick action in the event of an emergency or recall.

1.6 Empowerment of Research and Development
Blockchain technology in healthcare provides safe, private data exchange, speeding up medical research and maybe resulting in treatment breakthroughs. It has an impact on supply chain logistics and creates a cooperative setting for research and development, opening the door to an ecosystem that is safer, more effective, and more patient-friendly.

1.7 6G Communications' Significance
By providing revolutionary features that work in tandem with blockchain, 6G networks expand the potential of blockchain in the healthcare space and open the door for intelligent healthcare applications as well as the next wave of wireless communication technology.

1.8 Enhanced Data Transfer Rates
Large datasets may be sent almost instantly thanks to 6G networks' notable data transmission speeds, which outperform 5G. This makes real-time access to patient data for diagnosis and decision-making possible, which is essential in blockchain applications and healthcare.

1.9 Exceptionally Low Latency
Ultra-low latency provided by 6G networks minimizes delays in medical applications. For snap judgments, like remote surgery, this lowers latency. It improves smart contract responsiveness when combined with blockchain, increasing the effectiveness of automated procedures.

1.10 Wide-ranging Networking of Devices
6G networks facilitate smooth healthcare connectivity by supporting large numbers of linked devices. Blockchain securely handles the data produced by these devices, allowing smart contracts to interact with health data in real time for record updates and treatments.

1.11. Network Slicing Customization
By customizing network segments to suit specific requirements, 6G's network slicing technology improves performance and dependability through blockchain-enabled systems, optimizing healthcare applications.

1.12 Strengthened Security Protocols
In a fast changing healthcare scene, 6G networks, which combine blockchain and cryptographic techniques, offer sophisticated security features for protecting healthcare data and improving cybersecurity.

1.13. Supporting Immersion Technology
6G networks are essential for improving data transfer speeds, lowering latency, and guaranteeing strong security while enabling immersive technologies like AR and VR in healthcare. Additionally, they facilitate widespread device connectivity, opening the door to a future in which healthcare is more intelligent, responsive, secure, and accessible, improving the state of healthcare as a whole.

2. Intelligent Medical Applications Driven by Blockchain

2.1 Overview and Title
In order to transform patient care, data management, and operational efficiency in the healthcare industry, this section examines blockchain-enabled smart healthcare applications [6].

2.1 Patient-Centered Health Records
Blockchain ensures privacy, empowers patients, and improves data security and trust by transforming traditional healthcare records into a decentralized, patient-centric system.

2.2 Traceability of Pharmaceutical Supply Chains
By permitting end-to-end traceability, guaranteeing medicine validity, lowering fraud risk, and expediting prompt recalls or crises, blockchain tackles the problems of counterfeit medications and transparency in pharmaceutical supply chains [7].

2.3 Automation of Insurance Claims Processing
By automating the processing of health insurance claims, blockchain technology lowers administrative costs, fraud, delays, and errors while increasing efficiency and transparency.

2.4. Drug Development and Clinical Trials
Blockchain ensures openness and integrity while improving data management in clinical trials and drug development. Data collection and participant recruiting are two examples of tasks that smart contracts automate.

2.5 Credentialing and Medical Licensing
Blockchain makes it easier to verify the credentials of healthcare professionals, lowering the risk of fraud and speeding up onboarding. By storing and confirming medical credentials in a decentralized manner, blockchain benefits patients and providers alike.

2.6 Combining Real-Time Monitoring with IoT
Blockchain integration with IoT devices enables remote monitoring, chronic illness management, and early intervention in critical cases, allowing for real-time patient health monitoring.

2.7 Health Data Research and Analytics
Blockchain speeds up research projects and may result in new treatments, medications, and healthcare advances by enabling the safe, private exchange of health data for scientific purposes.

2.8 Managing Identity and Access
Blockchain improves security and compliance in the healthcare industry by offering a decentralized identity management solution. It makes it possible for smart contracts to regulate

who has access to particular data, improving productivity and patient empowerment. Clinical trials, medication development, and medical records are all being transformed by blockchain-enabled smart healthcare systems.

2.9. Smart healthcare buzzwords and 6G networks

Finding and utilizing pertinent keywords is essential to maximizing search engine exposure for 6G networks and smart healthcare in order to guarantee the article's relevancy and accessibility.

