

Chapter 10

AI in Healthcare: Automating Hospital Operations for Better Patient Care

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ABSTRACT

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into hospital systems presents a promising avenue to enhance healthcare quality and operational efficiency. Specifically, AI-driven workflow optimization leverages advanced techniques such as Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) to analyze complex clinical and administrative data, enabling improved decision-making and resource management. This integration addresses critical challenges faced by hospitals, including increasing patient loads, data complexity, and the need for timely diagnosis and treatment. By automating routine tasks, predicting patient influx, and supporting personalized care, AI systems streamline workflows, reduce costs, and improve patient outcomes. This study explores the potential of AI, particularly ANN models, in optimizing hospital operations, emphasizing their role in creating smarter, more adaptive healthcare environments

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INTRODUCTION

Hospitals desire to deliver the highest standard of care, yet increasing numbers of patients and case complexity strain conventional approaches. AI is incorporated

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to assist clinicians with data-driven knowledge, enhanced diagnostic accuracy, and treatment. For instance, AI can analyze medical images quicker and more accurately than human beings in certain conditions. This enhances the identification of life-threatening diseases like cancer at an earlier stage, saving lives. AI solutions also allow for real-time monitoring of patients, alerting personnel of life-threatening changes in real time. With workflow optimization, care providers have more time to interact with patients rather than paperwork. Personalized care is crucial for boosting patient satisfaction and outcomes. AI is finally an enabler that helps facilitate augmenting human capabilities without replacing them. The continuous learning ability of AI technologies ensures evolving and modifying standards of care. Thus, AI integration is required for quality assurance in current healthcare (Rengaramanujam et al. 2026).

The majority of hospitals function with practically no budgetary limitations, balancing quality care with price. Workflow inefficiency translates to wasted resources, redundant work, and longer patient wait times. AI-powered workflow optimization removes mundane tasks such as scheduling, billing, and inventory, which saves manpower expense. Predictive analytics forecast patient admissions, enabling more efficient resource and staff deployment. This prevents costly over-staffing or under-staffing, enhancing budget planning. In addition, AI identifies suspicious and fraudulent behavior patterns, preventing losses from billing abnormalities or unnecessary treatments. Efficient operations also minimize length of stay for patients, enabling space to treat additional patients. Hospitals therefore save on operating costs without sacrificing care (Rengaramanujam et al. 2026). This financial benefit makes AI a prime technology for healthcare facilities in their endeavor to achieve cost-effective service provision. It helps ensure that available resources are optimally utilized in the delivery of essential care services. The financial sustainability thus achieved provides room for reinvestment in additional technological development.

Healthcare information is increasing at an exponential rate, including electronic health records (EHRs), imaging, genomics, and data from wearables. It is humanly difficult and error-prone to process and interpret the information manually. AI algorithms are best designed to handle large amounts of data, identify significant patterns in a timely manner. Natural Language Processing (NLP) assists in interpreting unstructured clinical notes, extracting them as actionable information. Machine learning algorithms establish correlations that may escape human detection, facilitating predictive and preventive care (Gauthaman, S. A., et al., 2026). Integrating heterogeneous data offers comprehensive understanding of patient health, impacting individualized care. AI-based decision support systems assist clinicians with evidence-based advice. This minimizes cognitive load on healthcare professionals so that they can concentrate on thinking and patient interaction. Effective data handling by AI also improves research capabilities, speeding up medical advancements.

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