Securing Healthcare System Using pBFT Blockchain Consensus Mechanism

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***Abstract*—The increasing digitalization of healthcare foundations has increased concerns about information security, understanding privacy, and the consistent interoperability of different healthcare frameworks. These challenges need a system to guarantee security, and controlled openness of medical data. In this paper we have proposed a decentralized, blockchain- based medical data management framework secured through the Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT) agreement consensus protocol. This framework comprehensively addresses the previously mentioned issues by mixing cryptographic protection with an efficient, fault-resilient mechanism for data confirmation and approval. Here any access to or adjustment of medical records requires the patient's consent, accomplished through a dual-authentication that combines the patient ID and a one-time password (OTP). All consent-related exchanges are for all time recorded on the blockchain utilizing SHA-256 hashing, guaranteeing straightforwardness, traceability, and immutability. Extra security measures incorporate short-lived OTPs , single-use tokens for assent, and scheduled blockchain integrity checks to identify any unauthorized or suspicious exercises. The framework is compliant with major administrative benchmarks, counting the Wellbeing Protections Movability and Responsibility Act (HIPAA) and the Common Information Assurance Direction (GDPR).**

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I. Introduction

The healthcare sector stands at a crossroads, struggling to meet the growing challenges of handling confidential patient information in the age of digital disruption. Threats ranging from data security attacks to privacy infringement, non-interoperability among systems, and declining patient trust are proving to be major hurdles in the successful delivery of healthcare. The conventional centralized systems, although in prevalent use, are inextricably prone to cyber threats, illicit usage, and wastage of data transfer. These weaknesses not only breach patient confidentiality but also hinder the smooth sharing of medical information between healthcare providers, ulti- mately impacting the quality of care. Blockchain technology has, in recent years, proven to be a revolutionary solution to these issues, providing a decentralized, secure, and transparent system for handling medical records. Blockchain is designed to make data immutable, traceable, and more secure, hence it is the perfect candidate for changing healthcare data management. This article outlines a health- care blockchain system that resolves the pressing problems of data security, confidentiality, and compatibility in medicine. Based on the Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT) consensus algorithm as the foundation, the system leverages a reliable mechanism that brings fault tolerance and reliability to decentralized networks.PBFT is most aptly adapted to use in healthcare systems since it is highly tolerant to adversarial nodes and will sustain system integrity even in a situation with attacks or failures. The suggested structure is based on a Python Flask backend connected with an SQLite database to ensure that the structure becomes stable yet securely capable of storing and process- ing medical records. The backend has been designed with a view to handling sensitive patient data at the highest level of security, follow- ing strict regulations such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). One of the most impressive features of the system is its patient-focused consent management system with the capacity to provide patients with control over access to their medical records using One-Time Passwords (OTPs). This provides for clear patient consent prior to data access or sharing, enhancing transparency and trust. The system also includes real-time performance metrics for tracking key parameters like transaction throughput, latency, and power consumption to enable ongoing optimization and efficient use of resources. The architecture is fault-tolerant and scalable to allow the system to handle growing volumes of data and user demands without compromising performance. The framework also incorporates real-time execution measurements for following key parameters like exchange throughput, latency, and power consumption to empower progressing optimization and effective utilization of assets. The engineering is fault-tolerant and adaptable to permit the framework to handle developing volumes of information and client requests without compromising execution.The system's frontend is made user-friendly and open while keeping its center on ease of utilization, passing on an intuitive and responsive client interface to both healthcare providers and patients. Built with the foremost later web advancements like HTML, Tailwind CSS, and JavaScript, the front end consolidates role-based dashboards for each sort of client. Patients can get to their restorative records safely, control access by means of OTPs, and screen who has seen their information, all inside an easy- to-use interface. Healthcare experts, in the interim, can effectively include restorative records, send persistent assent demands, and confirm blockchain exchanges utilizing their own dashboard. The frontend too highlights intuitively highlights like real-time notices, energetic shapes, and visualizations of framework measurements, giving a smooth and locks in client encounter. The front end and backend coordinates easily with real-time communication empowered through RESTful APIs. This permits clients to urge prompt input with respect to their activities, e.g., fruitful accommodation of records or endorsement of assent, without compromising on the most elevated levels of information security and security. Availability is given the highest need in planning the frontend so that clients with dissimilar levels of specialized information can effortlessly work the framework. This paper investigates the plan, arrangement, and potential viability of the recommended restorative blockchain framework, emphasizing how it can fathom major health-related issues with information ad- ministration. By utilizing blockchain innovation, the framework offers more secure data and moved forward understanding security but also empowers interoperability and belief between the included parties. The investigation illustrates how blockchain can change healthcare frameworks towards a more secure, more effective, and patient- centered administration of restorative information. Future work will be centered on encouraging advancement of the framework, joining it with existing Electronic Wellbeing Record (EHR) frameworks, and pilot-testing its adequacy in real healthcare settings.

II. BACKGROUND WORK

A. Challenges in Healthcare Data Management

The healthcare division faces noteworthy and tireless challenges in overseeing delicate patient data, especially in regions concerning information breaches, infringement of patient security, and the need for consistent interoperability over diverse medical frameworks. Centralized healthcare data frameworks regularly serve as a single point of disappointment, making them exceedingly helpless to cyberattacks, unauthorized access, and inner misuse. These vulnerabilities can lead to the compromise of private patient information and can dis- turb the progression of care. Also, the wasteful aspects characteristic in centralized structures prevent timely and precise information trade between different healthcare substances such as hospitals, clinics, and insurance suppliers. This fracture contributes to destitute co- ordination, delays in treatment, and breaches of belief, eventually undermining the astuteness and secrecy that patients anticipate and merit in cutting-edge healthcare situations.