2.10. Overview of Intelligent Medical Applications Driven by Blockchain

The main features of blockchain-enabled smart healthcare applications are briefly summarized in this abstract in order to set the stage for further in-depth discussion in the parts that follow.

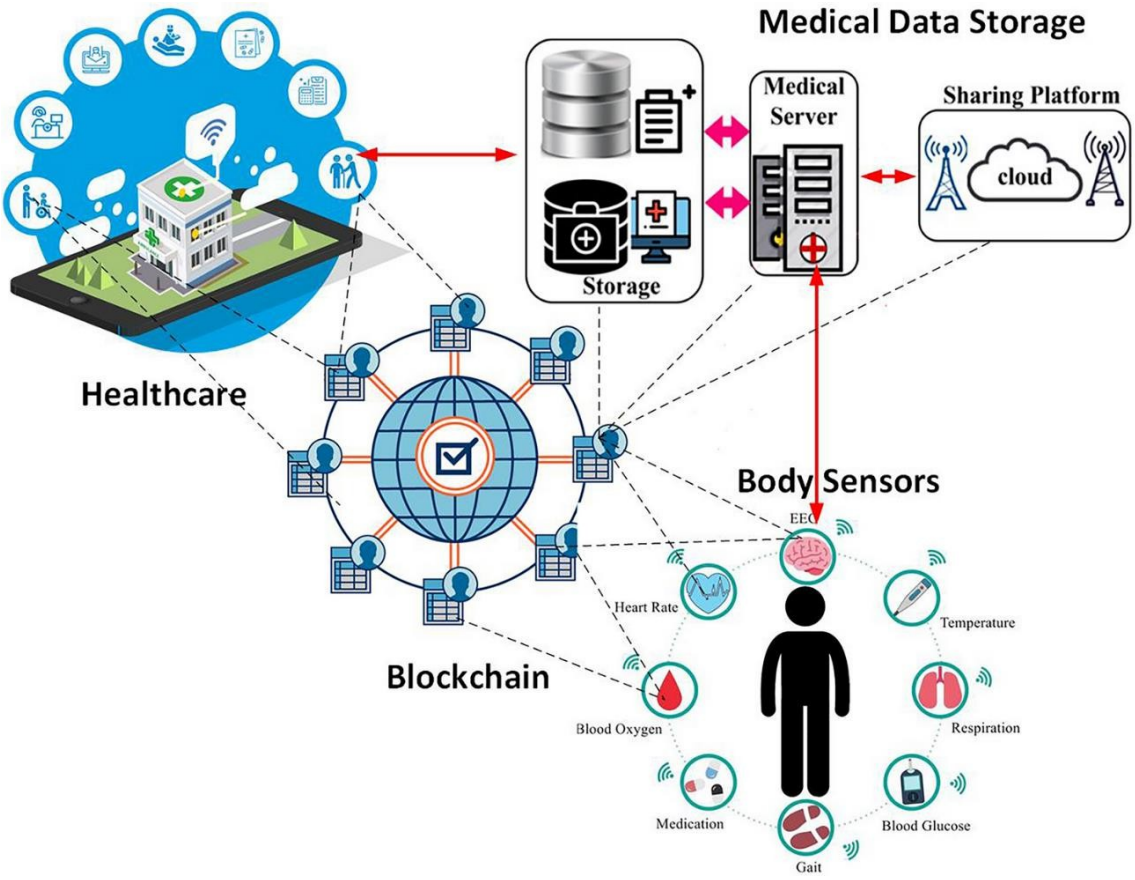

Figure 2. Blockchain in internet of medical things.

3. Previous Domain Experience

3.1 Overview of Recent Studies

This paper examines how blockchain has developed in the healthcare industry and how it integrates with 6G networks, offering a thorough assessment of the state of blockchain-enabled smart healthcare applications at this ever-changing nexus of technology and healthcare [8].

3.2. The Evolution of Blockchain in the Medical Domain

Significant milestones have been reached in the blockchain's path in healthcare, with early research concentrating on patient privacy, security, and data interoperability. Practical applications have surfaced over time, demonstrating blockchain's feasibility in clinical trials, supply chain management, and electronic health records.

3.3 The advancement of 6G network technology

Rapid advancements in 6G networks are improving healthcare capacities. The effects of faster data rates, reduced latency, and device connection have all been studied in relation to 5G networks. Recent research emphasizes the special capabilities of 6G, such as network slicing for specialized services, ultra-reliable low-latency communication for surgical operations, and holographic communication for telemedicine.

