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## LIST OF TECHNICAL VOCABULARY AND ABBREVIATIONS

AI	=	Artificial Intelligence
API	=	Application Programming Interface
BERT	=	Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers
CSS	=	Cascading Style Sheet
DL	=	Deep Learning
DOM	=	Document Object Model
DSRM	=	Design Science Research Methodology
DT	=	Decision Tree
HTML	=	Hypertext Markup Language
ID	=	Identification
JS	=	JavaScript
ML	=	Machine Learning
mDeBERTa	=	Multilingual Decoding-enhanced BERT with disentangled attention
NLP	=	Natural Language Processing
NN	=	Neural Network
ODM	=	Object Document Modelling
OPD	=	Outpatient Department
RF	=	Random Forest
RoBERTa	=	Robustly Optimized BERT Approach
SDK	=	Software Development Kit
SQL	=	Structured Query Language
TS	=	TypeScript
UI	=	User Interface
UX	=	User Experience
WWW	=	World Wide Web

# CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Keywords

Keywords: Oral Surgery, Dentistry, Diagnose, Follow-up, Artificial Intelligence, Chatbot, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing

## 1.2 Problem Statement

### 1.2.1 Problem Statement and Motivation

Individuals seeking healthcare in today's world often run into a number of challenges while attempting to acquire correct information regarding their symptoms and appropriate treatment. Many patients have minor illnesses or symptoms that might not necessarily require immediate medical attention from a doctor. Nevertheless, these individuals usually resort to clinics or hospitals for a diagnosis as there is a lack of information and assistance available.

This rise in patient visits not only places a considerable burden on healthcare facilities but also results in financial implications for patients themselves. The associated costs, such as consultation fees, diagnostic tests, and travel expenses, can impose an unreasonable financial strain on individuals. Moreover, this increased demand for medical attention has contributed to an imbalance in the doctor-to-patient ratio, affecting the overall quality of healthcare services provided. According to the National Statistical Office, the ratio of doctor-to-patient ratio is 1 to 8,057<sup>[5]</sup>.

Furthermore, the challenges do not cease once treatment is initiated. After receiving medical care, many patients still have many concerns about their health conditions. Many patients desire prompt answers to their worries about their conditions. In addition to these concerns, patients often have recurring questions, commonly categorized as frequently asked questions (FAQs).

Regrettably, doctors and medical staff find themselves overwhelmed by the immense workload caused from the increased patient influx. As they aim to deliver quality care and diagnosis, they may have limited time and resources to respond satisfactorily to the patients.

To address these pressing issues and enhance the healthcare experience for both patients and healthcare providers, we were motivated to develop an application that can effectively address these issues. The application will have the capability to diagnose common diseases and answer frequently asked questions from the patient's symptoms. Additionally, it will feature a chatbot designed to follow-up on patient conditions after surgery.

### 1.2.2 Potential Benefits

The purpose of this dental application is to reduce frequently asked questions from patients regarding oral symptoms or diseases and also help with post-surgery follow-up thus reducing the workload of the dentist and medical staff. Dentists can use the extra time they gain to concentrate on patients who require more extensive care.

In addition to the benefits that doctors receive from this application, patients and the general public also get their benefit as they have immediate access to oral diagnosis and knowledge. Since patients can understand their symptoms and get guidance on simple treatments, this helps to decrease needless doctor visits. Moreover, it can benefit patients by decreasing the expense of visiting the doctor to get a diagnosis. Another benefit that patients receive is continuous monitoring of their symptoms, which allows their doctor to be informed of any unexpected post-surgery problems.

### **1.3 Objectives**

- To acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for developing an AI-powered chatbot.
- To build a chatbot specialized in providing accurate answers to specific dental questions.
- To reduce doctors and staff by minimizing repeated questions and explanations from patients.

### **1.4 Expected Result**

This project aims to develop a chatbot utilizing advanced natural language processing and machine learning techniques to be able to address frequently asked questions related to oral surgeries and be able to perform post-surgery follow-up. The chatbot is expected to provide an accurate response.

### **1.5 Scope of Work**

The scope of this project involves the development of a chatbot designed to address frequently asked questions related to oral surgeries and provide post-surgery follow-up support. The chat bot will utilize natural language processing (NLP) and machine learning algorithms. The primary functions of the chatbot includes answering queries about each surgery, performing post-surgery follow-up, offering guidance and suggestions. Our primary focus will be on 4 specific surgical operations: Tooth Extraction, Wisdom Tooth Removal, Periodontal Surgery, Dental Implant Surgery.

The final deliverable of this project will be a fully functional chatbot integrated into a web application, able to handle a range of frequently asked questions and perform post-surgery follow-ups. The project involves extensive research into relevant dentistry information, the development and training of machine learning models for question answering, and the design and implementation of the user interface. A usability test will be conducted to assess the effectiveness and user-friendliness of the chatbot and the associated web application.

### **1.6 Project Schedule**

#### **1.6.1 Semester 1**

##### 1. Proposal

- Discuss Project with Advisors
- Kick-off meeting
- Write Project Idea
- Write Proposal Report
- Make Proposal Presentation

##### 2. Project Planning

- Collect Requirement
- Plan Task Schedule

##### 3. Learning and Research

- Research on Methodology
- Research On Oral Symptoms and FAQ
- Research on Related Paper
- Study 4 Specific Oral Surgical Operations

- Study Post Surgery Follow-Up Procedure

#### 4. Collect Data

- Prepare for Data Collecting
- Data Collecting
- Clean Data

#### 5. Design and Data Preparation

- Make Use Case Diagram
- Make Architecture Diagram
- Design UX/UI
- Design AI Design
- Make Navigation Map

#### 6. Implementation

- Select an Appropriate State-of-the-art AI Model
- Select an Appropriate Chatbot Framework
- Select an Appropriate Front End Framework

#### 7. Final Report

- Write Final Report
- Make Final Presentation

### **Deliverables for Term 1**

- Final Proposal
- Use case diagram
- Architecture Diagram
- Navigation map
- ER Diagram
- Customer Journey
- Final UX/UI design
- Survey dental FAQ questionnaire for diagnosis and follow-up