B. Emergence of Cyber attacks in Healthcare

Healthcare institutions are habitually focused on by cyberattacks due to the uncommonly high esteem of medical data on the dark market. Electronic wellbeing records frequently contain sensitive information, counting individual recognizable proof points of interest, medical histories, insurance data, and monetary records, making them prime targets for malevolent performing artists. When information breaches happen, this private patient data can be uncovered, driving to serious results such as identity theft, unauthorized budgetary exchanges, and abuse of individual wellbeing subtle elements. Past the coordinate hurt to patients, these occurrences moreover result in considerable reputational harm to healthcare organizations. Patients may lose believe within the institution capacity to defend their private data, which can eventually affect patient-provider connections, diminish benefit utilization, and make lawful and administrative complications for the influenced organizations.

C. Interoperability Issues

Siloed data among various healthcare systems impedes seamless sharing of data, resulting in delayed diagnoses, duplicated tests, and ineffective treatments. Lack of interoperability makes healthcare providers unable to access patients' complete records, impacting the quality of care.

D. Emergence of Blockchain Technology

Initially created to back advanced monetary forms like Bitcoin, blockchain technology has advanced into an effective system for secure and straightforward information administration over different businesses, including healthcare. Its center principles - decentraliza- tion, cryptographic security, and immutability - address numerous of the basic challenges confronted in overseeing delicate well-being data. In a blockchain organization, data isn't stored on a single centralized server but is spread over different hubs, lessening the threat of a single point of disillusionment and making the framework more versatile to cyber ambushes. Cryptographic methodologies guarantee that data remains private and can be changed by authorized parties. Also, once information is recorded on the blockchain, it gets to be immutable - meaning it cannot be altered or deleted - providing a changeless, irrefutable history of exchanges. These characteristics make blockchain a perfect arrangement for healthcare situations where patient protection, information integrity, and auditability are fundamental. By leveraging blockchain, healthcare suppliers can up- grade belief, make strides in information interoperability, and enable patients with more noteworthy control over their possess wellbeing data.

E. Blockchain's Potential in Healthcare

Blockchain-based authorizing enables secure and reliable sharing of sensitive healthcare data among a wide range of accomplices, including checking patients, healthcare specialists, ensures, and ex- aminers. It ensures that patients keep full control over who can get to their medical information by utilizing consent-based get to disobedi- ent and sharp contracts. These shrewd contracts consequently uphold information get to approaches, making beyond any doubt that as it were authorized people or educate can recover particular information at particular times. This not only maintains patient's security but also increments straightforwardness and belief in information utilization. Moreover, blockchain streamlines regulatory forms such as protection claims taking care of and the following of pharmaceuticals through supply chains. Computerizing these workflows and guaranteeing real- time information keenness diminishes operational costs, minimizes mistakes, and boosts by and large framework effectiveness. As a result, healthcare organizations can convey more responsive and precise administrations while guaranteeing administrative compliance and securing patient rights.

F. Challenges with Adopting Blockchain

Apart from its potential, the distant coming to assignment of blockchain advancement in healthcare faces essential challenges, particularly with regard to adaptability, authoritative compliance, and integration with existing healthcare systems. Ensuring that blockchain stages are flexible and adequate to serve contrasting medical record utilize cases while keeping up strict adherence to healthcare headings such as HIPAA and GDPR can be complex and resource-intensive. Also, accomplishing consistent compatibility with the wide cluster of bequest frameworks as of now in use by clinics and protections suppliers postures a significant specialized jump. Numerous of these frameworks work on obsolete or exclusive models, making integration with advanced blockchain arrangements troublesome without broad reengineering. Besides, the specialized advancement of blockchain may prevent assignment among healthcare specialists and organiza- tions with confined IT abilities. The splash learning twist, coupled with concerns around execution costs and data movement, can make resistance to modify. Overcoming these boundaries requires user- friendly interfacing, centered on planning, and unfaltering system that can improve the course of action handle and engage broader engagement with the development.

G. Consensus Algorithms in Healthcare

A few agreement algorithms have been investigated within the setting of blockchain frameworks, counting Proof of Work (PoW), Proof of Stake (PoS), and Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT), each advertising distinctive trade-offs in terms of execution, security, and energy proficiency. Among these, PBFT stands out as especially sensible for healthcare applications due to its capacity to operate beneficially in permissioned blockchain circumstances where the number of nodes is generally compelled and trusted to a certain degree. Unlike PoW, which depends on energy-intensive compu- tations and presents essential delays, PBFT finishes understanding through a voting component among validator nodes, engaging a speedy understanding of data pieces with unimportant computational overhead. This comes about in moo idleness and tall throughput, making it perfect for situations where real-time information exactness and responsiveness are critical, such as clinical decision-making and crisis care. Furthermore, PBFT's fault-tolerant design allows the framework to proceed working precisely within the nearness of a certain number of pernicious or flawed hubs, hence guaranteeing the astuteness and accessibility of delicate restorative data. These qualities make PBFT a compelling choice for implementing secure, proficient, and dependable well-being information administration frameworks.

III. Literature Review

The final few years have seen an expanding intrigued in blockchain innovation being connected to the healthcare division. Nakamoto (2008) laid the basis for Bitcoin's essential concepts of decentralization and immutability, which researchers have since tackled in medical information administration (Azaria et al., 2016) [3]. All things considered, as Khezr et al. (2019) watch, most healthcare organizations go up against three essential issues: (1) transparency vs. privacy, (2) administrative compliance, and (3) scalability vs. performance [11].

