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TITLE: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN GASTROENTEROLOGY (GI): RESULTS FROM A MULTI-CENTER INTERNATIONAL STUDY ASSESSING PATIENT KNOWLEDGE, BELIEFS AND CONCERNS

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ABSTRACT BODY:

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Methods: This cross-sectional survey-based study was conducted among patients visiting the GI clinic or endoscopy center at three different practice facilities in Ontario, Canada; Kansas City, Missouri; and Jacksonville, Florida. After IRB approval, a structured questionnaire of 24 questions was administered via REDCap platform to evaluate participants' knowledge, beliefs, and concerns regarding the use of AI in GI. The survey also collected demographic, socioeconomic, and medical data to assess associations with AI perspectives. Participation was voluntary, and informed consent was obtained. Descriptive statistics were used to summarize survey findings, and Chi-square tests were performed to assess associations.

Results: 230 out of the 265 patients who agreed to participate completed the survey (87%). The mean age was 49.7 years (SD 19.3), and 60% were female. 56% were employed, and 44% were college graduates.

Younger respondents (≤ 30 years) (19%), males (76%), and those with post-graduate education (48%) demonstrated higher levels of AI knowledge. Caucasians (50%) and Asians (17%) reported highest levels of prior AI experience in GI or endoscopy. 61% believed that AI and human expertise can complement each other in providing medical care. Regarding trust in AI, 33% expressed neutrality, and 30% reported trust. Data privacy and reliability were the top concerns, with 47% and 60% concerned about privacy risks and AI reliability, respectively (vs 22% and 11% not concerned; $p=0.037$). Despite concerns, 74% of respondents emphasized the importance of being informed about AI's role in their care. 93% felt the physician should remain responsible for the final decision, even if AI is used. Respondents were divided on accountability in the event of an AI-related medical error, with 50% holding physicians responsible and 26% attributing responsibility to AI manufacturers. Younger respondents and employed individuals leaned toward holding manufacturers accountable ($p=0.01$, $p=0.03$). African American respondents and individuals with lower educational attainment (primary or high school) reported more significant concern about the impact of AI on healthcare costs ($p=0.005$, $p=0.048$).

Conclusion: Despite limited self-reported knowledge of AI, patients are cautiously optimistic about its role in healthcare and GI. Privacy, reliability, and cost concerns underscore the need for transparent communication

and education. Physicians must address these concerns to foster trust and enhance patient engagement in AI-integrated care.

Complete respondent		230	
Age group		18-24	12%
25-34	22%	35-44	28%
45-54	20%	55-64	18%
65-74	10%	75+	12%
Gender		Female	60%
Male	40%	Other	1%
Geographical Region, % (n)		7%	1%
North America	70%	Europe	15%
Asia Pacific	10%	Latin America	5%
Australia	2%	Other	1%
Marital status		Married	55%
Single	30%	Divorced	10%
Widowed	5%	Never married	10%
Ethnicity		White	75%
African American	10%	Hispanic/Latino	8%
Asian	5%	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1%
Other	3%	Prefer not to answer	1%
Highest level of education		High School	10%
Some College	20%	College Graduate	40%
Postgraduate	30%	Employed full time	55%
Employer status		Employed part time	45%
Unemployed	10%	Retired	10%
Annual income (US\$)		<\$20,000	10%
\$20,000-\$49,999	20%	\$50,000-\$99,999	25%
\$100,000-\$149,999	15%	\$150,000-\$199,999	10%
\$200,000+	30%	Medical conditions	
CCD	15%	HTN	20%
DM	10%	Cholesterol	15%
Obesity	10%	History of stroke/TIA	5%
Chronic kidney disease	5%	History of GI disease	5%
Chronic lung disease	5%	Chronic liver disease	5%
Chronic heart disease	5%	Chronic eye disease	5%
Dementia	5%	High cholesterol	20%

Table 1: Patient demographic information

Question	Response	Percentage
Are you currently using AI tools in your practice?	Yes	35%
No	65%	
How often do you use AI tools?	Daily	15%
Weekly	25%	
Monthly	30%	
Quarterly	15%	
Never	10%	
What is your primary concern regarding AI in healthcare?	Privacy and data security	40%
Accuracy of AI recommendations	25%	
Integration with existing systems	15%	
Cost of AI solutions	10%	
Regulatory compliance	10%	

Table 2: Survey questions and responses

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