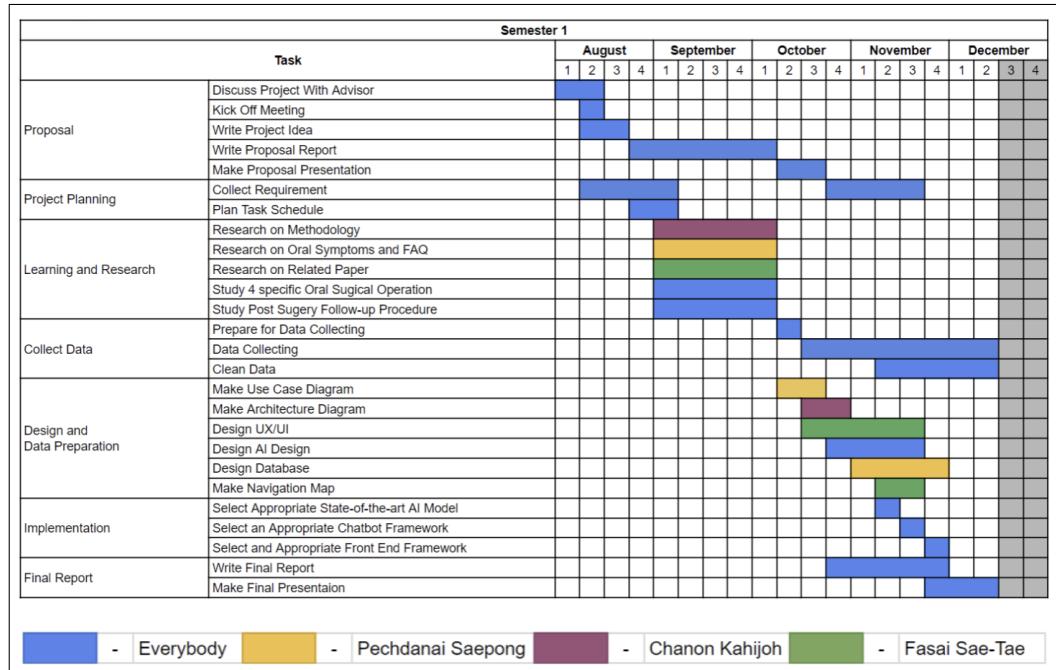


Figure 1.1 Semester 1 plan schedule

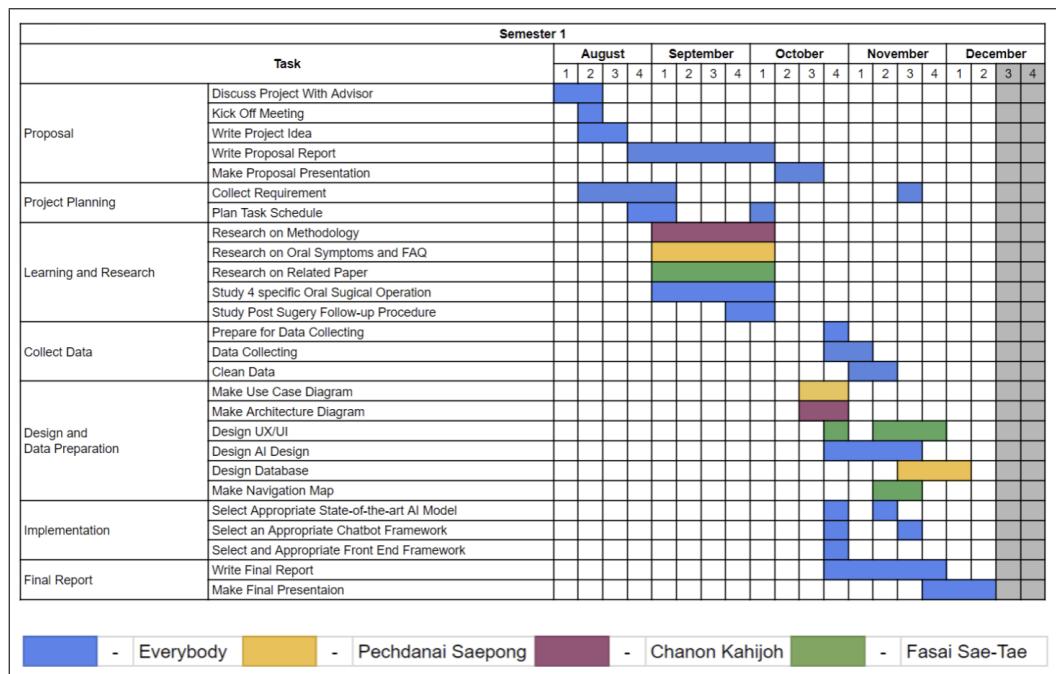


Figure 1.2 Semester 1 actual schedule

## 1.6.2 Semester 2

### 1. Deep Learning and Chatbot Implementation

- Model Implement
- Model Training
- Model Testing and Evaluation

### 2. Web Application Implementation

- Backend
- Frontend
- Test Case Design
- Unit Testing
- Usability Testing

### 3. Semester 2 Report

- Write Semester Report
- Semester Presentation

## Deliverables for Term 2

- Web application
- Testing result
- Feedbacks from users
- Senior Project Report

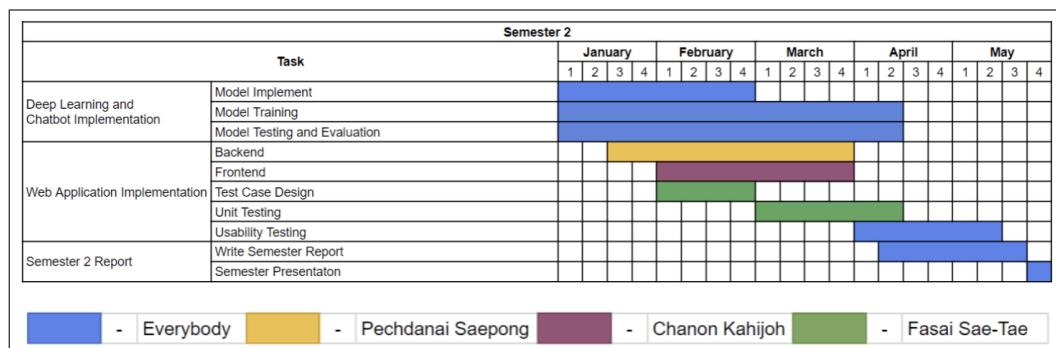


Figure 1.3 Semester 2 plan schedule

## CHAPTER 2 THEORY AND RELATED RESEARCH

### 2.1 Introduction

This chapter will explain the details of the core concept and the solution planning. Theory and core concepts, languages and technologies, and related research will be discussed in this chapter. First, we will cover the theory and core concept of both dentistry and artificial intelligence. Second, programming languages and technologies that are intended to be used in this project will be described in the “Languages and Technologies” section. Lastly, related research and similar solution approaches to the objective will be discussed in the “Related Research and Competing Solutions” section.

### 2.2 Theory and Core Concepts

Common oral problems, including tooth decay, wisdom teeth complications, and gum disease, require consistent treatment for a considerable number of patients. Dentists, who routinely engage with patient inquiries and symptom tracking, have recommended that our focus be directed towards Tooth Extraction, Wisdom Tooth Removal, Periodontal Surgery, and Dental Implant Surgery. These specific procedures directly address the aforementioned common oral problems, aligning our work with the suggestions of dental professionals.

#### 2.2.1 Tooth Extraction

Tooth extraction is a common dental procedure performed by a dentist or oral surgeon to remove a tooth from its socket in the jawbone. It is necessary for various reasons, including extensive tooth decay, crowding, tooth impaction, or as part of orthodontic treatment. Recovery typically takes a few days to a few weeks. The benefits of tooth extraction vary depending on the reason for the procedure. However, the disadvantages of tooth extraction often include challenges with chewing food and a potential loss of aesthetic appeal. Additionally, there may be complications that require careful monitoring, such as post-surgical swelling or infection.

#### 2.2.2 Wisdom Tooth Removal

Wisdom tooth extraction, also known as third molar extraction, is a dental procedure performed to remove the third molars, commonly referred to as wisdom teeth. These teeth often become impacted or lead to various dental issues due to their slow growth and limited space in the jaw. Surgery becomes necessary for various reasons, including the prevention of pain arising from the inability of third molars to erupt properly or the prevention of issues related to crowded and misaligned teeth. However, the most common concerns associated with this procedure are the potential side effects after surgery, such as swelling, unusually significant or continuous discharge, or facial distortion lasting more than two weeks.

#### 2.2.3 Periodontal Surgery

Periodontal surgery, also known as gum surgery, is a dental procedure aimed at treating various gum diseases and conditions. It involves the removal of infected gum tissue and, in some cases, the reshaping of the underlying bone to restore gum health and improve the stability of teeth. During this surgery, the dentist or periodontist carefully removes the diseased tissue and then shapes and contours the remaining gum and bone to promote optimal healing. In more advanced cases, bone grafts or tissue-stimulating proteins may be used to encourage tissue regeneration. Periodontal surgery is crucial in preventing the progression of gum

diseases, reducing gum pockets, and ultimately preserving the natural teeth. Besides its significant impact on oral health, undergoing periodontal surgery can also enhance an individual's confidence and self-esteem by restoring a healthy, aesthetically pleasing smile.

#### **2.2.4 Dental Implant Surgery**

A dental implant is a technology used to replace missing teeth by employing sturdy materials as dental implants to serve as replacements for natural tooth roots. Presently, it is common to use dental implants that encompass both the root and the tooth, as they closely resemble natural teeth in appearance and function realistically. Additionally, they aid in preventing the deterioration of the jawbone where the implant is placed. To be a suitable candidate for dental implants, a patient must possess healthy gums and adequate bone support for the tooth roots. Following a root canal procedure, it is imperative for the patient to consistently maintain their oral health. Dental implants offer numerous advantages, including the prevention of teeth from shifting or becoming misaligned due to tooth loss, as well as contributing to the strengthening and preservation of oral hygiene.

### **2.3 Languages and Technologies**

#### **2.3.1 Web Development Language**

##### **2.3.1.1 JavaScript**

JavaScript, abbreviated as JS and developed by Netscape in the mid-1990s, is one of the most used programming languages in web development. It enables the development of dynamic content within web pages, enhancing websites responsiveness to user interactions.

Operating as a scripting language on the client side, JavaScript runs directly within web browsers, facilitating interaction with the Document Object Model (DOM), which represents a webpage's structure and content.

JavaScript boasts a rich set of features and capabilities, including support for various data types, loops, functions, and more. Moreover, it offers many libraries and frameworks that simplify complex tasks.

A key attribute of JavaScript is its capacity to handle asynchronous operations. Asynchronous operations enable data retrieval without disrupting the user's experience, as these operations occur independently through mechanisms such as `async/await` and `Promises`.

##### **2.3.1.2 TypeScript**

Developed by Microsoft, TypeScript (or TS) is an enhanced version of JavaScript, adding strong typing and advanced features to the original language.

