

Second Opinion App - Architecture Document

1. Application Architecture

Second Opinion follows a **Microservices Architecture** to ensure modularity and scalability. The system is divided into the following services:

- **User Service:** Handles authentication, user profiles, and medical history preferences.
- **Medication Information Service:** Manages the database of medications, their effects, interactions, and usage guidelines.
- **Consultation Service:** Processes user queries about medications and provides information.
- **Notification Service:** Sends medication reminders and important health alerts.
- **API Gateway:** Manages requests between the frontend and backend services.

2. Database

- **ER Diagram:** Represents relationships between users, medications, consultations, and reminders.

[Placeholder for ER Diagram showing relationships between users, medications, interactions, and consultations]

- **Schema Design:**
 - **Users** (id, name, email, password_hash, age, medical_conditions, allergies, current_medications)
 - **Medications** (id, name, generic_name, category, usage, side_effects, interactions, contraindications, dosage_info)

- **UserMedications** (id, user_id, medication_id, prescribed_date, dosage, frequency, notes)
- **Consultations** (id, user_id, medication_id, question, response, created_at)
- **Reminders** (id, user_medication_id, reminder_time, notification_sent)

3. Data Exchange Contract

- **Frequency of data exchanges:**
 - Medication information is updated regularly from trusted pharmaceutical databases.
 - User consultations are processed in real-time.
 - Medication reminders are scheduled according to user preferences.
- **Data Sets:**
 - User data (for authentication, medical history, and preferences)
 - Medication data (comprehensive information about medicines)
 - Consultation data (user queries and system responses)
- **Mode of Exchanges:**
 - **API:** RESTful APIs for medication information and user management.
 - **WebSockets:** For real-time consultation responses.
 - **Push Notifications:** For medication reminders and important alerts.

4. Deployment Architecture

- **Frontend:** React Native mobile app and React-based web application.
- **Backend:** Node.js (Express.js) hosted on AWS Lambda or DigitalOcean.

- **Database:** PostgreSQL for structured medical data with MongoDB for unstructured consultation data.
- **Authentication:** JWT-based authentication with additional security for healthcare data.
- **Storage:** HIPAA-compliant cloud storage for user medical information.
- **Third-party Integrations:** APIs for medication databases (like RxNorm, FDA, etc.)

5. Security and Compliance

- HIPAA compliance for handling sensitive medical information
- End-to-end encryption for all user data
- Regular security audits and penetration testing
- Data anonymization for analytics purposes

UML Diagrams

Sequential Diagram for Medication Consultation Flow

[Placeholder for Sequential Diagram showing the flow from user query about a medication to system response with relevant information]