3.4. Issues and Solutions

The literature focuses on issues including scalability, energy efficiency, and regulatory compliance that arise with blockchain-enabled smart healthcare applications in 6G networks. In addition to initiatives to create industry standards and legal frameworks, creative ideas include hybrid blockchain designs, consensus mechanism optimizations, and AI integration.

3.5. Inter-disciplinary Cooperation

In order to create and execute smart healthcare applications, cross-disciplinary collaborations in blockchain and 6G networks are being used more and more to bridge expertise from other sectors.

3.6. Adoption and Acceptance Trends

In order to address user perspectives, data security, privacy, and usability concerns, prior research has examined the acceptance and adoption patterns of blockchain-enabled healthcare solutions among practitioners, patients, and stakeholders.

3.7. Potential Research Paths

In addition to integrating cutting-edge technologies like edge computing and artificial intelligence, researchers are investigating blockchain-enabled smart healthcare applications in 6G networks, creating decentralized identification solutions, and creating innovative consensus methods. Researchers are guided by this retrospective analysis to tackle obstacles, adopt cooperative strategies, and include blockchain and 6G in healthcare.

4. 6G Networks with Blockchain-Powered Intelligent Medical Applications

4.1. Analyzing Applications of Blockchain

This section explores the complexities of blockchain technology and emphasizes how it might improve data security in applications related to healthcare [9].

4.2 Implementing Intelligent Healthcare Solutions

The deployment of smart healthcare solutions is covered in the article, along with information on their features, advantages, and possible drawbacks in certain applications.

4.3. Including 6G Network Features

This article provides a forward-looking view of the potential of both technologies by examining the combination of blockchain technology with 6G networks in smart healthcare applications [41] [42].

Figure 3. Role of blockchain for 6G networks

5. Findings and Conversation

5.1 The Positive Impact of Blockchain on Healthcare

The talk highlights how blockchain can improve healthcare by protecting patient privacy, data integrity, and safe exchange of medical information [10].

5.2. Better 6G Network Features

The advantages of 6G networks, such as quicker data transfer, lower latency, and improved connectivity, are examined in this section along with their potential applications in the healthcare industry.

5.3. Real-World Examples of Intelligent Healthcare Applications

Using real-world examples, the article illustrates how blockchain technology and 6G are revolutionizing healthcare delivery.

5.4. Support for Research and Development

By offering a safe, private platform for data sharing, blockchain improves healthcare research. This speeds up medical research, resulting in ground-breaking findings and creative cures. The impact of blockchain technology is felt in many healthcare ecosystems, giving people authority over their medical records. The benefits of blockchain will increase as 6G networks develop [11– 13].

5.5. Supply Chain Management Done Right

By documenting each stage from production to distribution, blockchain technology improves pharmaceutical supply chain transparency and traceability, lowering the number of fake medications and increasing recall effectiveness [14].

5.6. Documents That Are Unchangeable and Untouchable

The immutability property of blockchain guarantees data integrity, promoting accuracy and trust in healthcare decision-making. It enhances patient histories, treatment plans, and clinical trial data while preventing manipulation and guaranteeing tamper-resistant health records [15-20].

6. Examples of Smart Healthcare Applications in Real Life Blockchain-Powered 6G Networks

Blockchain-powered smart healthcare apps in 6G networks offer a vision of the future of healthcare where efficiency, privacy, and data security are greatly enhanced. Blockchain can improve healthcare in 6G environments, as demonstrated by pilot projects and developing concepts, even though full-scale 6G networks are still being developed. Here are a few pilot projects and real-world examples that support this idea:

6.1. The European Union's My Health My Data (MHMD) initiative

Overview: One of the first blockchain-based initiatives to allow for the safe and confidential exchange of medical data throughout Europe is MHMD. In order to allow patients to share medical information with researchers, healthcare organizations, and pharmaceutical businesses while still keeping ownership over their data, the project intends to create a decentralized, secure infrastructure.

Relevance of 6G: Blockchain-enabled platforms like MHMD can further enhance the safe sharing of medical data, since 6G offers ultra-low latency and high-speed connectivity. In a 6G ecosystem, such systems can be more secure and responsive with AI-powered health diagnostics, real-time data interchange, and sophisticated telemedicine [43].