One of the most noticeable changes from default JavaScript is the introduction of a strong typing system. TypeScript requires variables, function parameters, and function return types to be explicitly defined with data types. This enhances error detection during the development process, resulting in fewer bugs when the website is deployed. It also promotes easier cooperation between developers, as the code becomes more understandable.

TypeScript offers additional features, such as interfaces and custom type definitions, which enable objects to have specific shapes. This feature enhances code comprehension and facilitates integration with third-party libraries.

##### **2.3.1.3 Python**

Python, famous for its ease of use and readability, has gained in popularity in web programming due to its flexibility and an extensive collection of frameworks designed for web application development. It

is frequently employed in web backend development, offering developers a wide range of frameworks and libraries to choose from. This diversity makes it an attractive choice for creating robust and scalable websites.

#### **2.3.1.4 Hypertext Markup Language**

Hypertext Markup Language, abbreviated as HTML, serves as the standard language for creating the structural framework of websites. It uses a markup syntax consisting of tags to define various components, including headings, paragraphs, links, images, etc. HTML's simplicity, adaptability, and compatibility with multimedia features have solidified its enduring importance in the realm of website development. It stands as an indispensable tool for developing everything from straightforward web pages to complex websites.

#### **2.3.1.5 Cascading Style Sheet**

Cascading Style Sheets, abbreviated as CSS, is commonly referred to as a "style sheet." It is a language used to format HTML documents, with CSS being responsible for defining rules that specify the presentation of content within a document. These rules encompass aspects such as text color, background color, font type, and text positioning. The fundamental concept behind CSS is the separation of HTML document content from the instruction used for formatting its display. By employing this separation, CSS achieves two primary objectives. Firstly, it ensures that the document's display format is independent of its content, facilitating the task of formatting HTML documents, especially when the content undergoes frequent changes. Secondly, CSS enables precise control over the presentation format of HTML documents, ensuring consistency across all pages within the same website. Styling rules for HTML documents were initially introduced in HTML 4.0 back in 1996, in the form of CSS Level 1 recommendations established by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C).

### **2.3.2 Front-end Framework**

Front-end frameworks play a crucial role in web development by simplifying the creation of user interfaces. They encompass design, layout, and interactive elements such as forms and buttons. These frameworks provide pre-written code that includes HTML, CSS, and JavaScript components, facilitating code reuse and maintaining consistency across web projects. By leveraging front-end frameworks, developers can efficiently generate HTML and CSS, design responsive layouts for various devices, ensure a consistent user experience, automate repetitive tasks, and manage their code efficiently. Ultimately, front-end frameworks streamline and structure the development process, enabling the creation of user-friendly and visually appealing web applications. Examples of front-end frameworks are as follows:

- React: A front-end framework, React stands apart because of its virtual Document Object Model (DOM), which enhances its functionality. It is a perfect framework for those who expect high traffic and require a steady platform to manage it.
- Angular: Formally released in 2016, the Angular framework was established by Google to bridge the gap between the mounting demands of technology and conventional notions that displayed the results. In contrast to React, Angular is distinctive with its two-way data binding trait. It means that there is real-time synchronization between the view and model, where any alteration in the model replicates promptly on the view and vice versa. To reduce doctors and staff by minimizing repeated questions and explanations from patients.
- Vue.js: It has a small size and offers two main benefits – a visual DOM and a component-based structure. It also employs two-way data binding. This front-end framework is versatile and assists with

various tasks when building web applications. The difference between Vue and React is that Vue is a JS framework while React is a JS library. So, Vue is more suitable for large projects.

- Semantic-UI: The objective of Semantic lies in empowering the designers and developers by creating a language for sharing UI. It uses natural language that makes the entire code self-explanatory. The framework is comparatively new to the ecosystem. Still, with its striking user interface, simple functionalities, and features, it has become one of the most popular front-end frameworks.
- Next.js: Used by some of the world's largest companies, Next.js enables you to create full-stack web applications by extending the latest React features and integrating powerful Rust-based JavaScript tooling for the fastest builds.

### 2.3.3 Backend Framework

A backend framework serves as a foundational platform for developers to expedite the creation of web and mobile applications with standardization. In the context of backend frameworks, they simplify server-side development by offering tools, libraries, and components that streamline the construction of web applications. These frameworks automate various aspects of web development, enhancing efficiency and cleanliness in code design. Examples of backend frameworks are as follows:

- ExpressJS: It is a minimal Node.js framework used to develop highly flexible applications.
- Django: Django is the most popular Python framework used in web development. Based on the Don't Repeat Yourself (DRY) principle, Django focuses on code reusing, thus enhancing the development speed. It is also a very secure framework.
- Node.js: JavaScript is the most popular programming language in the world. With the emergence of Node.js, JavaScript's popularity in the backend development community increased rapidly, and in the last decade, Node.js has become one of the top names.
- Flask: It's a simple, highly flexible, and performing web framework. Being a lightweight framework, or micro-framework, it is easy to learn and understand Flask. Moreover, being a Python framework, it is very user-friendly.

### 2.3.4 Chatbot

A chatbot is a machine learning (ML) or artificial intelligence (AI) system designed to simulate and handle human conversations, whether written or spoken. These AIs enable users to interact with digital devices as if they were having a conversation with a human. Chatbots can vary widely in complexity, from basic systems that respond to user queries to advanced digital assistants that learn and adapt over time, providing personalized experiences as they collect and process data.

#### 2.3.4.1 Chatbot Framework

A Bot Framework is a platform where developers create and define the behavior of chatbots. It simplifies the complex task of building chatbots that can operate on various messaging platforms and software development kits (SDKs). While some frameworks claim "write once, deploy anywhere" capabilities, in practice, developers often need to create separate chatbots for each messaging platform. The Bot Framework comprises components such as the Bot Builder SDK, Bot Connector, Developer Portal, Bot Directory, and an emulator for testing. However, it may not be the best choice for beginners looking to learn chatbot development due to its complexity.

Examples of Bot frameworks include:

- DialogFlow
- Microsoft Bot Framework
- Rasa
- Amazon Lex
- IBM Watson Assistant
- Wit.ai
- Botpress

#### **2.3.4.2 Pretrained Chatbot Model**

A pretrained chatbot model is a Natural Language Processing (NLP) model that has been trained on a wide range of text data from sources such as books, articles, social media, etc. These models are equipped with the capability to understand and generate text that closely resembles human language, making them valuable for chatbot development and other natural language tasks. These chatbots can also undergo fine-tuning or additional training for a specific task or domain to enhance their accuracy and performance.

##### **2.3.4.2.1 DeBERTa**

DeBERTa (Decoding-enhanced BERT with disentangled attention) is a neural language model architecture designed to enhance the performance of pre-trained models like BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) and RoBERTa (Robustly optimized BERT approach) with two techniques, a disentangled attention mechanism and an enhanced mask decoder.

The disentangled attention mechanism involves representing each word with two vectors—one for content and one for position. Attention weights among words are then calculated using disentangled matrices for content and relative positions, allowing the model to independently consider semantic content and positional relationships during computations.

The enhanced mask decoder replaces the output softmax layer to predict masked tokens during model pre-training. Additionally, a new virtual adversarial training method is applied during fine-tuning to enhance the model's generalization for downstream tasks.

The DeBERTa V2 model is a variant of the transformer architecture designed for question-answering tasks. Its structure consists of an embedding layer for word representations, employing layer normalization and dropout for regularization. The core encoder is composed of multiple DeBERTa V2 layers, each featuring a disentangled self-attention mechanism, an intermediate layer with GELU activation, and output layers for attention and transformation. The model incorporates relative positional embeddings to efficiently capture token dependencies. The final layer includes a linear output module specialized for predicting start and end positions in the input sequence, crucial for question answering. Overall, DeBERTa V2 integrates advanced attention mechanisms and positional embeddings to enhance its ability to capture complex relationships within the input data for improved performance in question-answering tasks.[6, 7]

##### **2.3.4.2.2 mDeBERTa**

mDeBERTa[8] is the multilingual version of DeBERTa. Both models have the same architecture but mDeBERTa supports multiple languages while DeBERTa supports only English.

### 2.3.5 Machine Learning

Machine Learning (ML) is a branch of Artificial Intelligence that tries to replicate how humans work. It uses the accumulated data in order to let machines learn step by step in order to improve its accuracy in the task they are trained to do.

#### 2.3.5.1 Decision Tree

A decision tree is a supervised machine learning algorithm used for categorizing and regression tasks. A decision tree consists of root node, decision nodes, leaf nodes, splitting, pruning, and branches.

