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**Abstract**

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**ICT -** Information and Communication Technologies

**Chapter 1**

**Introduction**

**1.1 Background**

In recent years, the adoption of E-clinic and telehealth platforms has increased significantly, particularly as a result of the obstacles posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. As healthcare systems throughout the world explored new ways to ensure continuity of care, this platform emerged as critical tools for managing patient interactions, providing remote consultations, and improving overall patient outcomes (Nguyen, Rivera and Gualtieri, 2023). Traditionally, healthcare delivery has been highly reliant on in-person interactions, which can create challenges such as geographical limits, scheduling issues, and restricted access to specialised services. With the growth of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), the possibilities for remote patient monitoring, digital consultations, and data-driven decision-making have grown. Telehealth systems have proved their utility in enhancing healthcare accessible, lowering patient wait times, and allowing continuous health monitoring, particularly for chronic illness management (Harst et al., 2019).

The motivation for telehealth and e-clinic systems to offer a smooth continuum of treatment is the driving force for their integration into a single platform. Multiple tasks, including appointment scheduling, secure communication channels, patient health data administration, pharmacy system and laboratory system may be handled by an integrated system, which lowers care fragmentation and enhances patient satisfaction. Coordinated care across different providers and locations is critical for managing patients with complicated health issues, and this all-encompassing approach is very helpful in this regard (Ezeamii *et al.*, 2024).

One could ask “what could be the possible obstacles that might arise when developing the platform?” Even with the obvious advantages, there remain obstacles to overcome when incorporating telehealth and e-clinic platforms into traditional healthcare. Widespread deployment may be hampered by problems including data security, interoperability of various health systems, and reluctance on the part of certain healthcare professionals to accept new technologies. Ongoing ICT developments and legislative backing for telehealth, however, are probably going to spur more innovation and uptake of these systems.  
  
In summary, the combination of e-clinic and telehealth platforms presents a revolutionary opportunity for patient care. These platforms have the potential to greatly increase the effectiveness and quality of healthcare delivery by providing remote access to medical services, organising patient data, and promoting coordinated treatment. Integrated platforms will become increasingly important as the healthcare industry changes to suit the expectations of contemporary patient care and achieving better health outcomes.

**1.2 Aims and Objectives**

**1.2.1 Aims**

This research project's main aim is to provide an all-inclusive, user-focused, and integrated platform for telehealth and e-clinics that enhances patient management, access, and data integration for healthcare stakeholders, ultimately improving healthcare delivery. By offering a seamless solution that makes remote communication, patient monitoring, and safe health data management possible, the platform seeks to solve the fragmentation and inefficiencies present in the current healthcare systems.

**1.2.2 Objectives**

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