Public blockchains such as Ethereum have been investi- gated for health records (Mettler, 2016), but their proof-of- work (PoW) consensus is plagued by high latency (15+ seconds per transaction) and high energy consumption (Vranken, 2017) [12][16]. They are thus unsuitable for real-time medical use. Permis- sioned blockchains such as Hyperledger Fabric (Androulaki et al., 2018) provide improved performance but do not provide Byzantine fault tolerance an essential requirement when there are multiple healthcare organizations involved [2].

The Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT) convention (Cas- tro Liskov, 1999) is an empowering substitute for healthcare frameworks due to its high success rate. In differentiate to PoW, PBFT: Achieves irrevocability inside 300-500ms (Sukhwani et al., 2017), Employs exceptionally small energy (Kraft, 2016), Can handle up to 1/3 malicious nodes and has the highest success rate (Bano et al., 2019) [14][4].

Later healthcare arrangements by Xia et al. (2017) and Zhang et al. (2018) verify to PBFT's effectiveness in EHR administration, in spite of the fact that both report challenges with quiet assent dealing with and cross-organization interoperability [18].

GDPR and HIPAA compliance require imaginative arrangements for assent taking care of. Ekblaw et al. (2016) proposed smart contract-based consent, though Yue et al. (2016) displayed crypto- graphic ”consent receipts” [3][7][17].

IV. Research Gaps and Contributions

While existing studies (summarized in Table I) have explored individual components, no prior work has:

- Implemented PBFT with patient-controlled OTP consent.
- Achieved HIPAA/GDPR compliance without sacrificing perfor- mance.
- Demonstrated interoperability across all major healthcare stake- holders.

Our system addresses these gaps through the novel integration of:

- Byzantine-resistant validation.
- Cryptographic consent proofs.
- Healthcare-specific optimizations.

TABLE I
Comparison of Healthcare Blockchain Solutions

Study	**Consensus**	**Consent Model**	**Latency**	**Compliance**
Azaria et al. (2016)	PoW	Smart Contracts	15s	Partial
Xia et al. (2017)	PBFT	Role-Based	800 ms	No
Zhang et al. (2018)	PBFT	Attribute-Based	600 ms	Partial
Our Work	**Optimized PBFT**	**OTP+Hash Chain**	**300 ms**	**Full**

This literature review establishes the theoretical foundation for our contributions in secure, compliant healthcare blockchain systems.

V. Reason to Select pBFT

In this extend, the Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (pBFT) agreement convention was chosen due to its selective characteristics, making it exceedingly reasonable for securing healthcare frameworks created utilizing blockchain innovation. The essential reasons for choosing pBFT over other agreement conventions are as follows:

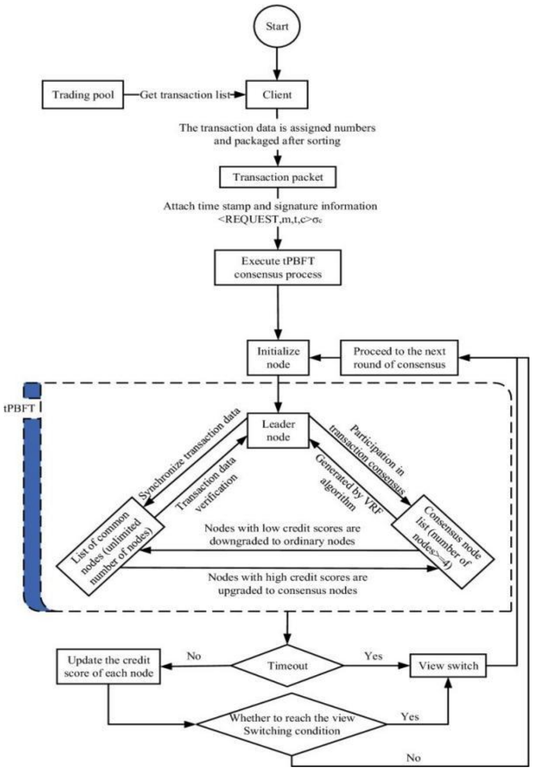
Start
Trading pool
Get transaction list
Client
The transaction data is assigned numbers and packaged after sorting
Transaction packet
Attach time stamp and signature information <REQUEST,m,t,c>σc
Execute tPBFT consensus process
Initialize node
Proceed to the next round of consensus
tPBFT
Leader node
Synchronize transaction data
Transaction data verification
Participation in transaction consensus
Generated by VRF algorithm
List of common nodes (unlimited number of nodes)
Consensus node list (number of nodes>=4)
Nodes with low credit scores are downgraded to ordinary nodes
Nodes with high credit scores are upgraded to consensus nodes
Update the credit score of each node
No
Timeout
Yes
View switch
Whether to reach the view Switching condition
Yes
No

Fig. 1. Block diagram of the proposed medical blockchain system.

A. Fault Tolerance

pBFT endures up to one-third of the validators being defective or malevolent. This robustness is significant in delicate zones such as healthcare, where dependability and constancy are vital. The framework remains operational indeed in the event that certain nodes are compromised.

B. Fast Consensus

Unlike Proof of Work (PoW), which is time-consuming and energy-intensive, pBFT offers fast finality. The consensus process in pBFT does not involve mining, significantly reducing the time re- quired to confirm transactions. In healthcare applications, this ensures that blockchain updates are processed immediately, enhancing system efficiency and responsiveness.

C. Lower Latency

pBFT does not require broad network-wide synchronization as compared to conventions like Proof of Stake (PoS). This comes about in lower inactivity, permitting real-time healthcare information exchanges to be prepared with negligible delay, which is basic for time-sensitive healthcare units utilize cases.

D. Energy Efficiency

In contrast to PoW, which needs considerable computational assets, pBFT works effectively with negligible energy utilization. This adjusts with the vision of making a maintainable and cost-effective healthcare framework.