The decision tree operates by employing various algorithms to decide to split a node into two or more sub-nodes. Decision trees work by iteratively partitioning nodes based on all available features and subsequently selecting the split that leads to the most uniform or homogeneous sub-nodes in terms of the target variable. This aims to create clear and distinct decision boundaries within the dataset, facilitating more accurate predictions or classifications by the decision tree model.[9]

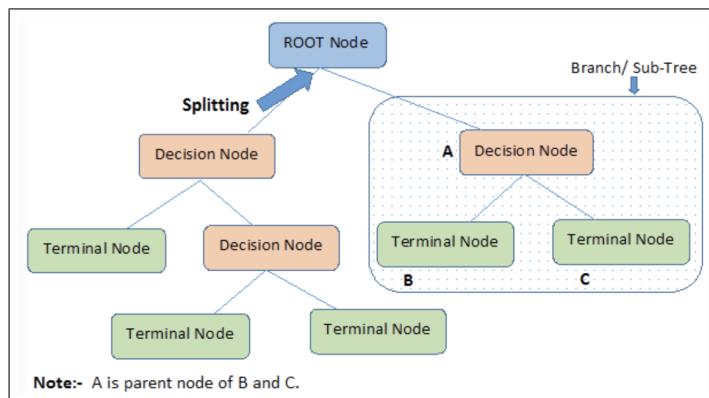


Figure 2.1 Diagram explaining Decision Tree[1]

#### 2.3.5.2 Random Forest

Random Forest is the combination of many decision trees and using results from all decision trees by either averaging or majority voting making it less biased which helps in overfitting problems. As you can see from Figure 1.2, the final results are obtained after getting results from many decision trees.

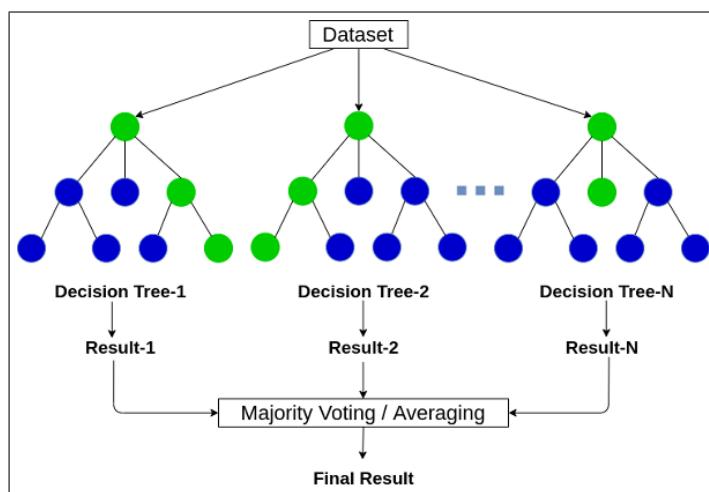


Figure 2.2 Diagram explaining Random Forest

### 2.3.6 Augmenting Data

We augmented text data to expand data while trying to simulate human error such as misspelling a word or typing a key by mistake. We can achieve this by inserting random characters into the questions, deleting random characters in the questions, and swapping random characters in the questions. We are also able to expand by paraphrasing the sentence. In order to have the best performance for paraphrasing we need to first translate it to English then let the AI model[10] paraphrase as it is an English paraphrasing model then translate the results back to Thai.

### 2.3.7 Proposed Framework

The proposed framework has 2 components that are to be used together:

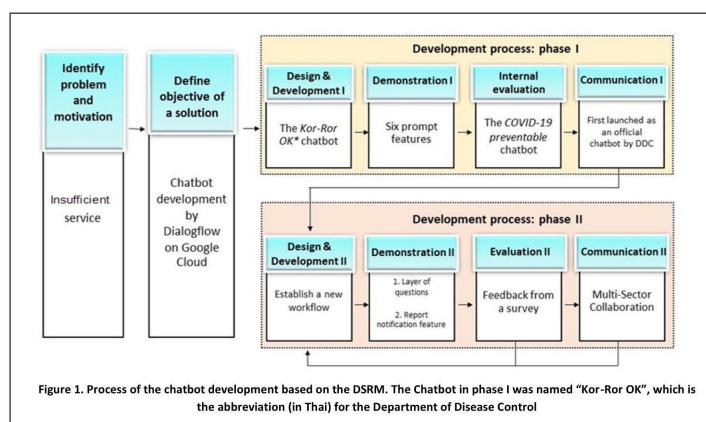
- Random Forest: classify the input question into class
- BERT: answer the user's question based on the identified class

We first input a question into a random forest in order to classify which class it belongs to. We then input that class in order to use the correct context in order to get the correct answer. With this method we can reduce time taken while trying to increase its accuracy

## 2.4 Related research / Competing solutions

### 2.4.1 Related Research

**Designing a Competent Chatbot to Counter the COVID-19 Pandemic and Empower Risk Communication in an Emergency Response System**



**Figure 2.3 Overview of DSRM development process[2]**

This paper presented the development process and the characteristics of a competent chatbot, with an emphasis on COVID-19. The paper used Design Science Research Methodology (DSRM) as the development process to implement the chatbot, which consisted of 6 steps. Line Application was chosen as the main channel for the development and was deployed using Dialog Flow. In phase one, the development focused on implementing a chatbot capable of answering various frequently asked questions and providing knowledge about COVID-19. The emphasis shifted to more complex questions and chatbot efficiency in phase 2 of the development.

The knowledge in this paper regarding the development process can be used and applied to our development process since the output products are similar in terms of use. However, the step of product evaluation

will be different since we do not have a large number of users, and some key features, such as follow-up, are different.

## 2.4.2 Competing Solution

### 2.4.2.1 DentalChat



**Figure 2.4** DentalChat Logo[3]

DentalChat is an AI dental care application that connects and allows users to ask dental questions and is assisted by a dentist in real-time. DentalChat features consist of finding a local dentist, asking dental questions, post consult requests, and chatting with the dentist.

### 2.4.2.2 PsyJai



**Figure 2.5** PsyJai Logo[4]

PsyJai is a comprehensive automated AI mental health assistance system collaboration that can perform mental health assessments and provide psychological care based on the principles of psychology. PsyJai provides services through Facebook and Line. PsyJai has 4 main features: 1. Emotional Status Screening 2. Basic Care with Psychological Principles 3. General Conversations 4. Mood Dashboard.

## 2.4.3 Comparison Table

**Table 2.1** Comparison table between our proposed solution, DentalChat and PsyJai

	Our proposed Solution	DentalChat	PsyJai
Symptom Diagnosis	AI System	Manual	AI System
Post-Surgery Follow-Up	AI System	-	-

According to Table 1, our proposed solution has 2 main features: symptom diagnosis and post-surgery follow-up, both of which are AI-based systems. In contrast, DentalChat only has a symptom diagnosis feature, which is manually answered by the doctors. Psyjai also has an AI-based system for symptom diagnosis but does not have the post-surgery follow-up feature.

## **CHAPTER 3 DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY**

### **3.1 Introduction**

This chapter will cover the features, architecture, functionalities, design methods, and diagrams of our web application. We will delve into the details of the application's functionality and architecture.

### **3.2 Project Functionality**

#### **3.2.1 System Requirements**

- The web application must allow users to log in via Line Account.
- The web application must automatically log in users accessing via Line.
- The web application must facilitate all users in asking frequently asked questions through a chatbot.
- The web application must enable logged-in users to scan a QR code to create a new follow-up case.
- The web application must allow logged-in users to respond to follow-up chatbot queries.
- The web application must permit logged-in users to view their individual profiles.
- The web applications must provide the option for all logged-in users to log out.

#### **3.2.2 Feature List**

##### **3.2.2.1 Patient Registration**

This feature entails user registration for the web application, accessible through Line Official. Upon the user's initial accesses to the web application via Line Official, they are required to authorize the linking of their Line account. Once authorized, subsequent accesses to the web application through Line Official menu will result in automatic user login.

##### **3.2.2.2 Frequently Asked Questions Answering Chatbot**

This feature is designed to provide information and address common inquiries concerning distinct surgical procedures, including Tooth Extraction, Wisdom Tooth Removal, Periodontal Surgery, and Dental Implant Surgery. Users can input questions related to these surgeries, and the chatbot will provide pertinent information. In instances where the chatbot encounters unfamiliar questions that it cannot answer, it will return an error message and retain the question for future training purposes.

##### **3.2.2.3 Follow-Up Chatbot**

This feature aims to streamline the post-surgery monitoring process by replacing traditional methods where medical staff make follow-up calls to assess patients' conditions. The proactive chatbot targets follow-up questions based on the patient's surgery, gathering insights into their current state for condition assessment and providing relevant advice.

