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Integration of Artificial Intelligence into Saudi Arabian Primary Healthcare Centres

A Scoping Review of Applications, Barriers, and Opportunities

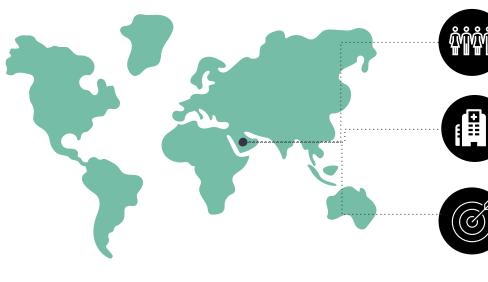
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Introduction & Background

The Saudi Healthcare Landscape





Population Served: ~35 million



PHCs: 2,300+ nationwide – backbone of the health system



Vision 2030 & Technology in Healthcare

- Driving quality, efficiency, access & sustainability
- Innovation & AI as key enablers



Objective and Identified Gaps



BUT... What's Missing?

- Limited research on AI integration specifically in primary healthcare.
- Particularly significant gap for Saudi Arabia's unique context (cultural, organisational, regulatory) & Vision 2030 goals.

Study Aim& objectives:

To comprehensively examine the integration of artificial intelligence in Saudi Arabian primary healthcare centres, identify applications, barriers, and alignment with Vision 2030 objectives, and provide evidence-based recommendations to enhance effective AI integration.



Identify and Categorize

Identify and categorize current AI applications



Examine Barriers

Examine barriers to Al implementation



Assess Alignment

Assess alignment with Vision 2030 goals



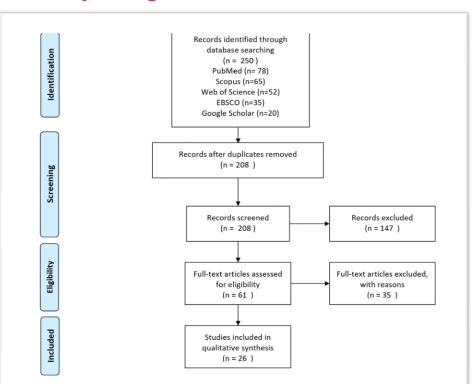
Provide Recommendations

Provide recommendations for enhancing Al integration

Methods

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Study Design & Search:



Design: Scoping Review (following PRISMA-ScR guidelines).

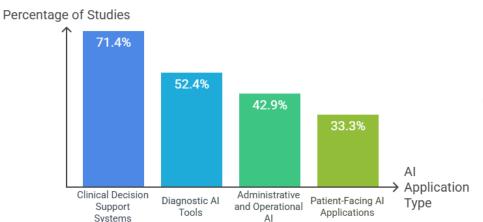
Databases Searched: PubMed, Web of Science, Scopus, EBSCO, Google Scholar.

Search Period: Jan 2019 - Apr 2025 (Post-Healthcare Transformation Strategy).

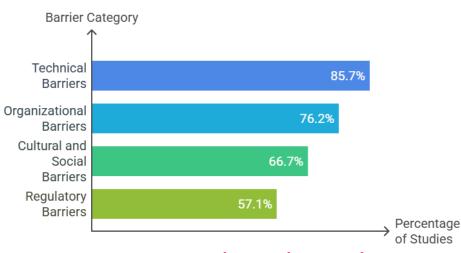
Keywords: "artificial intelligence," "primary healthcare," "Saudi Arabia," etc.



Results



Al Application Categories in Saudi Primary Healthcare



Implementation Barriers to AI in Saudi Primary Healthcare

Results



Al Alignment with Saudi Vision 2030 & Evolution:

Foundational: Focus on EHRs, basic infrastructure

2019-2020

Transition: Pilot AI, early CDS & diagnostic tools

> 2021-2022 2023-2025

Sophisticated: Mature AI, strategic scaling, regulatory development



Note: Values represent the strength of alignment between each application type and Vision 2030 objective based on analysis of included studies. Higher percentages indicate stronger alignment.

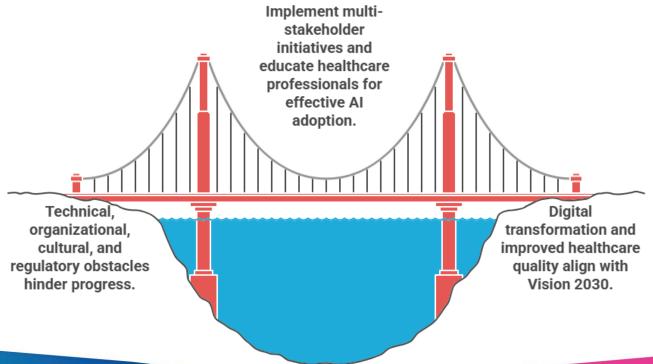
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Overcoming Hurdles to Achieve Al Integration in Saudi Primary Healthcare





Take-away Message..

- Build a Supportive Ecosystem: Foster collaboration between policymakers, healthcare providers, and tech developers to create tailored, ethical AI solutions.
- **Empower Professionals:** Prioritize AI literacy and continuous education for all healthcare staff.







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