## A review on virtual hospital concept and its applications

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## Abstract

Virtual hospital is an Informational - Interactive system that seeks to ensure that the benefits of modern medicine are available to everyone. The aim of this non-systematic narrative study is to review virtual hospital concept and its applications. Information gathering was done by literature review and visiting virtual hospitals' websites.

Most of the already existing articles were about virtual hospitals modeling and its application in patients' management. Present data show that virtual hospitals' websites had some role in education, decreasing hospital infection rate, improving patient outcome, etc.

All in all, virtual hospitals have both many advantages and disadvantages, As a result, all the outcomes should be considered when modeling this new technology.

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