

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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The paper addresses a highly relevant topic. The benefits that telemedicine brings cannot be separated from ethical aspects. They are absolutely necessary to be promoted, protected, and contemplated in everything that concerns human beings, and in particular in terms of access to and care of health as an essential right.

The paper clearly presents the support for the benefits and advances of telemedicine and the ethical aspects in relation to the provision of health care. We suggest considering the difference in terms of health ethics and health care or patient care ethics. The paper focuses on aspects linked to the provision of care rather than access to health, which represents something more complex and linked to factors from different perspectives that exceed telemedicine.

The summary indicates that "However, despite providing a platform where health can be easily accessible to all despite location, telemedicine also...". It is recommended to review the way it was expressed since health would not strictly be what can be easily accessible through telemedicine.

The aforementioned aspects to be considered in order to have sound ethical guidelines are relevant and well developed. However, it is recommended, if possible, to include concrete and referenced examples of risks or ethical challenges reported in relation to TM. Likewise, it is suggested, if possible, to include examples that exist in the bibliography that demonstrate their approach and consideration in specific cases.

This component represents the central problem to which the work refers. That is why an expansion is recommended, illustrated with examples, so that it allows readers, developers, and those responsible for the generation and development of guides to consider the challenges and available solutions.

The paper is an excellent contribution to a critical problem.