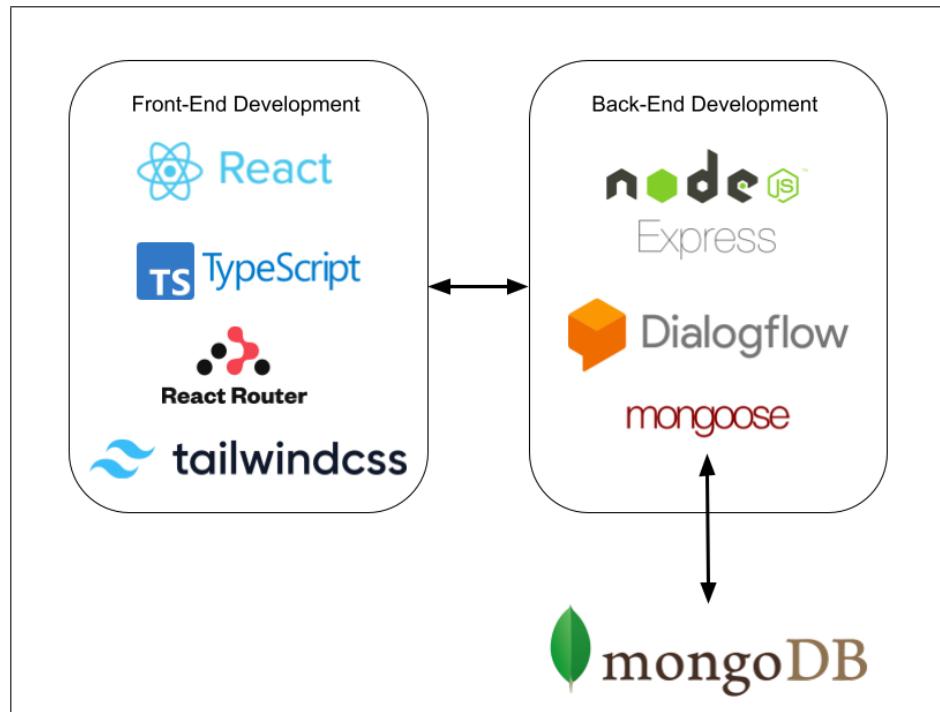
##### **3.2.2.4 Add New Follow-Up Case**

This feature enables users to initiate a new follow-up case by scanning a provided QR code at the health-care unit and selecting the undergone operation.

### 3.2.2.5 View Past Follow-Up Case

This feature allows users to review their history of past follow-up cases.

## 3.3 System Architecture

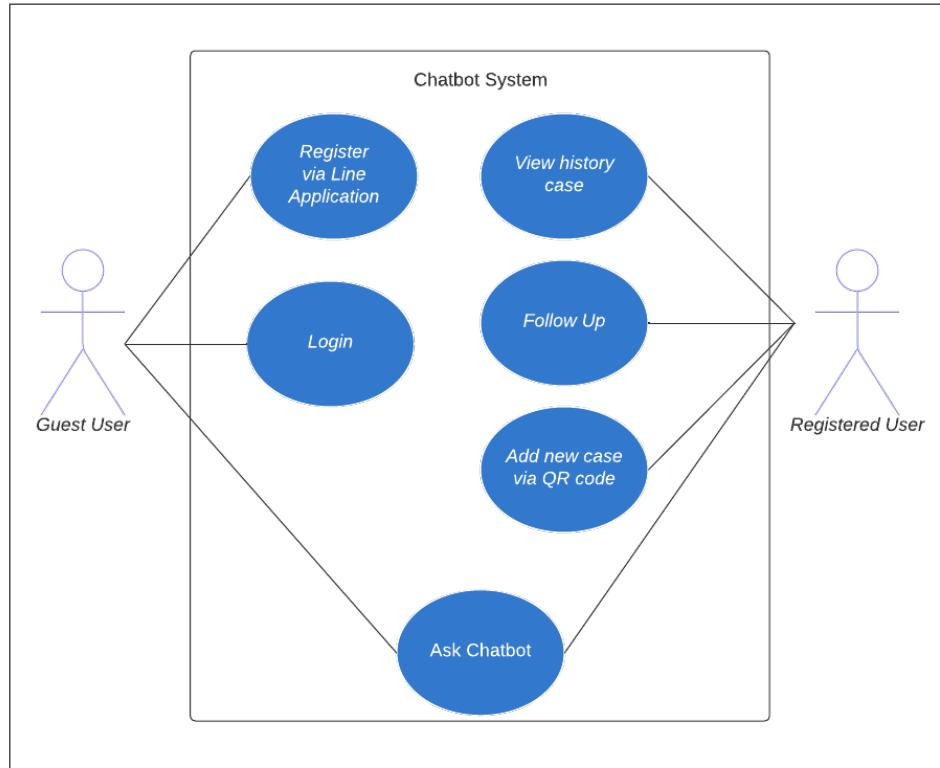


**Figure 3.1** Architecture Diagram

In the Figure 3.1 above, show the architecture design of our project. The Technology that we use in this project include.

1. React (Front-end JavaScript library for building UI)
2. Sweetalert2 (Beautiful popup box react component used in React)
3. TailwindCSS (CSS framework for styling the UI and used with React)
4. Chart.js (Free open-source JavaScript library for data visualization)
5. Node.js (Back-end JavaScript runtime environment)
6. Express (Back-end framework for Node.js for building REST API)
7. MongoDB (NoSQL Database)
8. Mongoose (Node.js based Object Data Modelling (ODM) library for MongoDB)
9. React Select (A flexible and beautiful Select Input control for ReactJS with multiselect, autocomplete, async, and creatable support)
10. Dialogflow is employed for follow-up using its API to reduce resource usage in the client's browser.

### 3.4 Use Case Diagram



**Figure 3.2** Use Case Diagram

### 3.5 Use Case Narrative

#### 3.5.1 Question Answer

Use case name: Question Answer

Actors: All Users

Goal: Users ask questions and receive answers

Preconditions: -

Main success scenario:

1. Users go to the home page.
2. User selects the chatbot button.
3. User inputs a question.
4. System provides an answer to the question.

#### 3.5.2 Login

Use case name: Login

Actors: General Users

Goal: Users log in to the system

Preconditions: User is already registered

Main success scenario:

1. User go to website homepage
2. User selects the “Login with Line Application” button
3. System navigates to the Line page and sets the token to this account.
4. System navigates the user to the FAQ page.

### **3.5.3 Register**

Use case name: Register

Actors: General Users

Goal: Add a new user to the system

Preconditions: -

Main success scenario:

1. User goes to the website homepage.
2. User selects the “Login with Line” button.
3. System navigates to the Line official login page.
4. User selects the “Allow” button.
5. System adds the new user.

Extension (a)

- 1a. System adds the new user.
- 2a. User scans the QR code.
- 3a. User adds Line Official.
- 4a. User selects the “Allow” button.
- 5a. System adds the new user.

### **3.5.4 Follow-Up**

Use case name: Follow-Up

Actors: Registered User (Patient)

Goal: Registered User answers follow-up questions, and the system provides suggestions

Preconditions: User has undergone surgery and scanned the QR code

Main success scenario:

1. User logs into the system.
2. System presents follow-up questions.
3. Logged-in user answers the questions.
4. The answer pertains to the question.
5. System analyzes and offers suggestions to the patient.

Extension (a)

- 4a. The answer does not correspond to the question.
- 5a. System sends an error message and returns to step 2.

### 3.5.5 View Case History

Use case name: View Case History

Actors: Registered User (Patient)

Goal: Registered User (Patient) accesses the user case page

Preconditions: User has undergone surgery

Main success scenario:

1. User logs into the system.
2. System navigates to the FAQ page.
3. User selects the “Profile” button.
4. User accesses the Profile page displaying case history.

### 3.5.6 Add New Case via QR Code

Use case name: Add New Case via QR Code

Actors: Registered User (Patient)

Goal: Registered User (Patient) adds a new case to the system

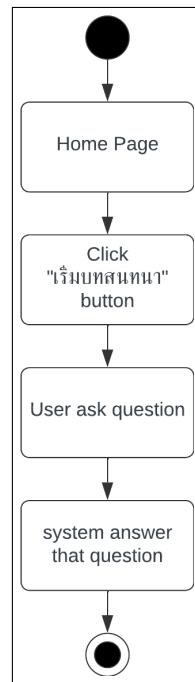
Preconditions: User has undergone surgery.