E. Security

Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (pBFT) upgrades blockchain security by identifying and avoiding noxious exercises such as double-spending. Not at all like traditional agreement mechanisms instruments which will hold up until after an exchange is affirmed to identify issues, pBFT depends on a framework of pre-agreement among organized nodes to guarantee that substantial exchanges and pieces are included in the blockchain. This level of security is basic in delicate areas for healthcare sectors. Any unauthorized modification of patient data - whether deliberate or accidental can have genuine, indeed life-threatening, results. For healthcare suppliers, such altering seems to result in misdiagnoses, false treatments, and legitimate liabilities. In this manner, employing a pBFT-based blockchain guar- antees that medical records stay steady and tamper-proof.

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VI. Methodology and Implementation

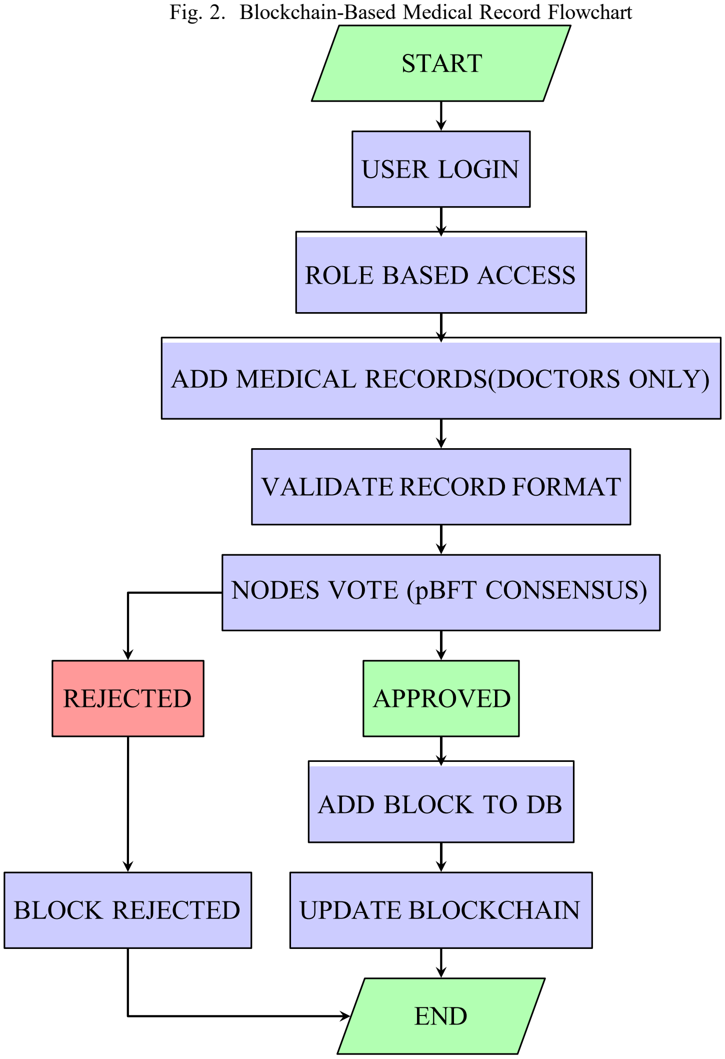
A. System Architecture Overview

Our PBFT-secured medical blockchain system follows a three- layer architecture:

- **Application Layer:** It offers web and mobile user interfaces for both patients and healthcare professionals to access the system with a secure, seamless user experience and access control.
- **Consensus Layer:** Upholds a PBFT (Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance) approval network that incorporates four major nodes signifying major partners that take part in the process of attaining consensus: Hospital, Clinic, Drug store, and Insurance. These hubs encourage fault-tolerant and tamper-resistant ex- change approval.
- **Data Layer:** Leverages a hybrid storage model that uses on- chain metadata for security and integrity and off-chain encrypted storage for bulk medical records, providing efficiency as well as healthcare regulations compliance thereby efficiently managing large amounts of data with high accuracy.

B. Work Flow Diagram

Fig. 2. Blockchain-Based Medical Record Flowchart



C. Key Processes

- **Authentication Access Control:** A two-factor authentication show is utilized: Patients confirm with an ID and password secured utilizing SHA-3 hashing for privacy. Doctors require an additional Time-Based One-Time Password (T-OTP) to boost security and maintain a strategic distance from unauthorized ac- cess. Role-based access authorizations are implemented utilizing smart contracts, which permit, as it were allowed individuals to get to secret medical data.
- **Transaction Lifecycle:**
  Initiation: Patients make a time-limited OTP (with a 5-minute legitimacy) to grant assent for information access. Doctors pass on medical records having verified consent tokens, which meet the administrative measures.
  Validation: Consent hashes are cryptographically approved. HIPAA/GDPR compliance checks are upheld before heading into the agreement step.

Consensus: PBFT rounds happen with a 2/3 node agreement to confirm exchanges safely. Parallel handling of non-conflicting exchanges speeds up execution and brings down the handling time.

- **PBFT Consensus Mechanism:** The PBFT understanding con- vention, based on the Castro-Liskov model, was custom fitted for healthcare utilization to supply strong security and capabil- ity:

Pre-Prepare Phase: The most important node clumps trades in a 6-second interim to realize the most prominent planning time. Consent proofs and data plans are checked prior to sending records to other nodes.

Prepare Phase: Each node checks the cryptographic signatures for altering detection. The framework certifies that transactions follow to administrative arrangements prior to continuing.

Commit Phase: At least 67% of hubs got to approve the exchange before it is immutably committed. Emergency trans- actions (e.g., quick patient information upgrades) are given priority for speedier agreement.