6.2. Blockchain-Based Health Data Platform MediBloc

Overview: MediBloc is a blockchain-based healthcare data platform that gives people authority over their medical records. It offers a transparent, safe, and decentralized way to store, retrieve, and distribute medical records among various healthcare providers.

6G Relevance: MediBloc may gain from faster and more interoperable communication between healthcare systems in a 6G network. By offering precise, real-time data to help with diagnosis and individualized treatment suggestions, blockchain technology can enhance AI-driven healthcare services and stop unwanted access to private medical records [44] [45].

6.3. Robomed Network: AI and Blockchain for Telemedicine • Synopsis: Robomed offers telemedicine services that link patients with medical professionals by using blockchain technology and artificial intelligence. Blockchain guarantees the safe transmission of real-time data and the patient's medical history during telemedicine consultations.

Why 6G Relevance: Robomed's performance may be improved by 6G's low-latency capabilities, which might make telemedicine services almost instantaneous. Furthermore, blockchain guarantees the security and immutability of patient data, which is essential in the massive 6G network where more devices will be linked to the healthcare ecosystem.

6.4. Medicalchain: Blockchain for Health Record Exchange

Synopsis: Medicalchain uses blockchain technology to safely store and handle medical records. With consent, patients, physicians, and other healthcare professionals can access data, guaranteeing privacy and control.

6G Relevance: Medicalchain's blockchain architecture will support safe data sharing and access management as the number of linked devices increases rapidly in a 6G world. The healthcare system might enable real-time patient condition monitoring using IoT devices with quicker data speeds and lower latency, while blockchain maintains data integrity.

6.5. Chronicled: Blockchain for Drug Supply Chain [21-25]

Synopsis: Chronicled tracks the authenticity and provenance of medications in the supply chain using blockchain technology. It seeks to guarantee openness throughout the pharmaceutical supply chain and fight counterfeit medications.

6G Relevance: Blockchain-enabled supply chain management systems, such as Chronicled, may offer real-time tracking and identification of medications and medical supplies in a smart healthcare system driven by 6G. Due to faster and more effective connectivity between devices and systems, blockchain in 6G would allow for improved oversight and faster reaction times in stopping the distribution of fake medications.

6.6. Patientory: Blockchain-Powered Health Information Exchange

Synopsis: Patientory is a blockchain-powered healthcare platform that facilitates the safe and effective exchange of health information between patients, insurers, and healthcare providers.

6G Relevance: Platforms such as Patientory may profit from the smooth and safe transfer of medical data among a vast network of interconnected devices in the context of 6G. While 6G allows for faster and more scalable health information sharing, blockchain guarantees the security of sensitive health data. Advanced applications like real-time tailored treatments and AI-driven healthcare analytics may be supported by this combo.

6.7. Principal Advantages of Blockchain in Healthcare Powered by 6G [26-30]:

Improved Security and Privacy: Because 6G networks will be extensively interconnected, hackers will find it more difficult to alter healthcare data due to blockchain's decentralized structure.

Real-Time Data Sharing: Blockchain will be able to provide real-time secure data sharing for applications such as remote surgery, real-time diagnostics, and AI-driven medical services thanks to 6G's high speed and low latency.

6.8. Decentralized Control:

Since blockchain removes the need for a central authority to maintain or keep medical records, patients have more control over their data.

Interoperability: Blockchain can facilitate interoperability between various healthcare providers, facilitating the safe and secure sharing of patient data. These illustrations show how blockchain is starting to change healthcare, and as 6G becomes available, these systems' potential will only grow.

7. The potential applications of smart healthcare Blockchain-Powered 6G Networks

Future possibilities for smart healthcare applications are enormous when paired with blockchain technology and 6G networks. A more secure, effective, and individualized healthcare experience will be made possible by the combination of these technologies, which has the potential to revolutionize the healthcare sector [31-40]. Future scopes include the following:

7.1. Improved Privacy and Security of Data

Blockchain can offer decentralized, tamper-proof data storage, guaranteeing patient data confidentiality and integrity.

6G networks will improve real-time data transmission with ultra-low latency, guaranteeing safe and quick data transfers between hospitals, patients, and healthcare devices. This combination will lower the risk of data breaches, ensure compliance with privacy laws (like the GDPR), and shield sensitive health information from cyberattacks.