Main success scenario:

1. User logs into the system.
2. User selects “Scan QR Code” in the Line Official system.
3. User scans the QR code.
4. User gains access to the form.
5. User selects a treatment operation.
6. User submits the form to the system.

## 3.6 Activity Diagram

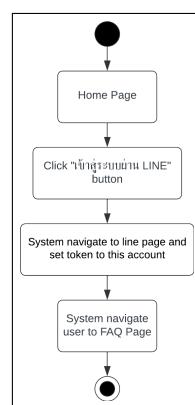
### 3.6.1 Question Answering



**Figure 3.3** Question Answering Activity Diagram

When users access the homepage and click the “ເຮືອນບໍລິຫານທ່ານ” button, the system will display the chatbot interface. Users can then input their questions into the provided text box, and the system will respond with the appropriate answer to the question.

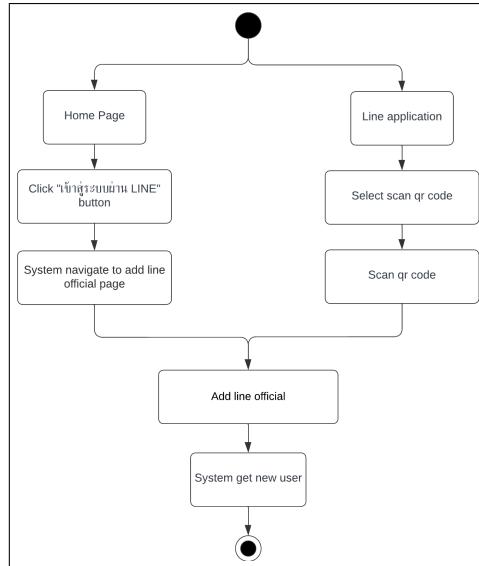
### 3.6.2 Login



**Figure 3.4** Login Activity Diagram

When users access the homepage and click the “ເຂົ້າສູ່ລະບົບຜ່ານ LINE”, the system will redirect the user to the Line page and subsequently navigate them to the FAQ page.

### 3.6.3 Register

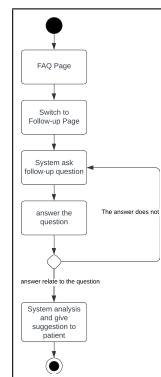


**Figure 3.5** Register Activity Diagram

When users access the homepage and click the “เข้าสู่ระบบผ่าน LINE” button, the system will direct the user to the “Add Line Official” page. If the user clicks “Add Line Official” there, the system will automatically register this user.

Alternatively, if a user accesses via the Line application, selects “Scan QR Code,” scan our QR code at the medical unit, and then selects “Add Line Official,” the system will also automatically register this user.

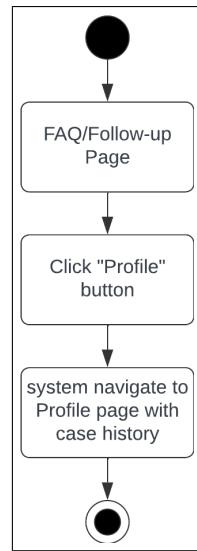
### 3.6.4 Follow-Up



**Figure 3.6** Follow-Up Activity Diagram

When users access the FAQ page after completing the login process and subsequently switch to the Follow-up page, the system will present the follow-up chatbot interface. The system will then initiate by asking a follow-up question. Upon receiving the user's answer, the system will analyze it and provide a suggestion to the user. However, if the answer does not pertain to the question asked, the system will attempt to reask the question to obtain a related answer from the user.

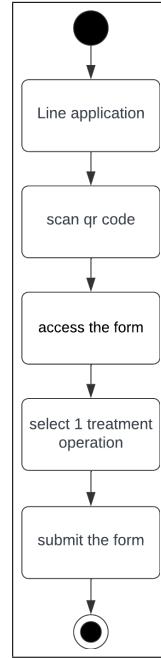
### 3.6.5 View Case History



**Figure 3.7** View case history Activity Diagram

When users access the FAQ or Follow-up page and click on the “Profile” button, the system will direct them to the profile page, displaying their case history.

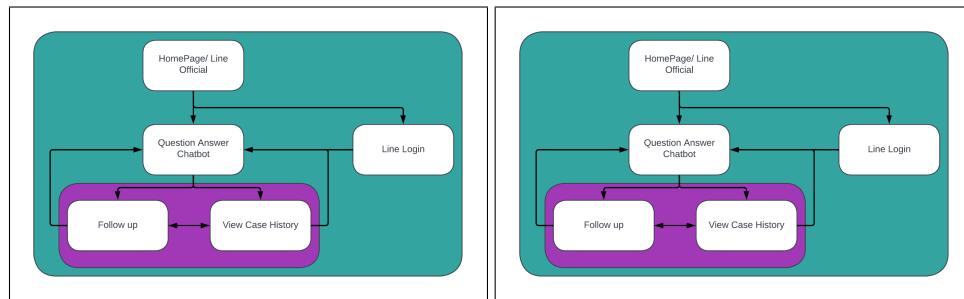
### 3.6.6 Add New Case via QR Code



**Figure 3.8** Add new case via QR code Activity Diagram

When users open the Line application and scan our QR code, they will access a form where they need to select one of the treatment operations and submit the form.

### 3.7 Navigation Map



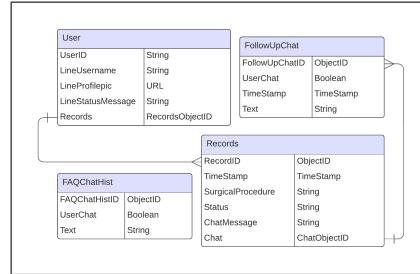
**Figure 3.9** Chatbot web application navigation map

For the web application, two user roles exist: Guest users and Registered users. Upon entering the platform, all users start at the Homepage. Guest users have access solely to the FAQ chatbot and the Login page. Conversely, registered users can additionally access the Follow-Up and View Case History pages.

Upon initial access via Line Official, an account will be automatically created and linked to the user's Line account. For existing account holders, accessing any feature via the Line Official menu will trigger automatic login. However, when users access the platform through the normal web interface, they initially land on the homepage. In this scenario, they can use the Question Answering chatbot without needing to log in.

To access the follow-up feature via the normal web interface, users must login using their Line account.

## 3.8 ER Diagram



**Figure 3.10** ER-Diagram

1. User Object: This object includes userID, LineUsername, LineProfilepic, and LineStatusMessage, all linked to the Line profile. Additionally, the User Object contains lists of Records Object.
2. Records Object: It encompasses RecordID,TimeStamp, SurgicalProcedure, Status, ChatMessage and FollowUpChat Object. The RecordID is linked to the User object and FollowUpChat Object.
3. FollowUpChat Object: This object contains FollowUpID, Title, TimeStamp, Chat, and ChatResult. The FollowUpID is linked to the Records object in a one-to-many relation.
4. FAQChatHist Object: It includes FAQChatHistID, UserChat, and Text.

These objects and their interconnections form the basic structure of our database for storing user-related information, their records, follow-ups, and chat interactions.

## 3.9 User Interface

### 3.9.1 Home Page



**Figure 3.11** Website home page (Desktop and mobile respectively)

Figure 3.11 represents the home page of our web application. This page provides a brief description of our website and features two primary buttons: “Start Chatting” and “Login by Line”.

- The “Start Chatting” button redirect users to the question answering page, facilitating interaction with the chatbot for inquiries.
- “Login by Line” directs users to the Line login page, allowing them to log into the platform using their Line account credentials.

### 3.9.2 Follow-Up page



**Figure 3.12** Desktop Follow-Up page

Figure 3.12 showcases the Follow-Up page of the web application specifically designed for the desktop use. The layout consists of several key components:

- Case History: Positioned on the left side, this section displays the user's case history. Users can click on specific cases to view their follow-up chat history. The top button allow user to add new case.
- Chat Box: Positioned in the middle, this area hosts the ongoing chat conversation. User can engage in follow-up discussions within this section.
- Input Textbox: Positioned beneath the chat box, this textbox enables users to input their responses during the follow-up conversation.
- Switch Bar: Located at the top of the chat box, this bar facilitates the transition between the FAQ and Follow-up features.