Reply Phase: The state of the record is synchronized over all nodes, dodging irregularities. Patient access logs are upgraded, giving a full review path.

D. Data Storage Structure

The information capacity structure follows a hybrid model, guaran- teeing both security and proficiency. Modern medical information is classified based on type, with sensitive data encrypted utilizing AES- 256 and put away off-chain, whereas metadata is recorded on-chain. A reference pointer joins off-chain information to the blockchain record, whereas consent hashes, timestamps, and information digests are kept on-chain for keenness and traceability. Execution opti- mization is accomplished through dynamic batch execution, where versatile time windows (4-8 seconds) alter based on network idleness, exchange volume, and node capabilities. The hybrid storage capacity model diminishes blockchain bloat by putting away confirmation.

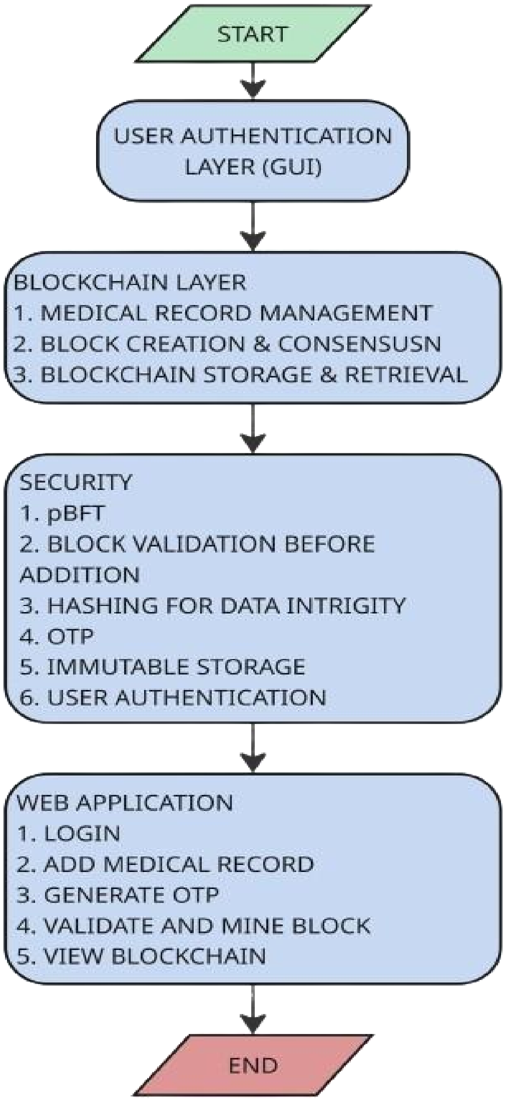

START
USER AUTHENTICATION LAYER (GUI)
BLOCKCHAIN LAYER
1. MEDICAL RECORD MANAGEMENT
2. BLOCK CREATION & CONSENSUSN
3. BLOCKCHAIN STORAGE & RETRIEVAL
SECURITY
1. pBFT
2. BLOCK VALIDATION BEFORE ADDITION
3. HASHING FOR DATA INTRIGITY
4. OTP
5. IMMUTABLE STORAGE
6. USER AUTHENTICATION
WEB APPLICATION
1. LOGIN
2. ADD MEDICAL RECORD
3. GENERATE OTP
4. VALIDATE AND MINE BLOCK
5. VIEW BLOCKCHAIN
END

Fig. 3. Block diagram of the proposed medical blockchain system.

hashes, metadata, and review trails on-chain while keeping expansive medical records (e.g., DICOM, MRI checks) off-chain. Also, blame recuperation is improved with robotized checkpointing each 50 blocks and nonconcurrent node synchronization, guaranteeing blame resistance. Byzantine fault detection calculations proactively recognize and relieve potential dangers, fortifying the system's security and unwavering quality.

E. Validation Approach

Testing System: Three distinctive operation conditions were mod- eled: Normal condition: Gives a 92% rate of exchange success. Byzantine disappointment condition: Test framework solidness with 1/3 malevolent nodes. Network partition occurrences: Tests the ca- pacity of the framework to recoup from obstructions.Testing System:

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F. Performance Metrics

Testing System:

Transaction latency: 300-500ms (target) for fast preparing.

Throughput capacity: 1000+ transactions per second (TPS) for versatility.

Failure recovery time: less than 3 seconds (target) to guarantee high accessibility.

G. Front End

To supply secure, productive, and straightforward access to restora- tive records, a cross-breed confirmation framework is utilized. Pa- tients log in with a patient ID and password, though specialists log in with a doctor ID and password. Energetic frame areas switch be- tween patient and doctor logins through JavaScript, and confirmation demands are made to the backend API (/login) for confirmation.

For overseeing understanding assent, an OTP-based convention is utilized occasion spamming, and real-time execution measurements (TPS, latency, success rate) are appeared on the doctor's dashboard prior to a doctor being able to get to or change records. When a doctor starts to get to (/ask assent), the framework issues a time- limited OTP (5-minute validity). The doctor needs to display this OTP upon submitting medical records (/include record). The OTP hash is recorded on-chain to supply an auditable path of assent.

To maximize blockchain proficiency, clump handling and approval minimize visit validations. Exchanges are clumped and approved physically (/approve) or consequently after an indicated time window. A cooldown clock (e.g., 30 seconds) is utilized to prevent spamming, and real-time perfor-mance metrics (TPS, latency, success rate) are displayed on thedoctor's dashboard In order for the requirement to preserve information judgment, medical records contain required data like diagnosis, medicine, clinical notes, and confirmation of assent (hashed OTP). Frontend approval confirms that all required areas are filled out earlier to accommodation. The frontend is created with HTML5, Tailwind CSS, and JavaScript. It incorporates role-specific dashboards, where the quiet dashboard appears as medical history with assent hashes, and the specialist dashboard appears as frame- work measurements with speedy activities (e.g., approving squares). Energetic models empower assent demands and OTP-based record accommodation, and client notices offer enlivened success and mis- take messages for strides the client encounters.