7.2. Telemedicine, or real-time remote healthcare

Real-time telemedicine services, which allow doctors to diagnose and treat patients remotely with little delay, will be made possible by 6G's high-speed and low-latency networks.

By providing encrypted consultation records and health data histories, blockchain will guarantee safe and reliable communication between patients and healthcare practitioners, potentially greatly enhancing access to healthcare in rural and isolated locations.

7.3. Personalized and Precision Medicine

6G Networks will allow the rapid exchange of vast amounts of patient data (e.g., genomic data, health records, wearable data), facilitating the development of personalized medicine tailored to each patient's unique characteristics.

Blockchain can ensure that only authorized personnel access this sensitive data, giving patients more control over who can view and utilize their health information.

Drug traceability and validation on a blockchain can further ensure that medications administered are genuine and tailored to the patient's specific needs.

7.4. Interoperability and Data Sharing

6G can improve interoperability by connecting various healthcare systems and devices (IoT-based devices, wearables, medical records) in real time.

Blockchain technology can handle decentralized data between various healthcare players, including hospitals, insurance providers, and pharmaceutical companies, guaranteeing safe and transparent data exchange.

This might result in the development of an international healthcare data network that allows for the secure cross-border exchange of patient data.

7.5. Predictive healthcare and AI-powered diagnostics

AI-powered diagnostic tools can evaluate medical data in real-time with 6G's high-speed connectivity, resulting in quicker and more precise diagnoses.

Blockchain ensures transparency and confidence in the decision-making process by validating and verifying the AI algorithms.

Preventive care could be revolutionized by predictive healthcare models that use patient data

to forecast illnesses before symptoms manifest.

7.6. Dispersed Health Markets

Patients can take charge of their health data and possibly make money by sharing it with researchers or pharmaceutical corporations through blockchain-enabled decentralized health platforms.

Users will be able to swiftly access or sell their anonymized health data without the need for middlemen thanks to 6G's smooth interaction on these platforms.

This paradigm may also promote a patient-centered healthcare economy in which people own the value of their data.

7.7. Automated Healthcare Operations and Smart Hospitals

6G will give smart hospitals smooth connectivity, allowing real-time coordination across several systems like wearable technology, robotic surgery tools, AI-powered diagnostic equipment, and electronic health records (EHR).

Blockchain will provide effective, safe, and auditable procedures by streamlining hospital operations, automating claims processing, managing employee credentials, and promoting transparency in the purchase of medical supplies.

7.8. Clinical studies and Research:

6G integration will enable quicker, more extensive data collection for medical research and clinical studies.

By protecting patient identities and guaranteeing the immutability of trial results, blockchain can promote more moral and open research procedures.

Because researchers can now quickly and securely access and analyze enormous datasets, this could hasten the discovery of new medications and therapies.

7.9. IoT Integration and Medical Device Security 6G will allow for incredibly quick communication between different Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) devices, increasing their efficiency in patient monitoring and care.

By guarding against hacks and guaranteeing that device data is reliable, blockchain will guarantee the security and integrity of the data these devices gather and send.

For wearable health monitoring, implanted devices, and other linked medical equipment, this will be especially crucial.

7.10. Disease tracking and global health monitoring

By facilitating real-time monitoring of infectious illnesses, pandemics, and worldwide health trends, 6G can assist global health activities.

Blockchain can assist organize international responses to health emergencies by enabling safe, transparent, and impenetrable data sharing between nations and health groups. This would be very helpful in reducing misinformation, maintaining data integrity, and managing pandemics in the future. By improving data security, encouraging real-time care, enabling tailored medicine, and promoting international health collaboration, the incorporation of blockchain technology into 6G networks will completely transform smart healthcare applications. When combined, these technologies will lay the groundwork for a future healthcare system that is more patient-centered, data-driven, and efficient.

Conclusion

To sum up, this essay has looked at how 6G networks and blockchain technology might transform healthcare applications. Blockchain guarantees data security, transparency, and interoperability, while 6G networks provide speed and connectivity never before possible. Together, they pave the way for innovative, perceptive healthcare solutions. The combination of 6G networks and blockchain technology presents a paradigm shift in the healthcare industry. This research has emphasized their collaborative potential, with a focus on the advantages for data security, connection, and overall healthcare efficiency. A day when intelligent healthcare solutions are not only a possibility but a reality will arrive if we embrace these developments as we navigate the ever-evolving technology landscape.

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