**Figure 3.13** Mobile Follow-Up page

Figure 3.13 display the mobile version of the Follow-Up page in various scenarios:

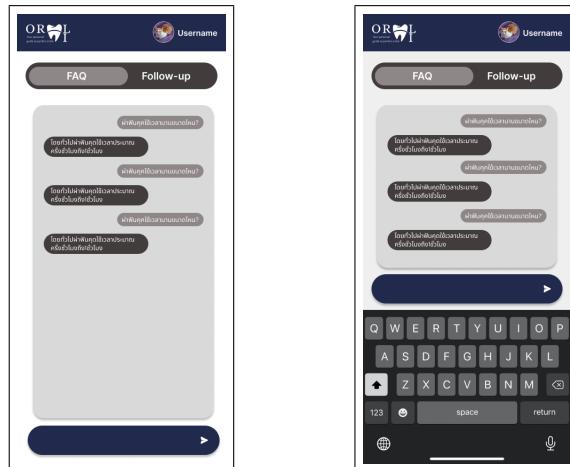
- Normal Page (Left): This view represents the default appearance of the Follow-Up page on a mobile device.
- Keyboard Usage (Center): When the keyboard is engaged, this display is centered on the chat or input area.
- Hamburger Button Pressed (Right): Upon pressing the hamburger button, the keyboard input is dismissed, replaced by a long-closed button. This button allows users to return to the Follow-Up page. The top button allow user to add new case.

### 3.9.3 FAQ page



**Figure 3.14** Desktop Question Answering page

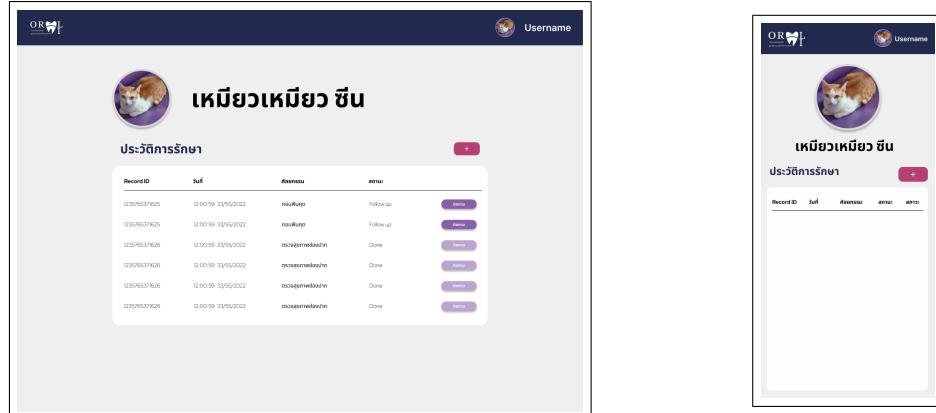
Figure 3.14 depicts the desktop version of the Question Answering page within the web application. The page features a central chat box facilitating user-system interaction for addressing queries, accompanied by an input textbox positioned at the bottom. Additionally, a switch bar located atop the chat box facilitates switching between the FAQ and Follow-up features.



**Figure 3.15** Mobile Question Answering page

Figure 3.15 illustrates the Question Answering page of the web application on mobile. On the left is its normal page view, and on the right is the interface when the keyboard is in use.

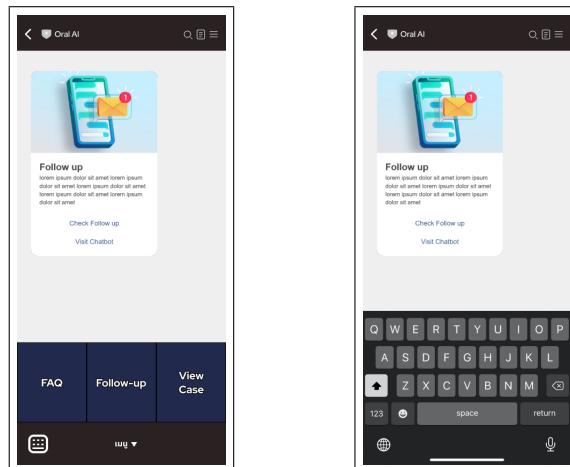
### 3.9.4 Patient Info page



**Figure 3.16** Patient Information page (Desktop and mobile respectively)

Figure 3.16 represents the Patient Information page within the web application, displaying the comprehensive oral medical history registered by the patient. The records display the Record ID, Timestamp, Surgical Procedures type, status, and associated conditions.

### 3.9.5 Line official page



**Figure 3.17** Line Login Page

Figure 3.17 showcases the layout of the Line Official page, acting as the central notification hub within the application. The FAQ button directs users to the question answer website, the Follow-up button leads to the follow-up page on the website, and the View Case navigates users to the patient information page.

## **3.10 Evaluation Plan**

### **3.10.1 User Evaluation**

Upon the completion of platform development aligned with our objectives, we aim to conduct testing and gather user feedback. Our assessment will encompass overall satisfaction, usability, user experience, and suggestions for enhancements. Subsequently, the collected data will undergo thorough analysis to evaluate the application.

### **3.10.2 Application Evaluation**

For assessing critical components, our focus will center on two key metrics. First, Response Latency will be closely monitored to gauge the chatbot's speed in addressing user queries. Moreover, the accuracy in providing precise and correct responses to dental inquiries will ensure the chatbot's proficiency in delivering accurate information.

## CHAPTER 4 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

### 4.1 Dental Frequently Asked Question Collection

To ensure the project's ability to address user queries effectively, we have gathered a list of frequently asked questions about the four specified surgeries. Surveys were conducted, and experts were consulted to guarantee accurate and appropriate answers. This section contains the questionnaire and its corresponding results.

#### 4.1.1 Collection Process

The questions were collected using Google Forms. The provided questionnaire aimed to cover a broad range of opinions and concerns regarding dental health and medical treatments. Questions within the questionnaire included inquiries about past treatments or surgeries (คุณเคยผ่านการรักษาหรือการผ่าตัดในนามแล้วบ้าง), reasons for undergoing treatment/surgery (สาเหตุที่คุณเข้ารับการรักษา/ผ่าตัด), commonly encountered or doubtful inquiries regarding the aforementioned diseases, treatments, or surgeries (คำถามที่มักจะเจอหรือสงสัยเกี่ยวกับโรคและการรักษา/ผ่าตัดข้างต้น), and questions often raised post-treatment/surgery (คำถามที่มักสงสัยหลังจากที่ได้รับการรักษา/ผ่าตัด).

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Figure 4.1 First page of the questionnaire

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**Figure 4.2** Second page of the questionnaire

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**Figure 4.3** Third page of the questionnaire

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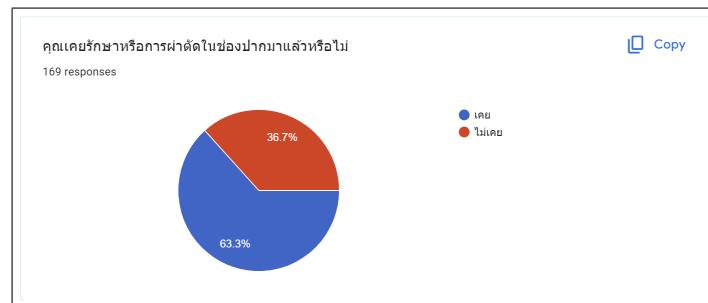
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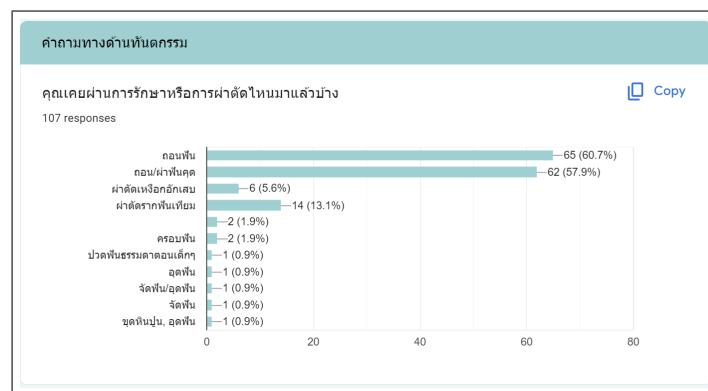
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**Figure 4.4** Fourth page of the questionnaire

#### 4.1.2 Results



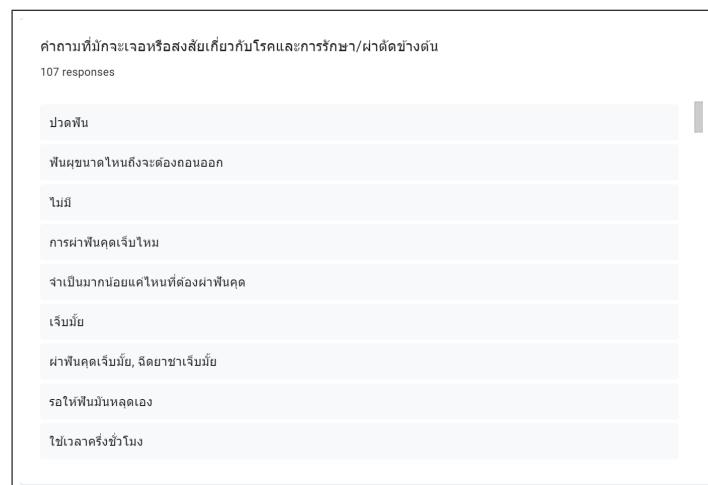
**Figure 4.5** Pie chart of Distribution of Oral Surgery Experience