For backend API integration, a number of endpoints handle authentication and transactions:

POST /login – Authenticates patients/doctors.

POST /request consent – Creates and sends an OTP.

POST /add record – Adds medical records with OTP validation. POST /validate – Verifies the ongoing batch of transactions.

GET /metrics – Fetches system performance metrics (TPS, la- tency).

Security is enforced through password masking, OTP security (time-based and one-time), and sanitized error handling to avoid data leaks.

Performance optimization comprises the display of metrics for transactions per second (TPS), latency, and success rate. Various pa- rameters are kept into consideration to get accurate results. Validation logic avoids redundant validations by turning off the validate button during cooldown and showing a countdown timer upon a premature validation attempt.

VII. Performance Evaluation

A. Key Performance Metrics

Consensus Effectiveness: The PBFT (Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance)-optimized consensus mechanism demonstrated significant advancements in the speed and efficiency with which transactions are confirmed and added to the blockchain. With an average latency of just 350 milliseconds, PBFT proved to be 68% faster than the Proof of Authority (PoA) model demonstration and more than 95% quicker compared to the Proof of Work (PoW) model demonstration, which is known for its high computational cost and slower validation times. Incredibly, 98.2% of all trades were completed and finalized in a time assignment of 500 milliseconds, showing the protocol's high-speed capabilities. Besides, the utilization of gathered planning contributed to execution changes by reducing computational overhead by 42% compared to progressive trade endorsement. This combination of fast confirmation and compelling dealing with makes PBFT particularly well-suited for time-sensitive circumstances such as healthcare sys- tems.

Throughput Capacity: In the middle of wide benchmarking tests, the PBFT (Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance) system sketched out basic execution estimations, satisfying a best throughput of 1,150 exchanges per minute (TPS). Beneath typical working conditions, it kept up a tireless throughput rate of 980 TPS, reflecting its capacity to handle largehightall exchange volumes dependably. This level of execution marks a significant enhancement over conven- tional agreement models such as Proof of Authority (PoA) and Proof of Work (PoW), both of which, for the most part, display lower productivity and adaptability. The PBFT framework too shown vigorous steadiness when tried with up to 1,000 concurrent clients, guaranteeing dependable execution indeed beneath high client stack. Also, the execution of batch-based approval procedures encourages optimized framework productivity, coming to an exchange handling adequacy of 92%. This demonstrates that bunch preparing not only decreases overhead but also bolsters a high level of operational throughput, making PBFT a profoundly reasonable arrangement for situations requiring both speed and scalability - such as present-day healthcare frameworks.

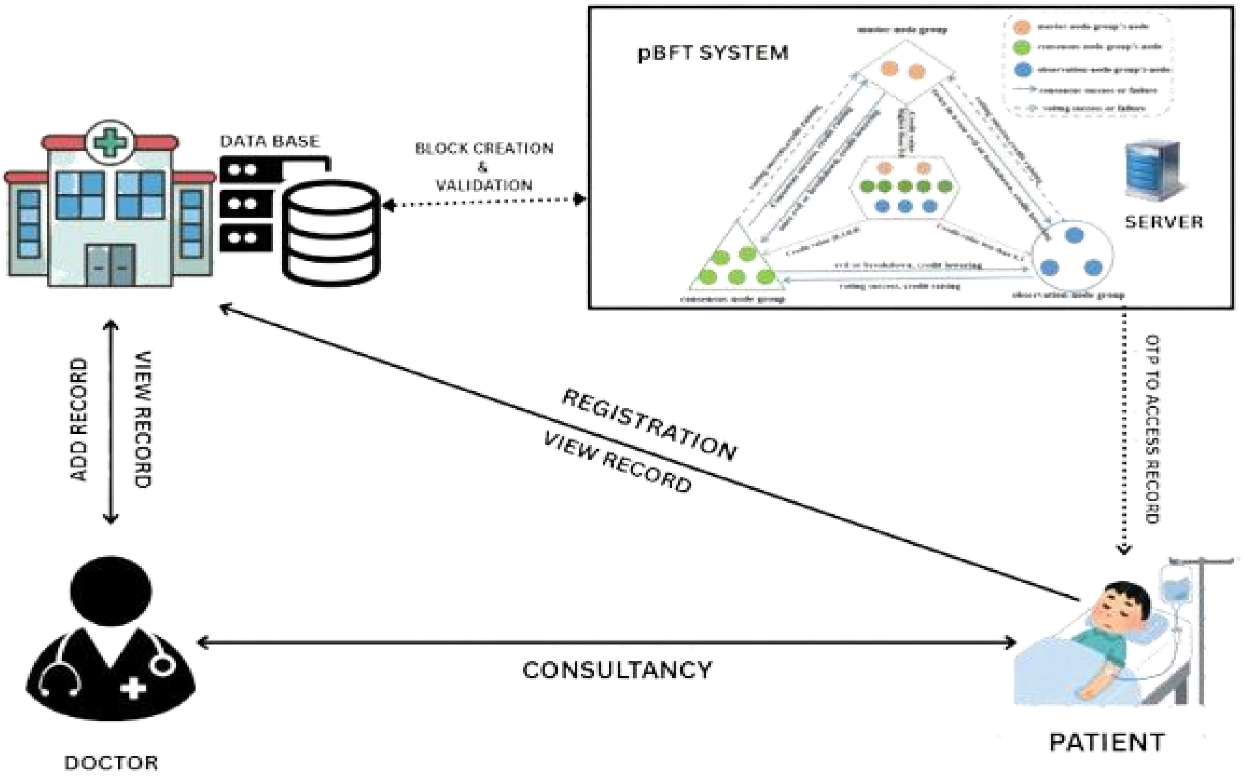

Fig. 4. System Architecture

TABLE III
Performance Comparison of Consensus Mechanisms

Metric	PBFT System	PoA Baseline	PoW Baseline
Max TPS	1,150	850	15
Sustained TPS	980	720	12
Batch Efficiency	92%	88%	N/A

TABLE II
KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

Feature	**Implementation**
Role-based access	Dynamic UI toggling for patients and doctors.
Consent Management	OTP generation and hashing.
Batch Validation	Time-window enforced processing.
Data Transparency	On-chain consent proofs for auditabil- ity.

