

Review of: "Treading the Thin Line Between Health Ethics and Patient Care in the Application of Telemedicine: The Case of Sound Ethical Guidelines in Telemedicine in Sub-Saharan Africa"

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- "In another study, the use of TM in Africa was limited to donor-initiated projects in a few countries," please provide a reference for this statement.
- "However, some countries, such as Ghana and Uganda, are setting up teleconsulting centres in their countries," please provide a reference for this statement.
- " Thus, healthcare delivery through these platforms must remain guided by the tenets of ethical imperatives that "place patient welfare above other interests (fidelity), provide competent care, provide the information patients and their surrogates need to make well-considered decisions about care (transparency), respect patient privacy and confidentiality, and take steps to ensure continuity of care." (Chaet et al., 2017). The use of TM on the continent demands consideration of the same ethical model based on the four principles of autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, and justice." It is not clear to which sentence or idea the reference (Chaet et al., 2017) belongs in the text. To enhance clarity, it is recommended to explicitly state the connection, such as providing a more specific citation or clarifying the context of the reference.
- This paper provides interesting guidelines for telemedicine. It could be interesting to summarize these guidelines in a figure or table.
- It would also be intriguing to explore the current application of traditional face-to-face health ethics in patient care within the context of Sub-Saharan Africa. Additionally, delving into how these established ethical practices compare and adapt to the unique challenges and opportunities presented by telemedicine in the same region would provide valuable insights.

I recommend this paper for publication after changes.