**Figure 4.6** Respondent's Oral Surgeries Experience



**Figure 4.7** Reason the Respondent Attend the Treatment



**Figure 4.8** Common Questions and Concerns About Surgeries and Treatment



**Figure 4.9** Post-Treatment Frequently Asked Questions

The screenshot shows a survey titled 'ค่าความเห็นเว็บไซต์' (Website Recommendations) with the subtitle 'หากมีเว็บไซต์ที่สามารถตอบค่าความดันหันด้วยความสามารถด้านการฟังและการติดตามผลหลังการผ่าตัดได้ คุณจะยกให้เว็บไซต์ใด' (If there is a website that can respond to pressure changes and track post-operative results, which website would you give it to?). It has 98 responses. The list of suggestions includes:

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- อ่านง่ายๆ ไม่ต้องภาษา
- ไม่เอาแล้ว
- ถ้ามีเว็บไซต์ที่ศัลยรู้สึกษา, มีความรู้ด้วยเกี่ยวกับฟัน
- สภาพฟันเป็นอย่างไร
- Real time chat กับผู้เชี่ยวชาญ
- ปรึกษาหมอ

**Figure 4.10** Recommendations for Website Development and Features

The survey results indicate that out of 169 respondents, 63.3 percentage have experienced oral surgery, primarily involving procedures like tooth extraction, wisdom tooth removal, periodontal surgery, and dental implant surgery. The prevalent reason reported for surgery was toothache. Frequently asked questions revolved around surgical procedures, post-operative self-care, necessary care instructions, recommendations, and essential guidelines for proper care.

## 4.2 Follow-Up Procedure Interview

As the follow-up process stands as a primary feature of our project, it is essential to thoroughly examine every critical element. This interview aims to emphasize the post-surgery follow-up in the context of dental healthcare, understand the importance of comprehensive patient care, and delve into the specifics of the follow-up process. This comprehension allows us to replicate the actual medical staff procedure effectively.

This section elucidates our methodology in conducting interviews with the dental clinic's medical staff to gain important insights into the techniques used for post-surgery tracking.

### 4.2.1 Interviewing Dental Clinic Around the University

To gain an insight into and understand the post-surgery follow-up procedure, we initiated interviews at the dental clinic around the university. The interview questions included inquiries about patient symptom monitoring procedures (ขั้นตอนการติดตามอาการผู้ป่วย), typically how many hours post-surgery patient symptoms are usually followed up (โดยปกติแล้วจะทำการโทรติดตามอาการคนไข้กี่ชั่วโมงหลังผ่าตัด), common inquiries asked to patients during symptom follow-ups (คำถามที่มักจะถามผู้ป่วยตอนติดตามอาการ), and the typical questions patients commonly ask during follow-ups (คำถามที่ผู้ป่วยมักจะถามกลับมา). These interviews provided invaluable insights and a deeper understanding of follow-up procedures, enriching our research with firsthand perspectives on patient care during the post-surgical phase within the local dental healthcare landscape.

### 4.2.2 Interviewing and Survey at Faculty of Dentistry at Chulalongkorn University

According to the important requirement for an in-depth understanding of the practicalities involved with the follow-up procedure, we needed to familiarize ourselves with the patient's involvement following surgery.

This includes an in-depth investigation of complexity of questions, symptom assessment, patient interaction during the follow-up phase, and response to particular concerns. Regarding the complexity of these interactions, we think it is important to have discussions and obtain advice from professionals, especially those who have experience with the follow-up procedure, and patient communication.

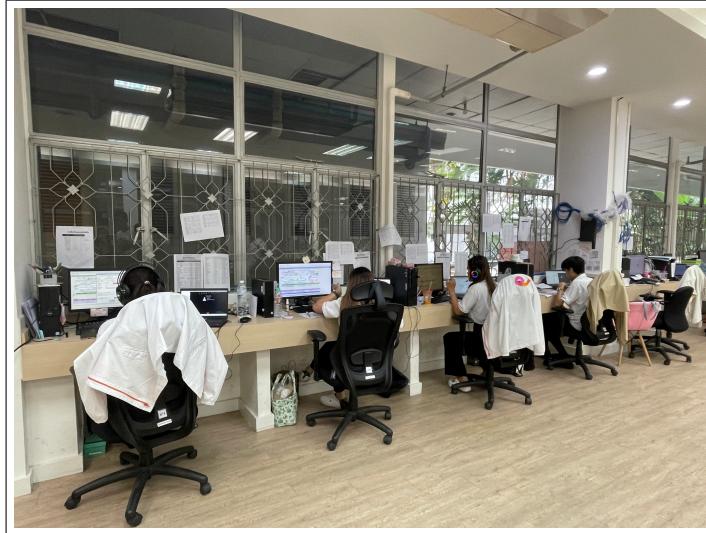
In order to capture the view of the expert and match our project with the actual demands of both medical professionals and patients, we conduct an on-site observation and interviews at the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University.

Recognizing the necessity for an in-depth understanding of the practicalities involved in the follow-up procedure, we aimed to acquaint ourselves with the patient involvement post-surgery. This includes a thorough investigation of the intricacies of questions, symptom assessment, patient interaction during follow-ups, and addressing specific concerns. Given the complexity of these interactions, we believed it crucial to engage in discussions and seek advice from professionals, experienced in follow-up procedures, and patient communication. To align our project with the actual demands of both medical professionals and patients, we conducted an on-site observation and interviews at the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University.



**Figure 4.11** Our team and the call-center representative

Figure 4.11 depicts our team alongside the call-center representative employed at the OPD Instant Clinic's call center. This department is responsible for answering questions and assisting OPD patients.



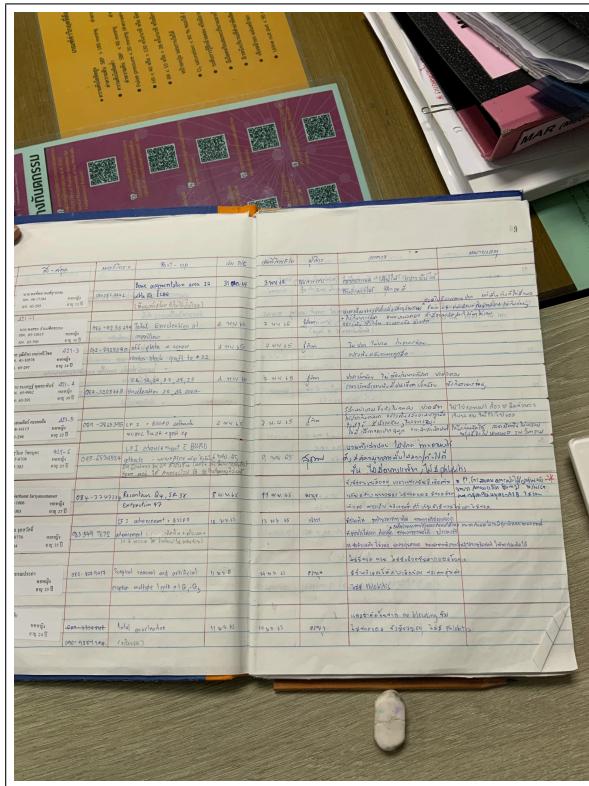
**Figure 4.12** Working environment of the OPD Instant Clinic's call center

Figure 4.12 shows the operational environment within the OPD Instant Clinic's call center, where staff members engage in follow-up procedures with patients a day after their surgeries.



**Figure 4.13** Conversation with the nurse who is experienced in the patient follow-up process

We engaged in a conversation with an experienced nurse specializing in the patient follow-up process. This follow-up routine typically occurs three days after a patient's discharge, during which the nurse contacts patients and provides necessary advice and support.



**Figure 4.14** Document that the nurse has documented patient information during follow-up sessions

Figure 4.14 displays the document used by the nurse to document patient information during follow-up sessions. This documentation includes essential details such as the operation performed, discharge date, follow-up date, contact person, symptoms observed, and any additional notes. This method ensures a comprehensive and precise approach to tracking patient data obtained during follow-up calls.

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