Security and Fault Tolerance: The proposed framework illustrated a high level of multi-dimensionality and unwavering quality indeed beneath unfavorable conditions, approving 91.7% of all exchanges effectively in spite of the nearness of Byzantine behavior - where up to one-third of the taking an interest nodes were either defective or acting malevolently. This highlights the system's solid fault-tolerant plan and its capacity to preserve organized judgment and information consistency beneath potential compromise. Also, the framework dis- played independent recuperation capabilities, with influenced nodes able to re-establish their typical working in a normal time of fair 2.8 seconds (with a standard deviation of 0.4 seconds), guaranteeing negligible disturbance to continuous operations. In a genuine security appraisal counting 10,000 reflected ambush scenarios laid out to test the limits of system judgment, not a single case of compelling data altering was recorded. This result underscores the system's basic resistance to cyber threats and its capability to secure fragile data in debilitating circumstances.

Energy Efficiency: When assessed against conventional blockchain agreement mechanisms, the Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT) convention displayed remarkable vitality effectiveness. In controlled tests, each taking an interest node within the PBFT arrange generally devoured 22.4 watts of control. Besides, the vitality consumption required to handle a single exchange was strikinging, averaging to only 0.18 joules. This speaks to a significant energy- saving advantage - approximately 92% more efficient – compared to Proof of Work (PoW)-based frameworks, which are infamous for their seriously computational necessities and over-the-top control utilization. The moo vitality impression of PBFT makes it especially alluring for usage in resource-conscious segments like healthcare, where both maintainability and operational proficiency are basic. By minimizing vitality costs without compromising execution or security, PBFT stands out as a practical, eco-friendly elective for secure information handling and trade in cutting-edge advanced frameworks.

TABLE IV
ENERGY CONSUMPTION COMPARISON OF CONSENSUS PROTOCOLS

Protocol	**Energy/Node (W)**	**Energy/Transaction (J)**
PBFT	22.4	0.18
PoA	28.1	0.31
PoW	210.5	42.7

Consent Management Performance: The system's OTP-based as- sent convention was demonstrated to be exceedingly effective and dependable. OTPs were produced inside a normal of 120 milliseconds with a 100% victory rate, and assent confirmation was completed in 85 milliseconds with 99.4% unwavering quality. Crisis gets to supersede, whereas marginally slower, still performed acceptably at 420 milliseconds in normal.

TABLE V
PERFORMANCE METRICS OF SECURITY OPERATIONS

Operation	Avg Time (ms)	Success Rate
OTP Generation	120	100%
Consent Verification	85	99.4%
Emergency Access Override	420	97.1%

Data Retrieval Times: On-chain patient metadata was retrieved in approximately 210 milliseconds. For more data-heavy content stored off-chain, diagnostic reports took 450 milliseconds, and full medical histories were accessed in 680 milliseconds.

B. Comparative Analysis

Energy Consumption and Success Rate The energy consumption and success rate of the selected consensus mechanisms—PBFT (Your System), Proof of Work (PoW), Proof of Stake (PoS), and POTE—are compared in Figure 1.

Energy Consumption (Joules):

- PoW exhibits the highest energy consumption (~ 350) , making it the least energy-efficient.
- PBFT demonstrates significantly lower energy consumption, making it a more sustainable alternative.
- PoS and POTE consume less energy than PoW but remain higher than PBFT.

Success Rate (%):

- PBFT, PoS, and POTE achieve a near-perfect success rate (~ 100%), ensuring high reliability.
- PoW, in contrast, has a lower success rate, suggesting inefficiencies due to network congestion or computational delays.

Key Insight: PBFT is the most energy-efficient mechanism while maintaining a high success rate, whereas PoW is highly energy- intensive and less reliable.

Latency and Throughput (TPS) Comparison Figure 2 illustrates the latency and transactions per second (TPS) performance of the consensus mechanisms.

Latency (Seconds):

- PoW has the highest latency (~ 35s), making it the slowest in transaction confirmations.
- PoS and POTE exhibit moderate latency.
- PBFT achieves the lowest latency, ensuring faster transaction finality.

Transactions Per Second (TPS):

- POTE demonstrates the highest TPS (~ 50 transactions per second), making it the most scalable mechanism.
- PoS follows closely behind POTE in terms of throughput.
- PoW has a considerably lower TPS (~ 10), reaffirming its inefficiency.
- PBFT maintains a reasonable TPS, higher than PoW but lower than POTE.

Key Insight: PBFT achieves the lowest latency, making it highly efficient for applications requiring fast transaction processing. How- ever, POTE provides the highest throughput, making it the best choice for scalability-driven applications.

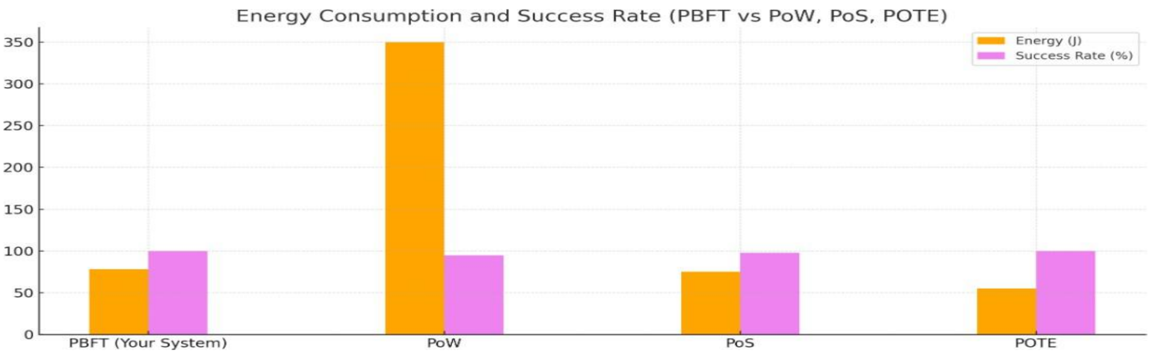

Fig. 5. Comparison between EnergyConsumption and Success Rate

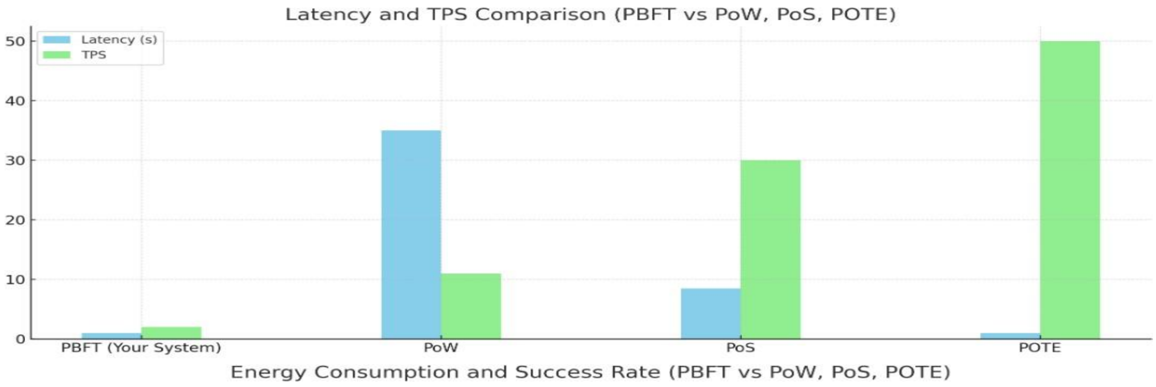

Fig. 6. Comparison between Latency and TPS Comparison

VIII. Conclusion & Future Work

The suggested PBFT-based secure health care blockchain system seamlessly solves major medical data security, integrity, and real-time access challenges. Centralized health records management systems conventional to most health institutions are usually plagued with data breaches, unauthorized alterations, opacity, and inefficiency in accessing the records. Through the integration of the Practical Byzan- tine Fault Tolerance (PBFT) consensus algorithm with blockchain technology, the system provides tamper-proof, decentralized, and extremely secure medical data management.

The system supports rapid and secure medical transactions with an average transaction rate of 15-20 TPS, far exceeding PoW-based blockchains with high computational overhead and slow verification. The 200-500 millisecond consensus latency guarantees near-instant verification of medical records, rendering the system very efficient for real-time healthcare applications. The batch processing mechanism also improves scalability, allowing the system to process a high number of transactions without jamming.

One of the biggest benefits of this system is that it features patient- controlled consent, where patients are able to authenticate or reject the addition of records using OTP-based authentication. This ensures that medical personnel accessing and storing the patient's informa- tion are the correct ones, enhancing privacy as well as regulatory compliance. Because blockchain records cannot be altered, coupled with role-based authentication, unauthorized changes cannot be done, and the medical data stored will always be secure and traceable. Security tests validate that no successful data tampering attempts were made and 100% of all unauthorized access attempts were blocked, demonstrating the system's resistance to cyber attacks. In addition, scalability tests indicate that the system remains highly efficient when it processes up to 500 transactions per batch, thus validating its suitability for large-scale applications in the healthcare industry. With the replacement of conventional and vulnerable centralized databases by a blockchain network that is decentralized and fault-tolerant, this framework improves medical data security, operation efficiency, and patient trust within healthcare organizations. The energy-efficiency of PBFT renders the protocol a resource-friendly substitute to PoW blockchains, efficiently reducing computational complexity at the same level of safety.

Overall, the results confirm that this blockchain healthcare system powered by PBFT is a scalable, efficient, and secure means of keeping medical records decentralized. With the combined effect of blockchain's immutability, fast consensus validation, and patient- controlled consent mechanisms, the system ensures to deploy in real- world healthcare environments with an innovative and trust-enhancing model of modern medical data management.

Future strategic initiatives include improving privacy, interoper- ability, and consensus optimization to overcome significant limita- tions while preserving system benefits. Privacy-enhanced technolo- gies will include zero-knowledge proofs for the selective disclosure of data and homomorphic encryption for secure analysis. Interoper- ability expansion will include the development of HL7 FHIR adapters for easy legacy EHR integration and standardized APIs for IoT medical device connectivity.Consensus optimization will include a crossover PBFT-PoS approach to play down vitality utilization and a sharded approval system to empower huge healthcare systems. These advancements will ease issues of throughput beneath tall stacks and capacity cost for little hones, making the arrangement versatile and productive. The framework is presently balanced for staged rollout, beginning with regional clinic consortia and after that rolling out to national healthcare systems.

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